



February 2020

BE PART OF THE WINNING TEAM

Don't forget, this year's "Swishin' for a Mission" themed fundraising dinner will be held on Friday, March 6th at The Ambiance. Pre-game cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. with the tip off dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The committee is working hard and planning a lot of exciting things that you won't want to miss. There will be a live auction, silent auction, games and more.



Invitations have been mailed. If you are not on our invitation list and would like to be added or attend the dinner, please call the office and ask to speak to Diane. Reservations and payment are due in advance.

The dinner is the agency's major fundraising event of the year and helps us provide critical services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending...we hope to see you there!

MEET OUR STAFF

The staff recently got together for a holiday lunch celebration. It is always a good time when we can all get together to relax and enjoy each other's company. Pictured are Todd Shackelford, Sue Tode, Jessica Bolton, Diane Pieper, Ali Hibbert, Karolina Anton, Lexi Goehl, Danielle Buss, Libby Gaige, Mandy Humphry, Jamie Peek, and Jamie Carroll (with her newborn baby Fisher).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February
12 Office closed
13 Noon Networking - Quincy office
17 Office closed
March
06 Agency Fundraising Dinner
12 Noon Networking - Quincy office

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

PARENTING A CHILD WHO HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA

Children who have experienced traumatic events need to feel safe and loved. If parents do not have an understanding of the effects of trauma, they may not understand their child's behavior and end up feeling frustrated or resentful. For more information on how to help your child, please visit www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/child-trauma. This factsheet contains a lot of helpful information.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

If you are a member of a church, business, or service organization and would like more information about our agency and its mission of protecting the children in our community, we would love to schedule a time to speak with you. Just call the office to set up a time. Presentations can be scheduled in any of the nine counties served by the agency.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to the following RSVP volunteers for volunteering their time to help us with our 2020 fundraising dinner invitation mailing: Susan Bauer, Pat Bauer, Greg Scott, Connie Scott, Joyce Mester, Glenda Cox and Sandy Callahan.

Thanks to everyone who braved the weather and attended Quarters for a Cause in Camp Point on January 23rd. A total of \$410.00 was donated to the agency. We would also like to thank the Quarters for a Cause committee for choosing our agency this month and for all they do for other area groups, individuals and organizations.

The Usborne book drive was a success! A goal of \$400 was set and reached and Usborne matched 50% of the money to purchase books for children in our two programs, the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) & Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Thank you to Ashley Paben, an Usborne rep, who spearheaded this event and everyone who donated. A total of 53 books were purchased.

A big thank you to everyone who dropped off donations of bedding at our collection sites for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and DCFS. Items collected will be given to children in the foster care system. Your donations will truly make a huge difference to these children.



**** 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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