



December 2021

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We would like to thank everyone who supported our agency this past year. Your support allowed us to continue helping abused and neglected children in our community.

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, our 106 CASA volunteers were a voice for 311 children in the court system because of abuse or neglect in the seven area counties served. Our Children's Advocacy Center program coordinated nearly 460 cases of reported sexual abuse or severe physical abuse in the nine area counties served. Both of these numbers are up nearly 15% from the previous fiscal year. Our Prevention Program made presentations to over 1500 students in Pre-K through 5th grade to teach these students about personal safety, how to respond to unwelcome touches and who to tell if someone gives them an unwelcome touch.

If you would like to make a donation, please forward payment to 1420 Harrison Street, Quincy, IL 62301. You can also visit our website at www.advonet.org and click on the "Donate Now" button. All donations are eligible for tax deductions.

Together, we can bring hope, promise, and healing to the most vulnerable victims of a crime, our children.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the staff at Advocacy Network for Children, we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year: Danielle Buss, Diane Pieper, Jamie Carroll, Jamie Peek, Jessica Bolton, Jessica Bullard, Karolina Anton, Lexi Goehl, Libby Gaige, Mandy Humphry, Sue Tode and Todd Shackelford.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

24 & 27 Office closed

31 Office closed

January

13 CASA Noon Networking

17 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

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.

WE NEED CASA VOLUNTEERS IN ADAMS COUNTY

A new accelerated CASA training in Adams County is being scheduled for March 4th-6th. A number of informational meetings have been scheduled via Zoom in January (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th) and in February (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd). The informational meetings will be held at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 30 minutes each. They are designed to explain the program and answer any questions a person may have about becoming a CASA volunteer.

CASA volunteers are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for abused or neglected children in court. The training is free and all materials are provided. No special experience is required. If you would like to be the voice for an abused or neglected child in our community, please call the office at 217-223-2272. Additional information about our CASA program and the upcoming training and informational meetings is also available on our website or Facebook page.

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Schuyler County CASA swore in its newest volunteer on November 10th. Pictured (left) are Julia Vincent and Judge Roger Thomson.

Pike County CASA swore in its newest volunteers on November 18th. Pictured (right) are Heidi Clark, Michelle Escapa, Shelley Scyrle and Judge Frank McCartney.



Welcome and thank you to these new CASA volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the children in our community.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mercantile Bank and its employees for their recent donation. The bank raised \$220.00 in donations for the agency during its recent Community Matters Casual for a Cause Day.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!

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