



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

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From the Executive Director



This past year has had its share of ups and downs. We saw the highest number of children in each of our two core programs, CASA and CAC, then we have had in any other year. Fortunately for these children, we have amazing team members who work together to end the abuse and start them on the road to recovery.

We have been blessed with a number of private and community grants to support our agency, its programs and staff to help broaden the services provided and to make sure we can continue to provide the services these children need during the most difficult time of their life.

With new grant funding from the Department of Children and Family Services, we were able to expand our CASA program into Mason, Menard and Scott Counties. Now the children in the care of the court in these counties will be able to have a CASA volunteer speaking on their behalf.

Community support has been overwhelming and we couldn't do what we do without it. From our awareness events in April during Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month to our annual fundraising dinner in October, the support of our community has truly been amazing.

We have a dedicated board of directors who take their role very seriously. Their commitment and passion is truly second to none.

You can be a part of our team 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

DINE TO DONATE, DRINK TO DONATE AND PROCEED DAYS RAISE AWARENESS AND MONEY

The agency held several "Dine to Donate" fundraising and awareness events in April. Area restaurants included Culver's in Quincy, Platt Daddy BBQ in Quincy, Pizza Unlimited in Rushville and Hagel 1891 in Mt. Sterling as well as a proceeds day at TCBY in Quincy. "Drink to Donate" events were held at The Drink Shop in Mt. Sterling and Carter's Coffee in Quincy. Jill Havermale from Crafts n Creations designed and sold crew sweatshirts throughout the month. A portion of proceeds from all these events were donated to the agency and together raised nearly \$5,800.00. Thank you to these local businesses for coming on board and supporting our agency. We would also like to thank everyone who showed their support and made a purchase during these events.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

In addition to the Dine to Donate, Drink to Donate 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, Morgan, Pike and Schuyler Counties and the Quincy Bayview Bridge was lit blue the week of April 1st.

We would like to thank everyone who attended these events. 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 18th at The Ambiance in Quincy. The "Tailgate to Celebrate" themed dinner raised over \$44,000.00. We would like to thank the fundraising committee for all their hard work. Members included Whitney Mintert (Co-Chair), Gina Wolf (Co-Chair), Brooke Hunsaker, Kylee Straube, Kori Griffin, Angie St. Clair, Sally Westerhoff, Lisa Theurer, Diane Disseler, Stacy Melton, Heather Leindecker, Kearstin Still, Diane Pieper (Staff), Danielle Buss (Staff), and Erica Parrish (Staff). Congratulations to Bob Daly, this year's recipient of the "Clairice Hetzler Advocacy for Children Award" and to Quincy Service Club, recipient of the "Advocacy Network for Children Business Award".

WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

Adams County: Christina Engle, Chloe Saxbery, Dawn Patton, Wanda Robertson, Sylvia King-Boling, Brooke Wells, Emily Gittings.

Hancock County: Gloria Davis, Taylor Huls.

Cass County: Angela Van-Brooker.

Morgan County: Leslie Howard, Diane Enz, John Roth, April Pierce, Carol Flynn, Christina Butler.

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.

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.

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; \$1,047.34 Community Endowment Funds grant through the Community Foundation for general support;
- TCC Gives (Verizon), \$1,200 to offset costs for CAC staff and 3 MDT members to attend the Champions for Children Conference in Chicago;
- Quincy Service Club, \$900 to train two staff members (Jamie Carroll and Amber Range) to become facilitators for Darkness to Light;
- Tracy Family Foundation, \$3,974 to send two staff members to the Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, TX; \$4,000 Volunteer Value grant for coaching and training for volunteer recruitment, engagement, retention and recognition; \$32,000 for expanded mental health services;
- Keokuk Area Community Foundation, \$5,000 for Hancock County CASA;
- Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County, \$12,500 for Pike County CASA;
- Marion Gardner Jackson Charitable Trust, \$16,000 for forensic interview equipment and support for our Children's Advocacy Centers.

STAFF NEWS

Anniversaries: Lexi Goehl, Adams County CASA Coordinator, 5 years on October 16th.

Erica Parrish started on January 29th as the new CASA Volunteer Recruiter/Coordinator; Amber Sarnes started on December 2nd as the new Mason and Menard County CASA Coordinator.

On July 1st Danielle Buss transitioned into the role of Associate Executive Director and Brittany Durst transitioned into the role of CASA Manager.

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 2024 Legislative Day in Springfield.

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 2024	FY 2023
-Children's Advocacy Center Activity		
Cases Referred		
All 9 counties	524	435
-CASA Activity		
All counties		
Children Served	583	582
# of Volunteers	115	115
Adams County		
Children Served	309	345
# of Volunteers	57	61
Hancock County		
Children Served	40	43
# of Volunteers	15	14
Morgan County		
Children Served	100	94
# of Volunteers	16	17
Pike County		
Children Served	78	67
# of Volunteers	8	12
Brown County		
Children Served	14	10
# of Volunteers	4	3
Cass County		
Children Served	25	3
# of Volunteers	1	2
Schuyler County		
Children Served	17	20
# of Volunteers	5	6
Prevention Program Activity		
Presentations Made	73	45
# of Children Reached	2748	2530

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

Adams County Menard County
Brown County Morgan County
Cass County Pike County
Hancock County Schuyler County
Mason County Scott 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
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Brittany Durst
Lexi Goehl
Anita Hanke
Mandy Humphry
Kristan Miller
Erica Parrish
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Amber Range
Amber Sarnes
Susan Tode
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