



November 2024

TAILGATE TO CELEBRATE A WINNER

The agency's annual fundraising dinner was held on Friday, October 18th, at The Ambiance. Final numbers are still being calculated but it's looking to be a tremendous success with the agency netting over \$44,000.00! 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: Gina Wolf (co-chair), Whitney Mintert (co-chair), Diane Disseler, Kori Griffin, Lisa Theurer, Brooke Hunsaker, Kylee Straube, Angie St. Clair, Sally Westerhoff, Heather Leindecker, Stacy Melton, Kearstin Sill, Diane Pieper (staff), Danielle Buss (staff) and Erica Parrish (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, Scott Stevens 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, STARadio, Mercantile Bank, Titan International, Inc., Hansen-Spear Funeral Home, Knapheide Mfg. Company, Entrup Drywall & Painting, Inc., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Heartland Bank and Trust Company, Blessing Health System, Hilbing Autobody, Memorial Hospital, Kunes Country Honda, Freiburg Insurance Agency, Gully Transportation, State Street Bank, Thrivent, Quincy Medical Group, Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell, Bopi, HOMEBANK, Refreshment Services Pepsi, SPECS, TI Trust, Tracy Schleppehorst/Emotion Belly Books, First Bankers Trust Company, Barney's Tavern, Gardner Denver, Sharkey Transportation, Inc., Kristopher's Hair Studio, Heather Leindecker, NP, PLLC, Lowell Yates and Thomas & Sally Westerhoff.

Congratulations to Bob Daly, recipient of this year's "Clairice Hetzler Advocacy for Children" award and Quincy Service Club, 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
11 Office closed
14 CASA noon networking
28-29 Office closed
December
12 CASA noon networking
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:

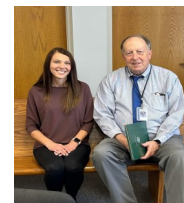
- Monetary Donation
- ANC Foundation Donation
- Office Supply Donation

GUIDED LEARNING FOR CASA VOLUNTEERS

Don't forget, our CASA program continues to offer guided learning. 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 at 217-223-2272 and speak to one of our CASA staff.

WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEER

Adams County CASA swore in a new volunteer on October 8th. Pictured is Emily Gittings who was sworn in by Judge John Wooleyhan at the Adams County Court-house.



Welcome and thank you for all you will do for the children in our community!

STAFF NEWS

Danielle Buss (Associate Executive Director), Todd Shackelford (Executive Director) and Jamie Carroll (CAC Manager) attended the 2024 Annual CAC Director's Conference in Bloomington October 15th– 17th.



Jamie Carroll was chosen to attend the Rural Convening Conference in Bozeman, Montana sponsored by National Children's Alliance (NCA). The conference was geared for rural Children's Advocacy Centers throughout the U.S. and held October 23rd-24th.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Congresswoman Mary Miller who made time to stop by the office on October 29th. She is a sponsor of HR 8061 that would stabilize VOCA funds through FY 2029 ensuring continued support for crime victims without using taxpayer dollars. She talked with board members and staff about the importance of this funding. The agency is a recipient of VOCA funds for both the CAC and CASA programs.



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