



## *THE WHISTLE IS ABOUT TO BLOW*

The agency’s annual fundraising dinner is set for Friday, October 21st, at The Ambiance in Quincy. There is still time to make your reservations for this fun, casual and enjoyable event. If you would like to attend the dinner, please call the office at 217-223-2272 and ask to speak to Diane. Reservations and payment are due by October 10th and can also be made at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Reservations are \$50.00 each or a table of 8 for \$400.00.

The committee is working hard and planning a lot of exciting things that you won’t want to miss. There will be a live auction, silent auction, games and more. A trip to Florida, a trip to Colorado, home makeovers, golf packages, kids packages, and bourbon packages are just a few of the items being auctioned off. There is something for everyone!

The dinner is the agency’s major fundraising event of the year and helps us provide critical services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect.



For additional information, you can visit the agency’s Facebook page or website at [www.advonet.org](http://www.advonet.org). We hope to see you there!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### October

- 10 Office closed
- 13 CASA Noon Networking—Quincy
- 21 Fundraising Dinner—Quincy

#### November

- 10 CASA Noon Networking—Quincy
- 11 Office closed
- 24-25 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

## WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

Adams County CASA swore in 8 new CASA volunteers on September 22nd at the Adams County Courthouse along with staff member Kari Frink (CAC Advocate). Pictured are, left to right front row seated, Judge Wooleyhan, Kim Wright, Pat Bell, Maureen Kennedy, Melissa Hess and back row standing, Les Sachs, Frink, Kearstin Sill, Theresa McGartland, and Whitney Mintert.



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

## 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.

## PREVENTION PROGRAM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Advocacy Network for Children offers an accredited child sexual abuse prevention program to schools, churches, daycare centers, children's clubs and other organizations throughout West Central Illinois at no cost. We need volunteers to help us with our Happy Bear presentations. Minimal training is needed and will be provided. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please call the office and ask to speak to Kari.

## PARENTING A CHILD WHO HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA

Children who have experienced traumatic events need to feel safe and loved. If parents do not have an understanding of the effects of trauma, they may not understand their child's behavior and end up feeling frustrated or resentful.

For more information on how to help your child, please visit [www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/child-trauma](http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/child-trauma). This factsheet contains a lot of helpful information.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the wonderful RSVP volunteers who gave of their time to help us with our fundraising dinner invitation mailing: Diane Meyer, Donna Fuller, Patsy Cooley, Connie Cooley, Mary Wilson, Barbara Bockhaus, Cathy Becks and Mary Neuser. Our community is blessed to have such a wonderful group of retired volunteers who help where there is a need.



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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