



## Volunteer Engagement & Training Report to the Board of Directors

December 2022

### What's Happened

- Developed a report that allows us to utilize the database to track available advocates and have case preference and case proposal information in one document. It replaces an outdated, difficult-to-read, poorly maintained spreadsheet.
- Created new continuing ed content: a holiday bundle with videos and articles about the holidays in foster care.
- Led our programming intern through the process of contacting outdated inquiries as listed in our database. This allowed us to clean up the data (inquiries went from 5 pages to 2), and 4 of the people contacted expressed continued interest.
- Swore 5 new advocates.
- 44 advocates registered to attend the holiday event on 12/12. A group from US Venture IT set up our gift shop. A group from Miller wrapped gifts on event day. The team debriefed the event on 12/13 and generated some good ideas for next year.

### What I'm Working On

- Holiday Event wrap-up
  - Budgeting, notes and reflections, sending token of appreciation & cards to advocates, thank yous to group volunteers
- Advocate Newsletter
- Recruitment for next training session which will begin on January 19
  - Currently have 2 ready for training
  - 3 of the 4 people who were in the last info session will not continue. All cite lack of time.
    - Of the 4: 1 was referred by a current advocate, 1 saw us in the paper (thanks to Volunteer Fox Cities), 1 knew of us from his time in education and was curious, and 1 was too young when she first expressed interest over a year ago.
- Continuing Education: 2022 Compliance; Plans for 2023
  - Of 88 advocates who were assigned to cases:
    - 31 advocates have completed their CE requirement
    - 9 advocates have entered 0 hours for 2022
    - There are 51 others who are not assigned with varying degrees of compliance. Many of these folks simply need to be removed from our list. That is a work in progress.
- Volunteer Manual Updates

## **What's Coming Up**

- Work with Programming Intern
  - Creating a Continuing Ed session to be delivered in April
- Database Transfer
- Volunteer Appreciation Week in April

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