



*"Standing Strong for Abused Children"*

October 2025

## ***THE WHISTLE IS ABOUT TO BLOW***

The agency's annual fundraising dinner is set for Friday, October 17th, at The Ambiance in Quincy. There is still time to make your reservations for this fun, casual and enjoyable event. If you would like to attend the dinner, please call the office at 217-223-2272 and ask to speak to Diane. **Reservations and payment are due by October 3rd.** Reservations can also be made at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or by scanning the QR code below. Reservations are \$50.00 each (open seating) or a table of 8 for \$400.00 (reserved seating).

The committee has been working hard planning a lot of exciting things that you won't want to miss. There will be a live auction, silent auction, raffles, games, bake sale and more. Trips to Florida and Gulf Shores as well as a Kansas City Chiefs game, Chicago Cubs game, jewelry, home décor, kids packages, and bourbon packages are just a few of the items being auctioned off. There is something for everyone!

The dinner is the agency's major fundraising event of the year and helps us provide critical services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect.



For additional information, you can visit the agency's Facebook page or website at [www.advonet.org](http://www.advonet.org). We hope to see you there!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### October

13 Office closed  
17 Annual Fundraising Dinner

#### November

11 Office closed  
27-28 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

## STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome Jessilyn White as the new CASA Coordinator Assistant in Mason and Menard Counties. Jessilyn started with the agency on September 8th. Welcome to the team!

Several staff members attended the 31st annual Downstate Conference on Child Abuse held in Fairview Heights, Illinois. This 2-day conference highlighted several areas of child abuse including CSAM, human trafficking, intrafamilial abuse, problematic sexual behavior, the connection between child and animal abuse and so much more. Pictured are Amber Range, Jamie Peek, Amber Sarnes, Diane Pieper, Chelsea Ewing, Todd Shackelford, and Karolina Anton-Mumma.



In the course of three transformative days, three of our agency leaders joined Latonya Brock and Tahanna Jenkins for an Inclusive Leadership Training. They explored self-awareness, tackled biases, and built skills to foster collaboration, psychological safety, and inclusive cultures. Pictured are Latonya Brock, Danielle Buss, Jamie Carroll, Brittany Durst and Tahanna Jenkins.



## NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS SWORN IN

Adams County CASA swore in its newest CASA volunteers on August 25th at the Adams County Courthouse by Judge John Wooleyhan. Pictured are Steve Meckes, Maryann Cornwell, Judge Wooleyhan, Cindy Whiston, and Cassie Epperson.

CASA volunteers are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for abused or neglected children in the court system. Volunteers receive 30 hours of training which include courtroom procedures, working with social service agencies and the special needs of abused and neglected children. For more information, call the office at 217-223-2272.



A big welcome to these new volunteers and thank you for all you will do for the children in our community!

## 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

A big thanks to the wonderful RSVP volunteers who helped with the mailing of our fundraising dinner invitations: Mary Wilson, Donna Fuller, Diane Meyer, Cathy Becks, Nancy Feathergill and Debbie Coulson.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!



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