

SCAN-IT

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As we close the year, we are so grateful for your support of our vital work to protect children and strengthen families in our community. We'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on what we've been able to accomplish together.

Where do parents go who need help creating a safer and more supportive environment for their children?

The [Family Support Program](#) offers 17 different weekly treatment and education groups to help caregivers enhance their parenting skills, build their social networks, increase their knowledge of child development, and become aware of valuable community resources. SCAN offers these groups for a variety of special populations including high-risk families, Spanish-speaking caregivers and kin who are raising their relative's children. All parents in our community can access SCAN's [Families Are Magic \(FAM\) Prevention Program](#) at www.FAMRichmond.org, a clearinghouse of child development information and parenting resources.

How do children heal after they have been hurt?

SCAN's [Circle Preschool Program](#) provides high quality early childhood education and intensive mental health treatment to ensure children are able to grow and develop despite their traumatic histories of abuse. It's the only program like it available in the area. SCAN also offers ongoing intensive mental health treatment at the [Child Advocacy Center](#) and provides therapeutic services in the [Family Support Program](#). SCAN's compassionate and highly trained staff members apply best-practice research to achieve the best outcomes for children.

How does the community learn how to better respond to child abuse and neglect?

The [FAM Prevention Program](#) provides child abuse and neglect prevention and training workshops to teachers, law enforcement officials, child care centers and more. This empowers all community members to protect children. SCAN also works at the local, state and national level to educate leaders about policies and practices that best serve vulnerable children. For example, SCAN has created a Childhood Trauma Think Tank with local nonprofit and government partners to share the latest research and best practices to help children who have experienced trauma. Also, the [Child Advocacy Center](#) works to stay informed of proposed laws and other policy changes that affect children, often working to educate legislators and policy makers.

How can children who have been abused and neglected have a voice in the court system?

When children are involved in cases of abuse and neglect, [Richmond CASA \(Court Appointed Special Advocate\)](#) volunteers work with many people, including law enforcement officials, lawyers, social workers and physicians. Supervised by Case Managers, CASA volunteers gather valuable information to assist the Judge in making decisions about the child's placement and permanency. CASA volunteers, who are assigned to 100% of the child abuse and neglect cases in Richmond city, work to place children in safe, permanent homes. Our volunteers are the voices of children who have been hurt by the people who are supposed to keep them safe.

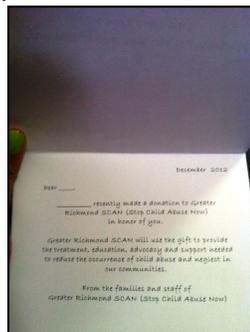
Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our annual **Santa Shop!** You helped make the holidays brighter for more than 75 parents and more than 200 children! None of this could have been possible without the incredible organization of our Board of Young Professionals and the generosity of our volunteers and supporters.

The James Center
Omni Hotels
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St. Catherine's School
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Joseph Hyman and Jeff Elgin who were our jolly Santas!

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103 E. Grace Street
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Welcome New Board of Directors Members

Thank you to our newest Board of Directors members who will be working to support SCAN's vital work for the next three years: **Lisa H. Leiner, Marni N. Rice and Brett Hawkins.**

Join the Fight to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Please join us for the revolutionary child sexual abuse prevention training. You have the power to prevent child sexual abuse. Our trainings are held at the Greater Richmond SCAN office at 103 E. Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The trainings are from 6 to 9 p.m.

Coming training dates are:

January 17
February 21

Please email Denise to register at dno-ble@grscan.com.

Learn more about the trainings at www.d2l.org.

Save the Date

Bourbon Street at the Tuckahoe
Mardi Gras Event
February 9, 2013

Tuckahoe Woman's Club
Visit www.grscan.com to purchase tickets.

Race to Protect Children 5k Run/Walk
and Children's Festival

April 6, 2013
West Broad Village

Windsor Farms Progressive
Dinner & Auction

April 20, 2013
Tuckahoe Woman's Club

Because of YOU, SCAN was able to achieve the following during the 2011-2012 fiscal year:

SCAN trained **384 community members** in Stewards of Children, the revolutionary child sexual abuse prevention training.

FAM offered other child abuse and neglect presentations and parenting workshops, training a total of **1,318 Richmond area community members**.

In all of FAM's workshops, **100% of attendees** responded that they increased their knowledge on child abuse and neglect indicators, how to handle a situation of abuse and neglect, about positive discipline techniques and more.

The Family Support Program held **16 weekly treatment and education groups** to parents who had hurt their children or were at risk of hurting their children, serving a total of **329 parents and 227 children**.

The Child Advocacy Center served **446 children** who had been victims of severe physical abuse or sexual abuse by providing forensic interviews, intensive mental health treatment, and coordination of prosecution and investigation services.

Richmond CASA served **100% of all abused or neglected children** who came before the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

While in the care of Richmond CASA volunteers, **99% of children** did not experience re-abuse and **100% were placed in homes** with the least restrictive environment for their needs.

During its first year, the innovative Circle Preschool Program provided intensive mental health treatment and high quality early childhood education to **13 children** who have experienced abuse, neglect and been exposed to domestic violence. The Circle Preschool also provided mental health treatment and education to **22 caregivers** of these children.

Thank you!

Thank you to **The Camel**, who is hosting a snack drive through December 22. We'll use snacks collected through this collection to offer children receiving services from SCAN.

Thank you again to **Ellwood Thompson's** who donated proceeds from a 5% Day to SCAN. [Click here](#) to see the check they presented SCAN.

Thank you to the **Shops at 5807** for hosting a successful Annual Night Out to benefit SCAN's programs. The night of great deals and fabulous gifts raised funds to support our work.

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