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Garden Named in Honor of Late Child Advocacy Leader

People gathered in downtown Geneva Friday afternoon to remember a devoted advocate for victimized children in Kane County.

Co-workers and members of the legal and child welfare communities reflected on the life and work of Debra Bree, who served as the executive director of the Kane County Child Advocacy Center, by dedicating a community garden in her memory. The garden is located on the north side of the Child Advocacy Center on Campbell Street in Geneva. Bree died in 2020 at the age of 45 after a nearly two-year battle with colon cancer.

Bree joined the Kane County State's Attorney's Office in 2000, and spent most of her prosecutorial career working on behalf of children. She worked in the Juvenile Division before being named lead prosecutor of the Child Advocacy Center in 2009. She was tapped as its executive director in 2012.



"What we have today is another thing that is going to remind us of Deb's smile and that is this beautiful garden. So, when children come here in the worst of times, they get to see the beauty that was imagined because of her," said Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser

The Kane County Child Advocacy Center was established in 1994 as a prosecution-based program to ensure coordination and cooperation in the investigation of cases of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse to children in Kane County. The Center also provides education, prevention and counseling for victims and their families.

April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.