



2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

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From the Executive Director



The effects of child abuse and neglect on our community is significant. Not only are the effects immediate, but research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has shown that children with significant abuse and neglect are far more likely to experience devastating social, economic, psychological, and physical problems well into their adulthood.

The research, endorsed by the Prevention of Child Abuse America, has stated that the cost to our country related to child abuse and neglect is \$220 million PER DAY.

What these studies show is that we must do everything we can to see that each child who has endured abuse and neglect can begin to heal from that trauma as soon as possible.

At the Advocacy Network for Children, we help these children heal through the compassionate support of our Advocates, Forensic Interviewers, contractual Therapists, CASA Volunteers, Multi-Disciplinary Team Members, fundraising volunteers, Board of Directors and through the financial support of our community.

So be part of the solution. Volunteer and/or give to the Advocacy Network for Children. Together, we can be the positive change these children desperately need.

Todd Shackelford

STANDING STRONG FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

NEW OFFICE BUILDING AND FOUNDATION

Advocacy Network for Children moved to its new Quincy office at 1420 Harrison Street on June 14th. The new office offers a more welcoming and comforting environment to the child victims we serve.

We were excited to take this step in purchasing a place to call our own. Due to the purchase and in looking to the future, the Advocacy Network for Children Foundation was formed. The purpose of the Foundation is to build up and strengthen the agency's assets to insure our future of helping abused and neglected children is strong. The Advocacy Network for Children Foundation board of directors was also formed. Members are Jeff Spear, President; Lowell Yates, Vice President; Kristie Chevalier, Treasurer/Secretary; Bob Daly and Hal Oakley.

FUNDRAISING DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS

The annual fundraising dinner was held on March 9th at The Ambiance. The "March Madness" themed dinner raised over \$38,000.00. 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 Jessica Landwehr, (chair), Denise Tallcott (co-chair), Elizabeth Scholz, Elizabeth Hultz, Kori Griffin, Deanne Corzatt, Liz Koch, Kris Kutcher and Shannon Nicholas. Congratulations to Bob Bergman, the recipient of the "Clairice Hetzler Advocacy for Children Award". This award is 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 fourth annual "Koins for Kids" in Quincy and Macomb. We had wonderful community support and would like to thank our volunteers and everyone who made a donation as we raised nearly \$1,800.00. Thank you to Farm King and Hy-Vee in Macomb and Farm & Home Supply and County Market in Quincy for allowing us to set up in their businesses for these events.

CASA PROGRAM EXPANDS

With a grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, we were able to add CASA programs in Hancock, Pike and Morgan Counties. These new CASA programs allow us to speak up for more children in our community who are in the court system due to abuse and neglect.

With the expansion, we would like to welcome Mandy Humphry, Hancock County Coordinator, Sam Zenner, Pike County Coordinator and Libby Gaige, Morgan County CASA Coordinator.

WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

Adams County: Maria Richmiller, Brooke Hunsaker, Dusty Dietrich, Barb Hayden, Kari Kleinlein, Dawn Whitcomb, Misty Arrington, Ciara Rose, Anne Meyer, Brenda Wiskirchen, Jessica Jansen, Hope Audet-Williams, Kylee Straube, Brooke Stokes, and Erica Parrish.

Hancock County: Janice Best, Elizabeth Dixon, Bree Hartley, Tami Long, Donna McVeigh, Stephanie Meyers, Angel Morris, Patricia Scheuermann, Cynthia Smith, Karyn Streicher, and Janet Thompson.

Pike County: Crystal Baxter, Jeanne Flint, Kathy Osment, Pat Waters, and Deborah Wood.

Morgan County: Jeanie Brown, Julie Bruninga, Wanda Dame, Lyn Dietz, Becky Dimmick, Penny Eilers, Kathy Fellhauer, Valerie Flower, Charlotte Harp, Caty Kelley, Jacque McDaniel, Joann McManus, Sara Mefford, Tina Vernor, and Margaret Wilson.

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:

- Jacksonville Children's Foundation, \$450.00 for Prevention Program;
- Exchange Club of Quincy, \$2,025.00 for CASA Optima Software;
- Community Foundation, \$1,000.00 from the Jim & Jill Tracy Fund for operating support;
- Kiwanis Club of Quincy, \$250.00 for Adams CASA volunteer manuals;
- Quincy Service League, \$665.00 for sound panels and sound machine for the Adams County CAC program;
- Wells Fargo, \$7,500.00 for Prevention Program;
- Dennis & Mariann Cashman Charitable Fund at Schwab Charitable, \$100.00 for general support;
- The Stamerjohn Family Fund through the Community Foundation, \$1,000.00 for general support.

STAFF NEWS

Ali Hibbert was hired as Adams County CASA Coordinator following the resignation of Laura Beckler. Jessica Bolton took over the position of Director of Forensic Interviewing following the resignation of Brooke Baldwin. Karolina Anton was hired to assume the duties of Jessica Bolton as CAC Coordinator of Hancock, McDonough, Brown and Schuyler counties, as well as the agency's Prevention Specialist. Thank you to Laura and Brooke for their many years of service to the agency.

LEADERS LUNCH

The first "Leaders Luncheon" to support the agency was held on November 9th. The event, hosted by Adams County Realty, raised nearly \$1,700.00. Thank you to Hope Audet-Williams and Adams County Realty, along with sponsors Titan Wheel, Refreshment Services Pepsi, Tony's Too, StarRadio and County Market for selling tickets at its Quincy locations.

POURING FOR A CAUSE

The first "Pouring for a Cause" fundraiser was held at Park Bench/Revelry on January 18 and raised nearly \$2,000.00.

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.

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 2018 FY 2017

-Children's Advocacy Center Activity

Cases Referred

All 9 counties	444	327
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-CASA Activity

Adams County

Children Served	126	88
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# of Volunteers	34	40
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Hancock, Morgan and Pike County

Children Served	newly established	
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# of Volunteers		
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-Prevention Program Activity

Presentations Made	137	137
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# of Children Reached	3548	3438
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*Programs of
Advocacy Network for Children:
Court Appointed Special Advocates*

Adams County
Hancock County
Morgan County
Pike County

Children's Advocacy Centers

Adams County
Brown County
Cass County
Hancock County
McDonough County
Morgan County
Pike County
Schuyler County
Scott County

Advocacy Network for Children Staff

Karolina Anton
Jessica Bolton
Jamie Carroll
Libby Gaige
Ali Hibbert
Mandy Humphry
Jamie Peek
Diane Pieper
Susan Tode
Danielle Woodyard
Samantha Zenner
Todd Shackelford



*Advocacy Network for Children
Board of Directors*

Kent Snider, President
Denise Tallcott, Vice President
Bob Daly, Treasurer
Joyce Waterkotte, Secretary
Kristie Chevalier, Past President
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Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations and in-kind gifts for our 2018 Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Rodney & Christina Bakker	White Trails	S&D Developers, Inc.
Kathryn Goltz	Nicole Wheatley	Quincy Health Arts
Mike & Nancy Bernhardt	Cakes by Karen	Quincy Recycle
Dennis & Marianne Cashman	Gem City Laser	Jeff & Sharon Tweedell
Dan & Jeri Conboy	Sweet Apricot Shop	Mick & Karen Uppinghouse
First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust	Color Smash Studio	Scott & Robin Walden
Brent & Julie Fischer	Interstate Batteries	Janis Wilson
Donna Foley	Home Depot	Adams Fiber
Dennis & Barb Gorman	Schmiedeskamp Robertson Neu	Niemann Food/County Market
Dennis & Christine Grimm	& Mitchell	Stevenson Paxton Group of
David & Virginia Kater	Sherry Ward	Wells Fargo
Don & Nancy Kelly	Advocacy Network for Children	Essential Fitness
Knapheide Manufacturing Co.	Staff	The Yum Factory
Anne Mays	Jamie Carroll	Kindhart Kreations
Mercantile Bank	Todd Shackelford	Kathy Kayser
Tom & Mary Miller	Kris Kutcher	Mike Kretzer
Bruce & Theresa Morrall	Kristopher's Hair Studio	Quincy Notre Dame
Carolyn Pond	Advocacy Network for Children	K Dreasler Consulting
Quincy Medical Group	Board of Directors	W.I.S.E Firearms
Eric & Kathryn Thomas	Gardner Denver	Kori Griffin
Jerry & Laura Timmerwilke	JK Creative Printers	Cody & Stephanie Kamm
Titan International Inc.	Lowe's	Kelly's
United Community Credit Union	Jeremy & Denise Talcott	The Abbey
Ron & Pauline Upper	Brand Advantage of Quincy	Cedar Crest Country Club
Bob Bergman	R.L. Brink Corp	Carol Rakers
Ronald Vecchie	Gregory & Becky Campbell	Brooke Hunsaker
Lowell Yates	Ross & Sherry Centanni	Farm and Home Supply
Panera	Jeri Conboy	Something Borrowed
JJ's Kitchen Catering	Phil & Bonnie Conover	Layne Shottenkirk
Lori Brenner	Bob Daly	River Valley Golf Club
Chicago White Sox	Pat Dillon	Terry Anderson
STARadio	Kohl Wholesale	Liz Hultz
Lee Lindsay	Matt & Kandi Ehrhart	Fatback's Smokin' Racks BBQ
Quincy Mall	John & Debbie Ernst	Dan & Cindy Trower
Paws at Home	Gary Farha	Jim & Vickie Lund
Adam & Stephanie Reyburn	Freiburg Insurance Agency	Seth & Jennifer Knox
John Wood Community College	Barbara Gerdes	Chris & Crystal Heming
HOME BANK	Patrick & Linda Haugh	Jason & Danielle Fleer
The Dock	Terry & Joyce Hollenberg	Scott & Susie Wray
International Eyecare Center	Joe & Janet Homberger	Blake & Tracey Cornwell
Hansen Spear Funeral Home	Joe & Denette Kuhlman	Shawn & Shaila Lewis
Kent Snider	Richard & Joy Jurrens	Kasey & Lindsey Cornwell
Ryan & Aimee Pierson	Tracy Kiefer	Chris & Shannon Nicholas
Derek Zahm State Farm Agency	Refreshment Services Pepsi	Terry & Glori Traeder
Hobe & Itty Scholz	State Street Bank	Dan & Vicki Hayden
O'Shea's Bar & Grill	Signe Oakley	Chris & Tammy Niemann
Cory & Jessica Landwehr	Rinella Company	
S.C. Clark Crafts	Poage Auto Plaza	
	Emotion Belly Books	

Thank you to the following individuals for volunteering their time to work on invitations for our 2018 Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Kay Weiss	Julie Dehart	Patsy Cooley
Judy Litchfield	Diana Finley	Wanda O'Hara
Anita Crowley	Sharon Morrall	Peg Seeley
Denise Pearcy	Jo Ann Willmot	Judy Wellman
Katie Danker	Marilena Frier	

**Thank you to the following individuals and businesses
for their help with the following agency events**

2018 Koins for Kids event in Quincy

Jennie Roberts	Aliyah Morrison	Joyce Waterkotte
Lacey Eidson	Jerry Conboy	Tim Helgoth
Bob Bergman	Paige Jackson	County Market/Niemann Foods
Morgan Holtman	Alex Wiemelt	Farm & Home Supply
Merry Morrison	Kris Kutcher	

2018 Hancock County CASA "Chain of Hearts" fundraising event

Dallas Banking Center	R&M Market
Bowen Banking Center	Rhodes Market

Peoples Prosperity Bank holiday gift wrapping fundraising event

Gina Wolf	Derek Lambert	Renee Astfalk
Darla Austin	Todd Fetter	Rick Maxwell
Sidney Barnhill	Allison Fetter	Alla Maxwell
Ryan Morehouse	Julia Cieslewicz	Jessica Gregory
Paige Jackson	Krista Goodwin	
Connie Seibel	Kim Boccardi	

2018 appeal letter mailing

Jolene Fischer	Fat & Susan Bauer	Carol Akers
Sandy Callahan	Mary Wilson	

2018 Leaders Lunch

STARadio	Tony's Too	Simply Lovely Salon
Titan International	Adams County Realty	Scotties Fun Spot
Refreshment Services Pepsi	YMCA	Creative Art Flow Studio

**Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations and
in-kind gifts throughout the year:**

Monetary Donations

Jeana Shepard	Deb Cane	Union United Methodist
Kenneth & Anita Laaker	Hope Lutheran Church	Church-Martha Circle
Culbertson Memorial Hospital	Blessing Health System Leaders	Quincy Farm & Home
First Bankers Trust	Quincy Mall	First Bankers Trust Services
Quincy Medical Group	1017 Abbey Ridge Yoga	Leighty Foundation
Erica Dedert		

In Support of Adams County CASA Program

Salem Evangelical United	Karen Elliott	Theresa McGartland
Church of Christ	Exchange Club Members	
Quincy Noon Kiwanis	Dick & Jill Phillips	

In Support of Hancock County CASA Program

Harmony Township	Bethlehem United Church of	Sonora Community Fund Drive
Community Fund Drive	Christ	

Alma Jean Charitable Fund

Alan & Carol Nichols

In Memory of Mary Kay Sunderland

Dave and Clairice Hetzler	Lance & Jo Wiemelt	Merry Morrison
Nick, Cheryl & Allison Moran	Todd Shackelford	

2018 Appeal Donations

Michael Bayles & Kathy Goltz
Bob Bergman
William & Kathleen Birsic
Adam & Sarah Bowles
Michael & Jean Buckley
Ross & Sherry Centanni
Dan & Kristie Chevalier
Jeri Conboy
Roger & Lyn Dietz
John & Debbie Ernst
Gary Farha

Jean Flint
Barbara Gerdes
Rachel Hansen
Larry & Charlotte Harp
Tom & Marcia Hilbing
Bo & Erin Knapheide
Kris Kutcher
Vicki Laack
Kenneth & Anita Laaker
Anne Mays
Chris & Tammy Niemann

Hal & Kathy Oakley
Bill & Pattie Paxton
Adam & Stephanie Reyburn
Dick & Sandy Schlepphorst
Bryan & Brooke Stokes
Ronald & Colae Vecchie
Paul & Abby Wayman
Margaret Wilson
Cynthia Wort

In-Kind Donations

WGEM
KHQA
Spectrum Reach

STARadio
Gardner Denver, Inc.
JK Creative Printers

Something Borrowed

In Support of our Happy Bear Prevention Program and Volunteers

Adams County Medical
Society Alliance

Concord Custom Cleaners
Sandy Schlepphorst

Ryan Mumma

Donation of Office Furniture, Services, Supplies or Beanie Babies

Premium Waters

Brumbaugh Tree Service

Thank you for your support

We apologize for any errors, omissions or failure to recognize anyone who has supported our agency.