



"Standing Strong for Abused Children"

May 2025

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who showed their support throughout the month of April during National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. From attending our flag raising in Quincy or our pinwheel and yard sign plantings and awareness events in Carthage, Jacksonville and Pittsfield, your support was amazing.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for partnering with us on our fundraising events this year and to everyone who made a purchase:

DINE TO DONATE:

- Platt Daddy BBQ in Quincy on April 4th
- Babe's in Havana on April 9th
- Hy-Vee in Jacksonville on April 10th
- Pizza Unlimited in Rushville on April 16th
- Jerseys in Mt. Sterling & Camp Point on April 17th
- Raising Cane's in Quincy on April 24th
- Haymaker's in Pittsfield on April 25th



DRINK TO DONATE AND PROCEEDS DAYS:

- The Drink Shop in Mt Sterling, Jacksonville and Camp Point throughout the month of April
- Mahoney's Coffee in Carthage the week of April 14th
- Carter's Coffee in Quincy on April 18th
- TCBY in Quincy on April 23rd



DRIVE TO DONATE:

- The KC Range in Quincy on April 30th



Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. As a community, it is our job to increase awareness and provide education and support to families to prevent child abuse and neglect.

For pictures from our various events, visit our Facebook page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 08 CASA noon networking - Zoom
- 26 Office closed
- June 19 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

CONGRATULATIONS

CASA staff Brittany Durst, Amber Sarnes, and Chelsea Ewing, and Executive Director Todd Shackelford, along with Adams County CASA volunteer Carol Hudgens, recently attended the Illinois CASA Conference in Bloomington. Pictured (left to right) are Carol, Brittany, Todd, Amber and Chelsea.

Carol was nominated by CASA staff and was awarded the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Carol has advocated for 11 children since becoming a CASA volunteer in March 2023. She is a fierce advocate for what is best for the child and goes above and beyond in each of her cases.



Todd was nominated by Danielle Buss and Brittany Durst and was awarded the Staff Partner of the Year. Todd became the Executive Director in September 2016 and since that time, the agency has grown to expand the CASA program in nine additional counties, increased staff and tripled the agency budget.

Congratulations Carol and Todd on these well deserved awards.

WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

Adams County CASA swore in its newest volunteer on March 7th by Judge John Wooleyhan at the Adams County Courthouse. Pictured below left are June Otte and Judge Wooleyhan.

Schuyler County CASA swore in its newest volunteer on March 10th by Judge Mark Vincent at the Schuyler County Courthouse. Pictured below middle are Judge Vincent and Samantha Jones.

Our new Morgan County CASA Coordinator, Chelsea Ewing, was sworn in by Judge Jeffrey Tobin on March 13th at the Morgan County Courthouse. Pictured below right are Judge Tobin and Chelsea Ewing.

Welcome and thank you to these new CASA volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the children in our community.



AWARENESS EVENTS IN BROWN AND SCHUYLER COUNTIES

Our Brown and Schuyler MDT members celebrated April by coordinating awareness events with the Brown County Elementary School and Schuyler County Elementary Schools. Parents of students in grades pre-k through 4th were provided a two page abuse and prevention fact sheet and students were given printed pinwheels to decorate and return to the school. Winners were selected from each grade and were given a gift bag and teachers of the winning students were also given a gift. Winning pictures in Brown County were displayed at the school and in Schuyler County winning pictures were on display at Pizza Unlimited through the end of the month.



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