



## *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, 2021 and June 30, 2022, our 133 CASA volunteers were a voice for 524 children in the court system because of abuse or neglect in the seven area counties served. Our Children’s Advocacy Center program coordinated nearly 500 cases of reported sexual abuse or severe physical abuse in the nine area counties served. Both of these numbers are up from the previous fiscal year. Our Prevention Program made presentations to nearly 2200 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](http://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: Brittany Durst, Danielle Buss, Diane Pieper, Jamie Carroll, Jamie Peek, Jessica Bolton, Jessica Bullard, Kari Frink, Karolina Anton-Mumma, Lexi Goehl, Libby Gaige, Mandy Humphry, Sue Tode and Todd Shackelford.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### December

23 Office closed

26 Office closed

#### January

02 Office closed

12 CASA Noon Networking—Quincy

16 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

Schuyler County CASA swore in its newest volunteer on November 9th by Judge Jerry Hooker. Pictured below left are new volunteer Ted Eifert and Judge Hooker.

Morgan County CASA swore in its newest volunteers on November 10 by Judge Jeffery Tobin. Pictured below middle are Judge Tobin, Dean Miles, Pat Pennell and Judy Dillard.

Adams County CASA swore in its newest volunteers on November 15th by Judge John Wooleyhan. Pictured below right are Carrie Steffensmeier, Judge Wooleyhan and Caitlin Hicker-son.

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



## CASA TRAINING

We need CASA volunteers in all seven area counties we serve. A multi-county virtual training has been scheduled via Zoom for anyone interested in becoming a CASA volunteer. Training dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout January from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 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 or Danielle Buss, CASA Manager, at 217-617-5438. Additional information about our CASA program and the upcoming training is also available on our website or Facebook page.

## THANK YOU

The agency received a \$7,500.00 grant from the Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County. As stipulated in the grant, funds will be used to support the Pike County CASA Program.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!

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