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Quanada Receives Schuyler County United Way Award

Quanada was recently awarded \$1,000.00 from the Schuyler County United Way. This money will be used to support our satellite services for Schuyler County. Providing service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in rural communities is always challenging. Community resources are often scarce and the isolation that exists can contribute to a sense of hopelessness for victims. Support from the Schuyler County United Way is very helpful in assisting us with providing valuable service to this vulnerable population.

Souperbowl of Caring

Quincy Catholic Charities, Two Rivers and Quanada staff got together over a year ago and began talking about a combined food drive for our respective food pantries. We all were experiencing the same trend – increasing



Students at the Central Middle School collect food for the Souperbowl of Caring.

need for our pantries in the face of decreasing resources. Instead of reinventing the wheel with our efforts, we decided to adopt an already established food drive model – the Souperbowl of Caring. Our three agencies solicited participation from area schools, businesses and other groups for this food drive. We then went to the media to increase our promotional efforts. The result was better than we could have ever hoped for. We raised almost 25,000 pounds of non-perishable food that was evenly split between our three pantries. Look for this event again next year as football season kicks off, and check out www.souperbowl.org for more information.

Rock Against Rape

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Quanada did something different this year to bring awareness to this very important issue. Five local bands donated their time to play at Rock Against Rape held at Backwaters on April 17. The event raised \$1,400 for Quanada and featured Blue Healer, The Funions, Cheeks McGee, Fielder and Bailey Melton. Rock Against Rape was sponsored by Mississippi Belle Distributors, Comcast Cable and Pepsi.

Porch Refurbishment Project

Have you noticed the fresh paint on the porch facing Maine Street yet? For several years now, this wrap-around porch and a side, two-story porch have been in dire need of repair. A recent \$25,000.00 award from the Marion Gardner Jackson Trust has enabled us to replace damaged parts including a roof, some decking, spindles and railings. Everything was then scraped and new paint was applied. All three of these porches are used for private counseling or reflection space during warm seasons. Two of them also provide a necessary egress for client bedrooms. Thank you Marion Gardner Jackson Trust!

From the Executive Director

As I sit down to write this piece for our summer newsletter, things are pretty bleak for social services in Illinois. As usual, the state has a budget that is not even close to being balanced, and social services are in the crosshairs. It's pretty common for politicians to use social services as a pawn in the money game. Using the threat of cuts in human service programs is a fast way to achieve your goal of generating additional revenue for the state through things like tax increases. As I write this, it's two weeks before the next fiscal year and we're being told to expect a reduction of up to 75% in domestic violence and sexual assault funding. Originally, I was going to write this entire piece on the impact those cuts would have. But I've dealt with enough negative news over the last month. Instead, I'm going to focus on the positive.

Fiscal year 09 has been a very successful year for Quanada. We started by reorganizing at the board level. Our improved recruitment process resulted in bringing new talent and expertise onto our board. We conducted an external evaluation of the agency and used it to work on the development of a strategic plan. Along with help from Media Development and Comcast Cable, we conducted a very successful marketing campaign throughout the year. Our fundraising committee developed a solid fundraising plan which will take us into next fiscal year. We managed to make some very necessary improvements on the building here at Woodland Home including the refurbishment of the porches, external painting of the building and the removal of old, decaying trees. We collaborated with several other area agencies throughout the year on various projects including an awareness walk with the YWCA and the Children's Action Network, a fundraising/food drive walk with Madonna House, the CROP Walk

with area churches, the I Dream Before I Take the Stand play with the Quincy Community Theater and the Souperbowl of Caring with Quincy Catholic Charities and Two Rivers. We picked up new money from places like the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation and the Schuyler County United Way. We were also able to maintain existing local funding sources like the Adams County United Way, the Brown County United Way, the Quincy Area Community Foundation, the Marion Gardner Jackson Trust and the Tracy Family Foundation. And we had the busiest year on record with our domestic violence program and our food pantry – this part may not indicate a “successful” year actually, but I trust you get the point.

These are just a few of the highlights for the year. As I look back, most of our “success” was actually assisted by the hard work and generosity of others. Sure, we're facing an uncertain fiscal future with proposed funding cuts at the state level. All human services are. But this community has always stepped up to assist those in need, no matter what that need may be. On behalf of Quanada and the domestic violence and sexual assault victims we serve, I thank all of you for helping us fulfill our mission each and every day!

Jerry Gille, Executive Director



Banquets for Volunteers

Michelle Thompson, the Quanada Volunteer Coordinator recently held two banquets to thank the many volunteers that contribute daily to our agency. We maintain two categories of volunteers: direct service and non-direct service. Direct service volunteers provide services to clients. This includes things like transportation, childcare and answering the phones. These volunteers must complete 60 hours of training prior to providing this service. Non-direct service volunteers can do a variety of things that support Quanada's mission indirectly. These services include things like assisting in the food and clothing pantries, unloading commodity trucks and clerical duties.

Quanada cannot thank our volunteers enough for all they do for us. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Michelle Thompson at 222-0069.

Guys from the local trades unions enjoy lunch at the recent volunteer banquet.



Mock Trial

Quanada in Pike County, in conjunction with Judge Michael Roseberry and other legal professionals presented a mock rape trial at the Pike County Courthouse this spring. Two different presentations were conducted,



Participants in the Pike County Mock Rape Trial.

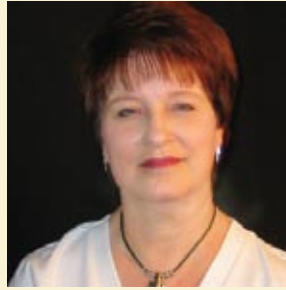
allowing for students from Pleasant Hill, Griggsville-Perry, Western and Pittsfield High Schools to attend. The scenario for the trial was based on an actual case and revolved around whether the event was one of legal consent or whether it constituted sexual assault.

The students were very attentive to the condensed, yet accurate, trial process. The selected “jury” was asked to vote on the verdict of guilt or innocence, both times resulting in a hung jury. It was clear however, that the students were uncertain of what the law was regarding legal consent. Judge Roseberry spoke afterwards regarding the concept of “no meaning no” in the eyes of the law.

Student comments regarding the case revealed that many of them were conflicted in their opinions, confusing the victim's “bad choices” as justification for the defendant's actions. This response provided even further proof of our need to educate youth on sexual violence and also highlighted the positive outcomes that can result from innovative prevention education efforts.

Meet Joan DeLany

Joan was born in Ohio to staunch immigrant parents, was raised and educated in San Francisco and is a graduate of the University of San Francisco, an old established Jesuit institution which instilled in her the love of community issues and advocacy for those in need.



Joan brings extensive experience to our Sexual Assault Program. She spent many years at the regional level for Child Protective Services (similar to DCFS here) in Arlington, Texas and then as a Program Director for a 102-bedroom DV Shelter and Transitional Housing in Ft. Worth. Most recently, Joan taught at-risk and low-income women job skills, GED, and English as a Second Language.

She says: "I am "off the charts" excited about my new job at Quanada because it gives me a chance to reconnect with so many wonderful folks here in Quincy (I worked for Quanada previously as a CIW Supervisor) as well as the opportunity to serve clients and supervise and lead our Sexual Assault Program. I enjoy being out in the community getting to know my staff as we focus on a prosperous prevention, counseling and advocacy program for sexual assault survivors. I am thrilled and thankful to be here."

We're thrilled to have you with us too, Joan!

Mary Icenogle

In April 2009, Quanada lost a long-time employee and friend, Mary Icenogle. Mary began as the assistant house manager with Quanada in 1990, but prior to that she worked with us under the Green Thumb auspices. Although Mary's primary responsibilities involved housekeeping chores and organizing donations over the years, she was best known for her honest, straight talk concerning the agency and the families we serve. Mary touched the lives of untold women and children here at Quanada, and she will be sadly missed.

The following individuals made donations to Quanada in memory of Mary Icenogle:

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gattis
Robert Halpern
Bernice Jording
Jack Watkins
Vickie Tipton
Lynn Sprick
Mary and Dave Oakley
Jane Meginnis
Bobbie Likes

Betty Lewis
Alma & Charlie Duesdieker
Karen Bliven
Donna McClelland
Jim Keane
Marilena Frier
Donna Burke
Shirley Johnson
Pat & Linda Haugh



Volunteer Spotlight

Stacey Donhardt

Stacey Donhardt has been a Quanada volunteer since 2006. She is married and has 3 children. Stacey has brought a broad base of knowledge to Quanada. When she first started volunteering, she had an in-home day care. She then worked as a security guard

for Quincy Public Schools. Currently, she is a Substance Abuse Counselor at Vandalia Women's Prison in Missouri and going to school. She still has found time to be a valued member of the Hospital Response Team. She has logged nearly 1000 volunteer hours in each of the last two years. We consider ourselves lucky to have such a dedicated, talented volunteer!



Board Member Spotlight

Dina Dreyer

Hello, my name is Dina Dreyer. I recently joined the Quanada Board of Directors in the spring of 2008. As a new member of the board I am committed to providing an opportunity for a better quality of life to those individuals whose lives are directly or indirectly affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Quanada makes such a difference in so many lives by providing assistance and offering support services to help those in crisis to regain control of their lives and to become productive members of our community. I am happy for the opportunity to be able to assist in whatever way I can.

I am currently a member of the Quincy Police Department where I have been employed for the past 21 years. My current assignment is the Administrative Services Commander where my duties include the overseeing of the training, accreditation, animal control and fleet management functions of the department. My husband Ron and I have three children, Joshua, Karlee and Reis who keep us very busy outside of work.



Law Enforcement Training

Law enforcement is often first on the scene in most domestic violence and sexual assault cases. They will say that these cases can be difficult and dangerous to respond to. Good training is essential for the safety of the victim, the safety of the officer and to encourage a positive outcome for the case. Quanada recently provided domestic violence and sexual assault training to all law enforcement in Pike County and the Quincy Police Department in Adams County. We would like to thank all area law enforcement for their commitment to keeping victims safe while holding perpetrators accountable for their crimes!



Participants in the Madonna House/Quanada fundraising and food drive walk.

I Dream Before I Take The Stand

Quanada recently collaborated on a very unique project with staff and volunteers from the Quincy Community Theater. The project involved our prevention education efforts in the schools. We selected a play entitled *I Dream Before I Take The Stand* and volunteers from the Quincy Community Theater acted the short play out at prevention presentations for high school students. The play depicts a female victim of sexual assault dreaming the night before she is scheduled to take the stand in the trail of her attacker. As can happen in reality, she fears the defense attorney will turn the trial

around and place the blame on her for the attack. Her fears are realized in this dream as the defense attorney questions her about what she was wearing, how she was walking, smiling at the man before the attack, etc. A Quanada Prevention Educator facilitates a discussion about this issue and sexual assault in general following the completion of the play. We cannot thank Dominic Cattero, Brandon Thomsen, Bobette Cawthon and Kevin Jobe with QCT enough for assisting us with this wonderful teaching and awareness tool.

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