



2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

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From the Executive Director



Having been in my position for over a year now, I have come to realize that the abused and neglected children in our nine county service area have some of the best people, working as a team, to help them.

Our law enforcement officers, DCFS investigators, state's attorneys, CASA volunteers, and Advocacy Network for Children staff, have a tireless, extraordinary level of dedication and commitment for improving these children's lives.

Our agency has helped over 500 children in Fiscal Year 2017. As our new year began in July, we have experienced a 60% increase in referrals. Although these numbers are staggering and stretch the resources of the agency, our staff and the partners we work with have been tenacious advocates for these children.

At the end of the day, no matter how many children we help, we stand strong for the child so that they can be free from abuse and neglect. So that they can begin to heal and be a kid again. So that they can grow, learn, love and be strong.

We are thankful for our many volunteers, friends, donors, and grantors that support our work. It is truly making a difference.

Todd Shackelford

STANDING STRONG FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Hayden Covey chose the agency for his Eagle Scout project. The project consisted of redoing the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center child and family waiting room to make it more comfortable for our victims and their families.. New furnishings, toys and activities were purchased from donations Hayden solicited and received from his family, friends and local businesses.

FUNDRAISING DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS

The annual fundraising dinner was held on March 4th at The Ambiance. The "Biker Bash" themed dinner raised over \$26,000.00. We would like to thank the fundraising committee for all their hard work in making the dinner such a fun and enjoyable evening. Members included Denise Tallcott (chair), Elizabeth Scholz, Elizabeth Hultz, Kori Griffin, Deanne Corzatt, Jessica Landwehr, Judy Parn, Karen Wagner, Carol Cave, and Liz Koch. Congratulations to Clairice Hetzler, the first recipient of the newly established "Clairice Hetzler Advocacy for Children Award". This award will be given annually at the fundraising dinner to an individual or business who has been a true hero to abused and neglected children.

KOINS FOR KIDS

Advocacy Network for Children conducted its third annual "Koins for Kids" in Quincy and Macomb, its second in Jacksonville, and first in Mt. Sterling. We had wonderful community support and would like to thank our volunteers and everyone who made a donation as we raised over \$4,500 during these events. Thank you to Farm King and Hy-Vee in Macomb, Midland Farm & Home in Jacksonville, and Brown County IGA in Mt. Sterling for allowing us to set up in their businesses for these events.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY CASA "RUN FOR CASA'S KIDS"

On April 29th runners and walkers took to the streets for the first "Run for CASA's Kids" fundraiser in Macomb. \$4,000.00 was raised and will be used to support the McDonough County CASA program. A big thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, donors and participants for making this event such a success.

FIRST RESPONDERS BALL BENEFITS ADAMS CASA

Adams County CASA was chosen as the recipient of proceeds from the First Responders Ball held on September 30th and \$1,000.00 was donated to the program. Hosted by the Ladies of the Blue Knights, the Ball is held to honor and celebrate all first responders in Adams County. This is the first year the chairing committee held a silent auction and selected a local charity to receive proceeds from the event.

WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

New Adams County CASA volunteers include Dale Runyon, Mick Uppinghouse, Lori Marquart, John Jones, Jane Meginnis, and Denette Kuhlman who were sworn in on April 24th and Jessica Erickson, Vickie Mims, Karen Elliott, Bonnie Poling, Jeanne Smith, Donna Sutton and Victoria Laack who were sworn in on November 6th.

New McDonough County CASA volunteers include Debbie Orton, Christine Staley, Michelle Hite, Ed Peters, Kayla Mountain, Darla Hornbaker and Lori Colley who were sworn in on October 4th.

NEW AGENCY VIDEO

Thanks to Table 16 Productions, we have a new agency video. The video truly depicts our mission of helping abused children. Visit our website or Facebook page to check it out.

For pictures from our various events, visit our website at www.advonet.org.

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

The agency was blessed to be the recipient of several grants this year. Thank you to the various grantors for their support of our agency and its mission:

- Quincy Service League, \$500.00 for Happy Bear printing;
- Community Foundation, \$3,130.00 for Happy Bear program from the Brown County Endowment Fund and Community Endowment Fund and \$421.26 for program support from the Quincy Breakfast Optimist Club Friend of Youth Fund;
- Rotary Club of Quincy, \$400.00 for purchase of iPad for Adams County CAC;
- Quincy Noon Kiwanis, \$750.00 for Happy Bear printing;
- Gem City Breakfast Kiwanis, \$500.00 for Happy Bear printing;
- JW Gardner Foundation, \$5,000.00 for Adams County CAC child and family room furnishings;
- Tracy Family Foundation, \$1,040.00 for staff training in dealing with drug endangered children;
- Tracy Family Foundation Next Generation Grant from Clare Tracy, \$3,000.00 for operating support;
- Tracy Family Foundation, \$2,852.00 for staff to attend CACI Conference;
- Alma Jean Charitable Trust, \$1,500.00 designated to our endowment fund;
- Wal-Mart, \$250.00 to support the McDonough County CASA Program;
- The Stamerjohn Family Fund through the Community Foundation, \$500.00 for general support.

QUINCY MALL GIFT WRAPPING

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped us wrap gifts at the Quincy Mall. With your help, we raised over \$1,050.00.

STAFF NEWS

Jamie Peek, Pike County CAC Coordinator, celebrated her 10 year anniversary on January 16th and Brooke Baldwin, Director of Forensic Interviewing, celebrated her 15 year anniversary on August 5th.

Susan Tode was hired as the MDT Coordinator and started on August 21st.

Jamie Carroll was hired as the Adams County CAC Coordinator and started on October 2nd.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Advocacy Network for Children works closely with other area organizations to bring awareness to abuse and neglect in our community. The agency took part in events in April during Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month and is involved in Mandated Reporter Trainings in several area counties. The agency is also a sponsor for the Regional Summit on Violence and collaborated with Pediatric Resource Center to present "Medical Aspects of Child Maltreatment".

GOAL OF THE AGENCY

The goal of Advocacy Network for Children is really quite simple – to protect and uphold the rights of children when wrongs have been committed against them, to help abused or neglected children have safe permanent homes where they can thrive, to act as a powerful voice in these children's best interests, and to educate the public about the plight of abused children.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Advocacy Network for Children could not continue its mission of advocating and protecting children without YOUR help. You can help with a monetary, Endowment Fund or office supply donation. We also have a need for volunteers to help with Happy Bear presentations, fundraising and mailings. If you can help in any of these areas, we would appreciate it.

STATISTICS

FY 2017 FY 2016

-Children's Advocacy Center Activity

Cases Referred

All 9 counties 327 346

-CASA Activity

Adams County

Children Served 135 122

of Volunteers 40 46

McDonough County

Children Served 77 58

of Volunteers 18 19

-Prevention Program Activity

Presentations Made 137 123

of Children Reached 3438 3204

Programs of Advocacy Network for Children:

Court Appointed Special Advocates

Adams County
McDonough County

Children's Advocacy Centers

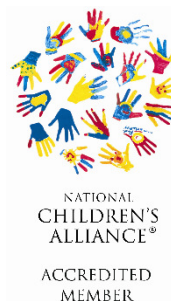
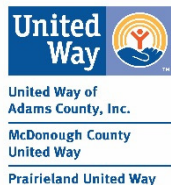
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McDonough County
Morgan County
Pike County
Schuyler County
Scott County

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Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations and in-kind gifts for our 2017 Fundraising Dinner & Auction

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Michael Bayles	Dawn Whitcomb	Titan Marketing
Kathryn Goltz	John & Barb Wooleyhan	DJ & Nicole Powell
Mike & Nancy Bernhardt	Lowell Yates	Hy-Vee
John & Kathryn Bozdech	Game Masters	Cakes by Karen
Becky Campbell	Jackie Sperry	Emerald City Jewelers
Dennis & Marianne Cashman	Tony's Too	Lavish Floral
Kristie Chevalier	YMCA	Gem City Laser
Dan & Jeri Conboy	AMC Quincy Mall 3	Quest Stables
Bob & Lynn Daly	Panera	La Bella Vita
First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust	JJ's Kitchen Catering	Ally's Boutique
Brent & Julie Fischer	Deanne Corzatt	Outdoor Power
Donna Foley	Lori Brenner	Traeder's TNT
Dennis & Barb Gorman	Chicago Cubs	Thyme Square Café
Dennis Grimm	Star Radio	SK Photography
Quincy Racquet Club	Kroc Center	Sweet Apricot Shop
David & Virginia Kater	Adams Telephone Cooperative	Doyle Equipment
Don & Nancy Kelly	Lee Lindsay	Manufacturing
Jeff & Kim Kennedy	Sleep Tight	Color Smash Studio
Knapheide Manufacturing Co.	Quincy Mall	Interstate Batteries
Gary & Jo Kirlin	Paws at Home	Home Depot
Scott & Tina Koontz	Adam & Stephanie Reyburn	Schmiedeskamp Robertson Neu
Kristopher's Hair Studio	John Wood Community College	& Mitchell
Chris Mackenzie	HomeBank	Beilstein Camper Sales
Anne Mays	The Dock	Sherry Ward
Biz McConnell	Scotties Fun Spot	Advocacy Network for Children
Mercantile Bank	International Eyecare Center	Staff
Tom & Mary Miller	Westview Golf Course	Todd Shackelford & Kris
Bruce & Theresa Morrall	Performance Auto Center	Kutcher
Gary Noll	Top to Bottom Auto Detail	Kristopher's Hair Studio
Harold & Kathryn Oakley	Hansen Spear Funeral Home	Advocacy Network for Children
Mary Oakley	Kent Snider	Board of Directors
Bill Paxton	Tangerine Bowl	Craig Freeman
Wayne & Carolyn Pond	Armadillon Audio	Gardner Denver
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