



CONSIDER AN IRA DONATION

Did you know that you can use money from your IRA to donate to charity? What's more, your donation from a traditional IRA will be nontaxable since Congress and President Obama made that tax break permanent at the end of 2015. Please note, however, the tax break you get on your charitable donation cannot be combined with the tax break you get on your retirement savings.

Using your IRA to make a charitable donation can help you lower your tax bill and help any charity you designate, as long as it is a qualified 501(c)3 organization. All distribution checks, including your minimum distribution, need to be made payable to the charity or they will be counted as taxable distributions.

Please consider Advocacy Network for Children Foundation if and when you consider making an IRA donation for charitable giving. We are a 501(c)3 organization and donations received will help us in our mission to help abused and neglected children here in our community.

You should talk to your legal or financial advisor who will help you make an IRA based donation.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Danielle Woodyard, CASA Manager, on her marriage to Austin Buss. Danielle and Austin were married September 21st. We wish them the very best as they begin their lifelong journey as husband and wife.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October
10 Noon Networking - Quincy office
14 Office closed
November
11 Office closed
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28 & 29 - Office closed

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- CASA Volunteers
- Fundraising

If you would like to help, please contact our office at 217-223-2272.

Our agency could not continue its mission of advocating for children without your help. You can help by:

- Monetary Donation
- ANC Foundation Donation
- Office Supply Donation

CASA PROGRAM EXPANDS

Advocacy Network for Children is excited to announce that it is expanding its Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program. With a recent grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to the agency, new CASA programs will be added in Brown, Cass and Schuyler counties. Currently, the agency provides a CASA program in Adams, Hancock, Pike and Morgan counties. In addition, the grant will allow Advocacy Network for Children to expand its existing program in Adams County.

Groups or individuals interested in learning about the new CASA programs should contact Danielle Buss at 217-223-2272. You can also visit the agency's website. Informational meetings will also be scheduled in the upcoming months for potential volunteers. The agency intends to have trained CASA volunteers by April 2020 in the expanded counties.

USBORNE BOOK DRIVE FOR AGENCY

Please consider making a monetary donation to our Usborne book drive. Money collected will be used to purchase books for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) & Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs. For this book drive, we have set a goal of \$400 and Usborne will match 50% of total money raised to purchase books for children in the foster care system and that come to one of our CAC centers for a forensic interview. Ashley Paben, an Usborne rep, will be collecting monetary donations through paypal at: <https://www.paypal.me/ashleypaben>. Click the friends & family link so you and Ashley aren't charged an extra fee. You choose the amount you want to give and pictures of the books purchased will be taken to thank you for your donation. Help us help our local children!

TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT CASA

HOME BANK is sponsoring a trivia night on Saturday, October 26th. The event will be held at the Sesquicentennial Building in Palmyra, MO. Doors open at 6:00 and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$80.00 per table with a maximum of 8 people per table. Bring your own drinks and snacks and enjoy a fun evening out supporting the CASA programs in Adams, Marion, Monroe and Ralls Counties. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please call the office and talk to Danielle.

THANK YOU

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints donated 90 courage capes and wands to be given to children who visit one of our centers due to abuse and neglect. At their recent Women's Conference in Nauvoo, 275+ women and girls came together to give service. Their hope is that the capes and wands will give a little joy to children who are in the midst of crisis. Pictured left to right are Kim Heinze, Theresa Moore, Diane Pieper (Executive Assistant), Todd Shackelford (Executive Director) and JoNell Atwood.



We truly appreciate your support of our agency, its mission and programs!

** When shopping at **Amazon Smile**, choose Advocacy Network for Children as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to us! **



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