



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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From the Executive Director



Did you know that Advocacy Network for Children provides Children's Advocacy Center services in nine counties and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) services in seven counties in west central Illinois?

The work we do to help children who have been victims of severe abuse and neglect is done throughout this service area. We work with a variety of partners including law enforcement, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, States Attorney Offices, medical providers, foster parents, therapists, and other advocates. Together, we work to end the abuse/neglect, keep the children safe, investigate the abuse, prosecute crimes against children, help the children and their non-offending family throughout the investigation, court, and healing processes. Our goal is to help these children know that they are beautiful, that they are strong, that they are smart, and that they are loved.

You can be our partner too. Please consider a donation to the agency or consider becoming a CASA volunteer. For more information, call us at 217-223-2272.

Todd Shackelford

STANDING STRONG FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

COOKIES FOR A CAUSE AND PROCEED DAYS RAISE AWARENESS AND MONEY

The agency held its first "Cookies for Cause" fundraising and awareness event in April. Blue iced or sprinkled cookies were available on various days throughout the month at Quincy Hy-Vee, Quincy County Market and K's in Camp Point. A portion of the proceeds was donated to the agency.

In addition, proceeds days were held throughout the month at Culver's, TCBY, Texas Roadhouse and Wink's Drinks, all in Quincy, and The Drink Shop in Mt. Sterling.

Together, these events raised over \$1,600.00 for the agency. Thank you to these local businesses for coming on board and supporting our agency. We would also like to thank everyone who made a purchase during these events.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

In addition to the Cookies for a Cause event and proceeds days, the agency held other events to honor child victims of abuse and neglect throughout the month of April. A flag raising was held in Quincy, pinwheel plantings and community events were held in Brown, Hancock, and Morgan Counties and the Quincy Bayview Bridge was lit blue the week of April 1st.

We would like to thank everyone who attended these events or displayed a "Stand Against Child Abuse" yard sign. It is so important that communities come together and play an active role in preventing child abuse and neglect.

FUNDRAISING DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS

The annual fundraising dinner was held on October 13th at The Ambiance in Quincy. The "Tailgate to Celebrate" themed dinner raised nearly \$45,000.00. We would like to thank the fundraising committee for all their hard work. Members included Brooke Hunsaker (Chair), Kylee Straube, Kori Griffin, Gina Wolf, Erica Parrish, Angie St. Clair, Sue Allen, Sally Westerhoff, Lisa Theurer, Diane Disseler, Whitney Mintert, Kearstin Sill, and Amanda Bunch. Congratulations to Cindy Trower, this year's recipient of the "Clairice Hetzler Advocacy for Children Award" and to Gardner Denver, Inc., recipient of the "Advocacy Network for Children Business Award".

WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

Adams County: Carol Hudgens, Melissa Hoener, Sherrie Emerick, Amanda Bunch, Samantha Dawson, Charles Otte, Jr., Nathan Nash and Janice Winn.

Hancock County: Michala Westfall.

CONGRATULATIONS CINDY TROWER

Cindy Trower, a CASA volunteer for 12 years, was chosen as 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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Advocacy Network for Children could not continue its mission of advocating and protecting children without YOUR help. You can help with a monetary donation to the operating agency or Foundation or with an office supply donation. We also have a need for volunteers to help with Happy Bear presentations, fundraising and mailings.

For pictures from our various events, visit our Facebook page or website at www.advonet.org.

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

The agency was blessed to be the recipient of several private community grants this year. In addition, grant funds are received from Adams County United Way, McDonough County United Way, Prairieland United Way and Great River Region United Way.

Thank you to the various grantors for their support:

- The Stamerjohn Family Fund through the Community Foundation, \$1,000.00 for general support;
- Tracy Family Foundation, \$2,310 to send 3 staff members to the Dare to Lead Workshop in Quincy; \$2,162 for a staff member to attend the Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, TX; \$4,500 Video Story Telling and Social Media Training Grant to highlight the CAC program; \$10,000 to support youth in Cass County; and \$15,000 for specialized mental health services for child victims of abuse;
- Keokuk Area Community Foundation, \$5,000 for Hancock County CASA;
- Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County, \$7,500 for Pike County CASA;
- J.W. Gardner II Foundation, \$20,000 for general operating support;
- Kiwanis Club of Quincy, \$615 for printing of agency brochures;
- Jacksonville Children's Foundation, \$422 for Morgan County CASA training supplies.

STAFF NEWS

Anniversaries: Karolina Anton-Mumma, Pike County CASA & CAC Coordinator, and Mandy Humphry, Hancock County CASA Coordinator, 5 years on March 16th.

Anita Hanke started on August 1st and Kristan Miller started on August 14th, as Adams County CAC Coordinators, and Amber Range started on August 21st as the new Morgan County CASA Coordinator.

Staff attend trainings and conferences throughout the year to comply with continuing education requirements. State and National conferences for both the CASA and CAC programs were attended this year as well as the 2023 Legislative Day in Springfield.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Advocacy Network for Children works closely with other area organizations to bring awareness to abuse and neglect. Staff participates and attends monthly United Way meetings and takes part in the Adams County AOK program.

GOAL OF THE AGENCY

The goal of Advocacy Network for Children is really quite simple – to protect and uphold the rights of children when wrongs have been committed against them, to help abused or neglected children have safe permanent homes where they can thrive, to act as a powerful voice in these children's best interests, and to educate the public about the plight of abused children.

STATISTICS

FY 2023 FY 2022

-Children's Advocacy Center Activity

Cases Referred		
All 9 counties	434	494

-CASA Activity

All counties		
Children Served	582	524
# of Volunteers	115	133

Adams County

Children Served	345	310
# of Volunteers	61	63

Hancock County

Children Served	43	56
# of Volunteers	14	23

Morgan County

Children Served	94	52
# of Volunteers	17	21

Pike County

Children Served	67	77
# of Volunteers	12	16

Brown County

Children Served	10	8
# of Volunteers	3	3

Cass County

Children Served	3	3
# of Volunteers	2	2

Schuyler County

Children Served	20	18
# of Volunteers	6	5

Prevention Program Activity

Presentations Made	54	91
# of Children Reached	2858	2191

*Programs of
Advocacy Network for Children:
Court Appointed Special Advocates*

Adams County
Brown County
Cass County
Hancock County
Morgan County
Pike County
Schuyler County

Children's Advocacy Centers

Adams County
Brown County
Cass County
Hancock County
McDonough County
Morgan County
Pike County
Schuyler County
Scott County

Advocacy Network for Children Staff

Karolina Anton-Mumma
Jessica Bullard
Danielle Buss
Jamie Carroll
Brittany Durst
Lexi Goehl
Anita Hanke
Mandy Humphry
Kristan Miller
Jamie Peek
Diane Pieper
Amber Range
Susan Tode
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Adams County, Inc.

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United Way

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Great River Region

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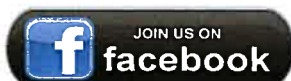


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Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations and in-kind gifts for our 2023 Fundraising Dinner & Auction

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Pat Dillon	Dan and Chris Veihl	Quincy Fire Department
United Community Credit Union	Frito Lay	Tiramisu
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D.D. & Janie Fischer	Dick's Sporting Goods	Bailey's Coffeehouse and Fudge Shop
Donna Foley	The Liquor Booth	Quincy Brewing Company
Joe & Jana Hattey	Town & Country Inn & Suites	Texas Roadhouse
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Karen Sedovic	Mercantile Bank	Trav's Flowers at District Designs
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Montebello Gardens Florist and Gifts	Bath & Body Works	Mr. Bill's
Brooke Hunsaker	Enchanted Books	Uncle Bob's
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Simply Lovely Salon	Knights of Columbus	The Grove Inn
Lavender Jewel Interiors	Chicks on the River	North End
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Alpha Dog Training Center	Quest	Barney's Tavern
Adriana Hunsaker	W.I.S.E. Firearms	Harrison Pub
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Amy Goehl	Memorial Jewelry and More by Janie	Whitney Mintert
SFAtacular Nails	Ste Open	John Melton
Breathe EZ Massage	Yellow Kiss Boutique	Lisa Theurer
JJ's Kitchen Catering	Platt Daddy BBQ	Kylee Straube
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The Yum Factory	Divine Shine & Detailing	
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	Emerald City Jewelers	
	Carter's Coffee Bar	

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