



July 2023

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

Advocacy Network for Children participated in United Way's Day of Caring held on June 9th. We would like to thank the 4 wonderful volunteers from Adams Fiber who volunteered their time at our Quincy office: Bridgette Northern, David Skinner, Julie Wise and Andrew Roewe.

Their hard work made quite a difference to our outside area. Bushes were trimmed, flowers planted, weeds pulled and windows cleaned. They also cleaned and sanitized toys in our children's playroom.

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'24 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), Bob Daly (Treasurer), Heather Leindecker (Secretary), Shannon Nicholas, Will Spear, Jana Hattey, Tracy Genenbacher, Penni Ippensen, Dan Trower, Stacy Melton, Elisha Freiburg and Tish Hodges. A special thank you to our retiring board members, Bill Paxton, Marian Bland, Tammy Niemann and Jeri Conboy. Your years of service on the board is greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July
04 Office closed
August
02 CASA guided learning informational mtg
Sept
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

SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

The agency's Fundraising Dinner Committee has started working on the annual fundraising dinner. This year's "Tailgate to Celebrate" event is set for **Friday, October 13, 2023** at the Ambiance in Quincy. The dinner is the major fundraising event for the agency and is designed to be a fun and enjoyable evening for everyone. Save the Dates will be mailed out this month.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CINDY TROWER

Cynthia (Cindy) Trower was chosen to be one of the recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Silver Awards. A letter, certificate, and coin from the White House, in conjunction with Points of Light Foundation, were given to selected awardees. Danielle Buss, CASA Manager, nominated Cindy for this award. Cindy has been a CASA volunteer for the agency for 12 years and has advocated for 13 children. Cindy has never let an obstacle or struggle get in her way. She ensures the best interest of the children she serves is being upheld and is forever going above and beyond in her cases. Pictured at a luncheon for Cindy to receive her award are Todd Shackelford (Executive Director), Cindy Trower, Danielle Buss (CASA Manager) and Brittany Durst (CASA Coordinator). Congratulations Cindy!



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are hiring for a full-time child advocate position in Adams County. Candidates must have a BA/BS degree in a related field or equivalent experience. For more information, visit our Facebook page or website at www.advonet.org. Resumes can be mailed to the office or emailed to jcarroll@advonet.org by July 14, 2023.

GUIDED LEARNING FOR CASA VOLUNTEERS

Don't forget, informational Zoom meetings regarding the new guided learning are being held on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. through November. Guided learning allows a person to train on their own time, in their own home and on their own schedule. If you ever wanted to become a CASA volunteer and couldn't commit to a full week's training or an accelerated training on a weekend you weren't available, this is for you. For more information, please call the office and speak to one of our CASA staff or visit the agency's Facebook page.

THANK YOU

The agency received a check in the amount of \$284.25 from employees of SIU Family Medicine. Money was raised from their April and May jeans day donations.

A \$615.00 grant was received from the Kiwanis Club of Quincy. As indicated in the grant application, the money will be used for printing of agency brochures.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!



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