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Local Pediatrician Joins SCAN's Board of Directors

Dr. Carolyn Port works with children and families everyday as a pediatrician. In July, she joined SCAN's Board of Directors to protect children and strengthen families even more.

"I've seen child abuse firsthand far too often," Carolyn said. "It has become a very important cause to me and to find an organization that cares as much or more than I do was really ideal."

Carolyn completed her residency at the Medical College of Virginia/VCU School of Medicine. While there, she worked with Dr. Robin Foster, director of pediatric emergency services. Carolyn encountered many incidents of child abuse, she said, and even had to testify in several cases that went to court. Today, Carolyn now practices at the Pediatric Center.

As a Board member, Carolyn is looking forward to using her network of pediatricians and parents to spread the word about SCAN and child abuse prevention. Recently, Carolyn was inspired by the Stewards of Children child sexual abuse prevention training. She hopes to arrange a training for a group of pediatricians.

"You don't want it to happen to any child, but you especially don't want it to be anyone you know," she said. "I want anyone in our practice to be able to be honest and ask for help and I think that starts with pediatricians knowing the signs and being approachable."

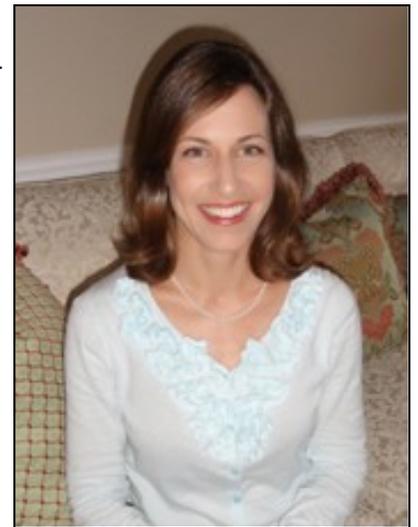
Carolyn was introduced to SCAN through her friend and former Board of Directors President Margaret Keightley. In addition, Carolyn's children attend Reveille Weekday School, which has been a longterm community partner of SCAN. Each year, they collect donations and help raise awareness during April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Carolyn and her husband have attended the Annual Windsor Farms Progressive Dinner & Auction for the past five years and last year she played the important role of managing the RSVPs.

"The Progressive Dinner is our favorite social event of year," Carolyn said.

Carolyn will play a vital role in planning the event for 2013. Carolyn said she sees her membership on the Board as an important community involvement that will allow her to help combat the issue of child abuse from many different angles.

"One of the neatest things about being on the Board," Carolyn said, "Is meeting people in such various fields. They each have their own approaches to the issue and something to offer to SCAN to help make a difference."



Thank you!

Thank you to Northwestern Mutual who collected snacks for children served by SCAN's programs.

Thank you to the Altria Companies Employee Community Fund for awarding SCAN with two grants to support work in our programs.

Giving Through United Way

SCAN is eligible to receive donor designations through the United Way campaigns. Please consider contributing through United Way. Our campaign codes are as follows:

United Way Campaign: #3343 (please also list SCAN)
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC): #82607
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Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC): #3646

Trauma Informed Child Welfare

The latest research increasingly suggests that childhood trauma hurts children on a number of levels including brain development, social relationships, and education. SCAN has made a commitment to use this latest research and refer to other models around the country to improve services for maltreated children.

Recently, SCAN has helped to create a think tank to discuss trauma-informed child welfare practices with partners in the Department of Social Services and nonprofit sector. SCAN hopes to help the community not only understand the impact of childhood trauma, but also ensure that systems in place to serve maltreated children translate this knowledge to effective policy and practice changes. Examples of trauma-informed practices include maximizing safety for children, helping children manage overwhelming emotions, addressing the impacts of trauma, and providing support to family members and caregivers.

SCAN will be working to incorporate and improve trauma-informed practices in each of its own programs. For example, FAM will be working to incorporate trauma as a topic into its child abuse and neglect trainings. Also through FAM, SCAN will educate school systems about the impacts of trauma and how educators and counselors can respond. The Family Support Program will be evaluating and updating its client intake process and group curriculum. Through the Child Advocacy Center, SCAN will work to support systemic and legislative change. Finally, Richmond CASA will work to train more of its volunteers to be sensitive and aware of the impacts of trauma.

VOTE For Children

Greater Richmond
SCAN is participating in Richmond
Unite's annual voting competition that



supports charities with programs for Richmond's youth. SCAN must attain a minimum of 1,000 votes to qualify for a grant from Richmond Unite. The more votes, the bigger the donation! You can cast one vote, once a day, every day until September 15! Please go to <http://www.richmondunite.org/vote> to register, find our logo, and vote!

Coming Events

TASTE of Chinoiserie

September 22

Bull & Bear Club

*901 East Cary Street, 21st Floor
Richmond, VA 23219*

This special evening will include a cocktail reception, live and silent auctions, a six-course, wine-paired, seated dinner featuring Chinese and French Cuisines. [Learn more and purchase tickets.](#)

Oysters on the James

October 6, 4 to 6 p.m.

*Virginia Power Boat Association
4051 E Old Gun Road
Midlothian, VA*

Join us on the Southside for an oyster roast, barbeque, beer, wine and music. Learn more and purchase tickets here. [Learn more and purchase tickets here.](#) For questions about the event, please email Jana at jana.blue@richmondgov.com.

Franco's 40th Fashion Event

October 18, 6 to 8 p.m.

*Franco's
5321 Lakeside Avenue
Richmond, VA 23228*

Franco's will be hosting an evening to benefit SCAN. The event is free to attend and will feature fine clothing silent auction items, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and a men's fashion show. If you're interested in learning more about the event, please email Megan at msouthall@grscan.com.

Empowering Volunteers to Make a Difference

Jana has been the Volunteer Coordinator for Richmond CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) since January 2009. In November 2009, Richmond CASA merged with SCAN, and SCAN welcomed Jana and the rest of the CASA staff members.

Jana has a unique history of working with and motivating people. She owned her own restaurant for 20 years and worked as a retail manager for four years. With experience, hiring, managing, and training employees, she brought many skills to SCAN as the Richmond CASA Volunteer Coordinator.

In the beginning of 2012, Jana became the Volunteer Coordinator for all of SCAN's programs. The position is new, but Jana has taken on the complex role with energy and organization. SCAN uses volunteers in many ways including help with Children's Groups in the Family Support Program and the Child Advocacy Center, help in the classroom of the Circle Preschool Program, help with administrative tasks in our offices, and help at the many special events to raise awareness and funds for SCAN's vital work.



Since January, Jana has worked to both better recruit and educate volunteers. She has helped to craft and print a volunteer handbook and offer an increased number of volunteer trainings for all new volunteers. She has offered five volunteer orientations this year and aims to offer one each month.

"Volunteers become advocates for SCAN, even if they aren't actively volunteering," Jana said. "The training helps them to communicate and speak a little bit about what we do and increase our community impact."

Making sure volunteers are educated is a part of SCAN's overall commitment to continue to ensure the conversation about child abuse and neglect feels comfortable throughout the community. To that end, child abuse and neglect will affect fewer families.

"If someone goes through orientation and feels comfortable saying something about child abuse and neglect, that keeps the conversation going," Jana said.

SCAN currently has close to 200 active volunteers. She estimates that volunteers contribute an average of 5,000 volunteer hours a year at SCAN. She hopes that number will rise as she works to leverage volunteers more effectively.

"Volunteers are so vital because they free up our staff members who do clinical work so that they have the energy and the focus to do what they do best," Jana said. "When I can help them not worry about recruiting and training the volunteers, that also allows them to do their best work to help families."

[Learn more about volunteering at SCAN at www.grscan.com.](http://www.grscan.com)

Don't Forget to Follow Us on Social Media!

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.The Twitter logo, featuring the word "twitter" in a stylized, rounded, light blue font with a white outline.

Training the Community on Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting

As of July 1, there are several new mandated reporter laws. Some of those changes include adding new professionals and citizens to the list of people who are mandated to report child abuse and neglect and an increase in the fine for failing to report. You can read a full list of these new changes at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/>.

SCAN has long offered trainings throughout the Greater Richmond community about the requirements of reporting child abuse and neglect. SCAN trained 377 people during the 2011-12 fiscal year. SCAN offers the trainings to a wide variety of organizations and groups including public and private schools, local law enforcement, athletic coaches and after school programs.

“We need people who are involved in kids lives to be knowledgeable and empowered to protect them,” said Families Are Magic (FAM) Coordinator Denise Noble.

The presentation and training explains the different types of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect), describes the red flags, and details the reporting process. After the trainings, Denise asks attendees to complete an evaluation. One hundred percent of the people who turn in the evaluations say that the training increased their knowledge about indicators of child abuse and neglect and how to report it in addition to increasing their confidence to handle a situation in which abuse and/or neglect is occurring.

“Our goal is that everybody will know what to do, will take action and know that SCAN is a constant resource for information and help,” Denise said. “I truly believe that we are a society that cares for our children, but many people just don’t know how to protect children and trainings are one of the ways we can help.”

Thank you Protector’s Circle 2011-2012 Members

Kathleen and Gerard Albanese	Cindy and Michael Joyce
Trina and Roy Anise	Margaret and Jerry Keightley
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Save the Date!

SCAN's Bourbon Street Event

February 9, 2013
Tuckahoe Woman's Club

Race to Protect Children 5k

April 6, 2013
West Broad Village

Windsor Farms Progressive Dinner & Auction

April 20, 2013
Tuckahoe Woman's Club