



"Standing Strong for Abused Children"

December 2025

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We would like to thank everyone who supported our agency this past year. Your support allowed us to continue helping abused and neglected children in our community.

Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, our 98 CASA volunteers were a voice for 644 children in the court system because of abuse or neglect in the ten area counties served. Our Children's Advocacy Center program coordinated 419 cases of reported sexual abuse, severe physical abuse or witness to domestic violence or a crime in the nine area counties served. Our Prevention Program made presentations to 2,762 students in Pre-K through 5th grade to teach these students about personal safety, how to respond to unwelcome touches and who to tell if someone gives them an unwelcome touch.

If you would like to make a donation, please forward payment to 1420 Harrison Street, Quincy, IL 62301. You can also visit our website at www.advonet.org and click on the "Donate Now" button. All donations are eligible for tax deductions.

Together, we can bring hope, promise, and healing to the most vulnerable victims of a crime, our children.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the staff at Advocacy Network for Children, we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year: Karolina Anton-Mumma, Jess Bullard, Danielle Buss, Jamie Carroll, Brittany Durst, Chelsea Ewing, Lexi Goehl, Anita Hanke, Carol Hudgens, Mandy Humphry, Kristan Miller, Jamie Peek, Diane Pieper, Amber Range, Emily Rettenmeier, Amber Sarnes, Todd Shackelford, Susan Tode and Jessilyn White.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December
24-25 Office closed
January
01 Office closed
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

STAFF NEWS

Three of our CAC funded staff attended the Advocate Training in East Peoria on November 18th and 19th. They joined advocates from around the state to gain new knowledge and tools to ensure that every child's voice is heard and every child's story matters. Pictured (left to right) are Diane Pieper, Karolina Anton-Mumma and Anita Hanke.



Brittany Durst (CASA Manager) and her husband Cory, welcomed their newest addition on October 28th. Mason joins big brothers Wyatt and Liam. The family is doing wonderful and we wish them all the best during this exciting time.

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.

CAN WE TALK

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 at 217-223-2272 to set up a time.

THANK YOU

A \$12,500.00 grant was received from the Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County. As stipulated in the grant, funds will be used to support the Pike County CASA program.

A \$1,500.00 charitable grant was received from the Keokuk Area Community Foundation. As stipulated in the grant, funds will be used to support the Hancock County CASA program.

A \$4,887.60 grant was received from the Tracy Family Foundation. Funds were used to send nine staff members to the Prevent Child Abuse Conference held October 23-24 in Naperville, Illinois.

Members of Giving Together selected our agency's Adams County CASA program and made a total donation of \$2,400.00.

The agency is blessed to receive funding for its various programs from local United Way agencies. Those include United Way of Adams County, Prairieland United Way, McDonough County United Way and United Way of the Great River Region.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is greatly appreciated.



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