



July 2022

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

Advocacy Network for Children participated in United Way's Day of Caring held on June 3rd. We would like to thank the 6 wonderful volunteers from ADM who volunteered their time at our Quincy office: Janet Steele, Maureen Kamphaus, Megan Wellman, Kimberly Smith, Marisa Roach and Heather Compton.

Their hard work made quite a difference to our outside area. New bushes were planted, old bushes trimmed, flowers planted, and weeds pulled.

Our community is truly blessed with such caring individuals and businesses who give of their time to help others.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The agency's new FY'23 Board of Directors was approved at its meeting on June 22nd. Thank you to the following individuals for their commitment to our mission: Denette Kuhlman (President), Brooke Stokes (Vice-President), Tammy Niemann (Treasurer), Jeri Conboy (Secretary), Bob Daly (Past President), Bill Paxton, Shannon Nicholas, Marian Bland, Will Spear, Heather Leindecker, Jana Hattey, Tracy Genenbacher and Penni Ippensen. A special thank you to our retiring board members, Denise Tallcott and Mandar Dighe.

OFFICES CLOSED

Our offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful 4th of July holiday weekend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July
04 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—"TAILGATE TO CELEBRATE"

The agency's annual fundraising dinner, "Tailgate to Celebrate", is set for Friday, October 21st, at The Ambiance in Quincy. The committee is working hard to make this an event you won't want to miss. Co-chairs for this year's dinner are Brooke Hunsaker and Kylee Straube. Save the Dates have been mailed. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be added, please call the office and talk to Diane.



TIME FOR PEPSI

Thanks to our friends at Hy-Vee and Refreshment Services Pepsi, when you buy a case of Pepsi products at the Quincy Hy-Vee locations between July 8th to 12th, \$.25 per case will be donated to Advocacy Network for Children.

WE NEED BEANIE BABIES

It has been a long standing practice of the agency to give a beanie baby to a child who visits one of our Children's Advocacy Centers due to possible abuse or neglect. We are running low. If you have any that you would like to donate, you can call the office or drop them off at our 1420 Harrison Street location in Quincy.

FACT: IT'S NOT STRANGER DANGER

Research shows that the greatest risk to children doesn't come from strangers but from friends and family and only about 10% of children who are sexually abused are abused by strangers. People who abuse children look and act just like everyone else. In fact, they often go out of their way to appear trustworthy, seeking out settings where they can gain easy access to children, such as sports leagues, faith centers, clubs, and schools.

You can do your part by being observant and reporting any suspected child abuse to local authorities. Some signs a child may be abused are: withdrawal from friends or activities; changes in behavior; depression, anxiety or unusual fears; a sudden loss of self-confidence; frequent absences from school; reluctance to leave school activities; and attempts at running away.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Ted Averkamp and the staff at Quincy Cleaners for providing cleaning services to our Happy Bear mascot costume.

Anytime Fitness in Quincy chose the agency's CASA program to receive its recent bench press challenge donations. A check in the amount of \$255.00 was presented on June 6th.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!



**** 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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