



August 2022

HELP US SHARE OUR STORY

Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, our seven (7) county region CASA volunteers were a voice for over 500 children in the court system because of abuse or neglect. Our Children's Advocacy Center program coordinated nearly 500 cases of reported sexual abuse or severe physical abuse in the nine (9) area counties it serves. And our Prevention Program made presentations to nearly 2200 students in Pre-K through 5th grade to teach these students about personal safety.

As a community, we all need to work together to keep our children safe from abuse and neglect. We would love to share our story and provide more information about our agency and its mission of protecting abused and neglected children.

If you are a member of a church, business, or service organization, we would love to schedule a time to speak with your group. If you would like to help us, please call the office at 217-223-2272 to schedule a date and time. Together, we can make a difference in the life of a child.

WE NEED CASA VOLUNTEERS

There are children in the court system waiting for a CASA volunteer, someone who will speak on their behalf and to be in their corner. An accelerated training for Adams County CASA volunteers is scheduled for Friday, September 16th, and Saturday, September 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 18th, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Training will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 18th & Harrison, in Quincy.

CASA volunteers are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for abused or neglected children in court. CASA volunteers work alongside attorneys and case workers from case inception to its completion. No special experience is required. If you would like to register for this training or have any questions, please call the office at 217-223-2272. Additional information is also available on our website.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

05 Office closed

08 CASA Noon Networking—Quincy

October

10 Office closed

13 CASA Noon Networking—Quincy

21 Fundraising Dinner—Quincy

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

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER - TAILGATE TO CELEBRATE

The agency's annual fundraising dinner, "Tailgate to Celebrate", will be here before you know it. This important event is scheduled for Friday, October 21st, at The Ambiance in Quincy. The committee has been working hard to make this an event you won't want to miss. Dinner invitations will be mailed out later this month. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be added, please call the office and talk to Diane.



WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

Pike County CASA swore in two new CASA volunteers on June 23rd at the Pike County Courthouse. Pictured are (left to right) Karen Fox, Judge Jerry Hooker and Kristi Sanderson.



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

FACT: CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT ARE COMMON

At least 1 in 7 children have experienced child abuse or neglect in the past year in the United States. Sadly enough, this is likely an underestimate because many cases are unreported. In 2020, 1,750 children died of abuse and neglect in the United States.

If you suspect a child is being abused, please call the Illinois Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-2873 or your local law enforcement.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Refreshment Services Pepsi and Hy-Vee in Quincy for the promotion that ran July 8th to 12th. \$.25 per case of Pepsi products sold was donated to the agency as well as additional donations for other specially marked items chosen by Hy-Vee.

The agency received a check from the Quincy Gems in the amount of \$285.00. This donation represents proceeds from its recent on-line jersey auction. Thank you Quincy Gems and the Hannibal Heroes for selecting our agency and everyone who placed a bid.

Thank you to the three wonderful RSVP volunteers who helped with our fundraising dinner sponsorship letter mailing: Mary Wilson, Pat Bauer and Mary Neuser.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!

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