



November 2023

TAILGATE TO CELEBRATE A WINNER

The agency's annual fundraising dinner was held on Friday, October 13th, at The Ambiance. Final numbers are not in but it's looking to be a tremendous success. We would like to thank everyone who donated an item for the live and silent auctions, made a monetary donation, or came to the dinner. We couldn't have done it without our dedicated fundraising committee: Brooke Hunsaker (Chair), Kylee Straube, Kori Griffin, Erica Parrish, Angie St. Clair, Gina Wolf, Sue Allen, Sally Westerhoff, Lisa Theurer, Whitney Mintert, Diane Disseler, Kearstin Sill, Amanda Bunch, Diane Pieper (staff) and Danielle Buss (staff). For pictures from the event, visit the agency's Facebook page.

Also, a BIG thank you to Chris Quinn for serving as Master of Ceremonies, Mitch Webster for serving as auctioneer, members of the John Wood Community College Cheerleading squad who helped greet guests and with games, and to our wonderful and generous sponsors: Quincy Recycle, Mercantile Bank, Stevenson Paxton Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, Titan International, Inc., Entrup Drywall & Painting, Inc., TI Trust, Inc., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Hansen-Spear Funeral Home, Knapheide Manufacturing Company, Gardner Denver Inc., Blessing Health System, State Street Bank, Heartland Bank and Trust Company, Freiburg Insurance Agency, Gully Transportation, Rinella Company, Thrivent, Quincy Medical Group, Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell, Bopi, HOMEBANK, Hilbing Autobody, Lowell Yates, Tom & Sally Westerhoff, 3 Branches Boutique & Spa, Kohl Wholesale, Zanger and Associates, Inc. Realtors, Twaddle Plumbing, Barney's Tavern, Refreshment Services Pepsi, Tracy Schleppehorst/Emotion Belly Books, and First Bankers Trust Company.

Congratulations to Cindy Trower, recipient of this year's "Clairice Hetzler Advocacy for Children" award and Gardner Denver Inc., recipient of the "Advocacy Network for Children Business" award. Both have been long time supporters of the agency.

What an "All Star" team we had this year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November
01 CASA guided learning informational mtg
09 CASA Noon Networking
10 Office closed
23-24 Office closed
December
22 & 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

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.

GUIDED LEARNING FOR CASA VOLUNTEERS

We are in desperate need of CASA volunteers. There is still 1 more opportunity to attend an informational Zoom meeting regarding the new guided learning. This will be held on November 1st at 12:30 p.m. 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.

NEW CASA VOLUNTEER SWORN IN

Michala Westfall was sworn in on October 10th by Judge David Vancil at the Hancock County Courthouse. Michala will represent abused and neglected children in the Hancock County court system. Pictured (left to right) are Michala, Mandy Humphry, Hancock County CASA Coordinator, and Judge Vancil.



Welcome and thank you to this new volunteer for her dedication and commitment to the children in our community.

THANK YOU

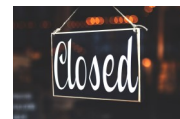
The agency was awarded a \$4,500.00 Video Story Telling and Social Media Training grant through the Tracy Family Foundation. Once completed, the new video will highlight our Children's Advocacy Center program and used to inform victims and caregivers of our centers and the services we provide.

A \$5,000.00 grant was awarded to the agency from the Keokuk Area Community Foundation. As stated in the grant application, these funds will be used to support the Hancock County CASA program.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is greatly appreciated.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our offices will be closed on November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day as well as November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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