



April 2021

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Advocacy Network for Children continues selling yard signs in various locations throughout its nine-county region to bring awareness and raise money for the agency. The event will run through the end of April which is National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April, as well as throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness and provide education and support to families through resources and strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect.

You can show your support by purchasing a yard sign for \$10.00 at the following locations:

Quincy: Hy-Vee on Harrison; both County Market locations; Peoples Prosperity Bank;

Camp Point: Hibbert Country Financial Insurance; **Pittsfield:** County Market; Save A Lot; **Carthage:** County Market;

Macomb: Haymakers; **Rushville:** County Market; **Jacksonville:** County Market; **Mt. Sterling:** IGA; **Hamilton:** Hy-Vee;

Beardstown: Save A Lot.



In addition, signs will be available at the agency's administrative office located at 1420 Harrison Street, Quincy.

Let's all stand together in the prevention of child abuse.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April
02 Office closed
08 Noon Networking - CASA
May
13 Noon Networking - CASA
31 Office closed

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- CASA Volunteers
- Fundraising
- Mailings

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

HY-VEE REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM

Advocacy Network for Children has been selected as the beneficiary for the month of April in the Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program that supports local non-profits.

The Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program, which launched in November 2019, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where customers live and work.

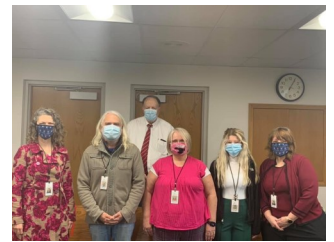
Advocacy Network for Children was selected as the April beneficiary by store leadership at the **Hy-Vee located at 1400 Harrison Street**. Advocacy Network for Children will receive a \$1.00 donation every time a \$2.50 red "My Heart" Reusable Bag is purchased at this location during April.



Show your love and support for Advocacy Network for Children and purchase your bag today!

WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

Five new Adams County CASA volunteers were sworn in by Judge John Wooleyhan on March 25th. Pictured with Judge Wooleyhan are, left to right front row, Delene Seaman, Steve Rees, Yvonne Tucker, Kayla Martin and Kathy Obert.



Welcome and thank you for all you do for the children in our community!

THANK YOU

FFA students at Pittsfield High School donated \$800.00 in support of the Pike County Children's Advocacy Center and CASA program. The students raised money through various projects to help programs which assist children in the foster care system or who are in need of advocacy.

The agency received a \$1,000.00 general operating grant from the Stamerjohn Family Fund through the Community Foundation.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Lexi Goehl, CASA Outreach Coordinator, who welcomed a baby girl, Oaklynn Jo, into the world on March 10, 2021. The new mommy and baby are doing wonderful. Lexi will return to the office on June 1st.

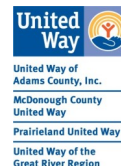
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**** When shopping at Amazon Smile, choose Advocacy Network for Children as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to us!****



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AGENCY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Amid the year-long concerns over COVID-19, our agency continued to take steps to keep staff, volunteers and clients safe.

However, as new case reporting is low and vaccinations have been available for several months, staff will begin returning to the office in shifts on April 5th and throughout the month. Beginning May 3rd, all Quincy office staff will be back in the office. Staff working in field offices will resume their pre-COVID working arrangements.

Precautions, including, but not limited to, masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing and sanitizing, and health screens for Children's Advocacy Center clients will still be observed.

We will continue following all guidelines put into place by our various grantors (both state and federal), the CDC and local and state officials.