



May 2021

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WAS OVERWHELMING

Our first ever yard sign fundraiser was a great success! We would like to thank everyone in the community who purchased a sign showing their support in taking a stand against child abuse, we couldn't have done it without you. Signs were sold beginning on March 8th through the end of April which was 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.

Thank you to the following businesses who came on board to sell our yard signs:

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.



And congratulations to Kim Morrison and family who won the gift basket drawing from those who shared their yard sign picture on Facebook and "checked in" to the agency.

We would also like to thank the team at Rokusek for designing the yard signs and display posters..

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

13 Noon Networking - CASA

31 Office closed

June

10 Noon Networking - CASA

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

Thank you to Hy-Vee on Harrison in Quincy for selecting Advocacy Network for Children as the April beneficiary in its Reusable Bag program. The agency received a \$1.00 donation every time a \$2.50 red "My Heart" Reusable Bag was purchased during the month. We would also like to thank everyone who purchased a bag supporting us.

QUINCY EXCHANGE CLUB BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The Quincy Exchange Club held a virtual Blue Ribbon Campaign during April. All money raised during the "Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month" event will be divided among our agency, Transitions and Cornerstone. We would like to thank the Exchange Club for their ongoing support of our agency and their mission of child abuse prevention and to everyone who purchased a Blue Ribbon.

SUPER HERO NIGHT AT THE QUINCY GEMS GAME

The boys are back! Attend the May 29th Quincy Gems game as the agency will be the recipient of the 50/50 raffle. This is "Superhero Night" and the Hannibal Heroes group has offered to come in costume and sell the tickets for us. It's sure to be a great time.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR—ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

The agency's annual fundraising dinner, which is generally held in March, was postponed due to COVID health and safety concerns. However, we are excited to announce that we have set the date of Friday, October 29th, for our event. Stay tuned to find out the theme and other new and exciting things we are planning to make this important event a success.

THANK YOU

United Community Credit Union employee's donated \$265.00 to the agency from their March jeans day. Employees were allowed to wear jeans on Fridays throughout the month of March if they made a donation to the agency.

The Pike County CASA program was awarded a \$2,670.00 grant through the Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County. Funds will be used for CASA volunteer recruitment and training in Pike County.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!

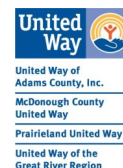
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**** When shopping at Amazon Smile, choose Advocacy Network for Children as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to us!****



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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 has lowered and vaccinations have been available for several months, staff began returning to the office in shifts on April 5th. 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.