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The Child Advocacy Center Has a New Home

SCAN opened the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in 2004 to improve the region's investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child sexual and severe physical abuse cases. November of 2014 marks the Center's 10-year anniversary of serving children in the Greater Richmond area. Since SCAN opened the CAC in Old City Hall, it has served an ever growing number of children and families in need.

The CAC served 61 children during the 2004-2005 fiscal year. During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the CAC served 535 children. This increase is because the CAC is now used by more agencies and is therefore able to serve more victims of child abuse and/or neglect.

When it first opened in 2004, the CAC had established one Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). The CAC now has five MDTs with partner agencies in the City of Richmond, Henrico County, Chesterfield County, Louisa County and Prince George County. In addition to using the CAC on a weekly basis to assist in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases, these teams also meet on a monthly basis for case review, peer review and leadership team meetings.

Because of these great partnerships, the CAC began outgrowing its office. In early 2013, the landlord of SCAN's main administrative office began looking for a new tenant for an adjacent building at 101 East Grace Street. SCAN decided it was the right time and place to move the CAC.

The space will greatly increase the square footage of the CAC and improve the functionality of its operations. The new location will feature more individual mental health therapy rooms, offices for full-time staff members, increased storage for files, a larger forensic interview room, a larger observation room and a larger play area for families and children. The new location will also offer expanded meeting space for the MDT partners. The ease and convenience of being located next door to SCAN's main office is an added benefit.

We are fortunate to have this new opportunity as it will allow SCAN to work more efficiently with our partners and to ultimately provide higher quality services to children and families in need.

[Learn more about the Child Advocacy Center at www.grscan.com.](http://www.grscan.com)



Mark your Calendars

April 24
5 to 7pm

101 East Grace Street, Richmond, VA

SCAN cordially invites you to attend an Open House to preview the new Child Advocacy Center home.
More details to come!

Join Us for the Prevent-a-Thon During National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 21 to 26

Times and locations for the annual Prevent-a-Thon will be available soon! Make plans now to sign up for a Stewards of Children training. SCAN will offer daily trainings free of charge to all participants.



Stewards of Children is ideal for parents, staff and volunteers in youth-serving organizations and concerned community members.

If you would like to host a training for your company, school, church or other group, contact Lauren at lweidner@grscan.com or 804-257-SCAN (7226).

Become a Pinwheel Partner



National Child Abuse Prevention Month is right around the corner. Get your company, organization, civic group, church and more involved!

Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention because they symbolize a happy, uplifting childhood. SCAN invites you to use pinwheels as a visible sign of support for keeping children in our community safe. Start by "planting" a Pinwheel Garden at your church, your school, your office, your home or other locations. We will provide the pinwheels. Suggested donation is \$1 per pinwheel.

Contact Lauren at lweidner@grscan.com or 804-257-SCAN (7226) to request your pinwheels.

Thank you!

Thank you to **Isley Brewing Company** who hosted many of our friends, partners and supporters on February 24. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

Thank you to **CarMax** and its great employees who have volunteered their time with SCAN. In honor of their service, the **CarMax Foundation** awarded SCAN with several grants.

Thank you to the **Hunter Charitable Trust** who recently awarded a grant to the **Family Support Program**.

Thank you to the **WaWa Charities Program** who recently award SCAN a grant to support the **Child Advocacy Center**.

Join Us!

**6th Annual Race to
Protect Children 5k,
Run/ Walk, Kids Run
& Children's Festival**

**Saturday, May 3, 2014
West Broad Village**

**8:30 a.m. Kids Run
9 a.m. 5k Run/Walk
9 a.m. Children's Festival**

**Start a team, fundraise, make a
difference at www.grscan.com.**



SCAN Prepares to Offer a New Stewards of Children Training

SCAN has trained more than 1,200 people through Stewards of Children, a nationally accredited child sexual abuse prevention training developed by Darkness to Light. The training is designed to help community members recognize, react and report child sexual abuse.

The original three-hour video-led training has led many people to become more aware and take action to prevent child sexual abuse. A new version of the training is now available, “Stewards of Children 2.0.” SCAN received its materials for the new version on January 31 and will begin offering the updated training in April.

The new version is two-hours and presents the same core values and topics that aim to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and increase child protection. It features survivor stories and details the “Five Steps to Protecting Our Children.”

“Hopefully because the version can be shown in 2 to 2.5 hours, more people will be able to make the time commitment to participate” says Families Are Magic Prevention Program Coordinator Lucy Block, “Thus extending our reach to empowering more adults to prevent child sexual abuse.”

Lucy is training facilitators to be authorized to present the new version by April 1 so that SCAN can debut the 2.0 version for the Sixth Annual Prevent-A-Thon, April 21 to 26. During this time, SCAN aims to train as many community members as possible through Stewards of Children in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

As SCAN rolls out the new training in the Greater Richmond community, Lucy says that participants will walk away with concrete, realistic ways to prevent child sexual abuse and have a clear understanding of their role in protecting kids. In addition, Lucy expects participants to be inspired to implement new practices in their homes, their communities and places of work.

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Thank you Protector’s Circle Members

- Ruth & Franco Ambrogi
- Trina & Roy Anise
- Toni Ardabell
- Kelly & Tiff Armstrong
- Casey & Pete Bartok
- Mary Lou & Tom Bean
- Lindley & Coburn Beck
- Erin Bills
- Cathy & Howard Bos
- Kathryn & Matt Brotherton
- Ellen & Orran Brown
- Wendy & Wadsworth Bugg
- Leemore & Alan Burke
- Daisy & Tom Byrd
- Edie & Bob Cabaniss
- James Cabaniss
- Jennifer & David Campbell
- Jeff Chandler
- Samantha & Jimmy Chou
- Carl & Samira Creel
- Rose & Josh Dare
- Susan & Robert Dausch
- Rachel & Guy Davis
- Sam Dibert
- Trudy Rickman & Chuck Dean
- Lynn & David DeGhetto
- Paul Edmunds
- Lawrence Eiben
- Carolyn & Jeff Elgin
- Wayne and Jean Enroughty
- Audrey and David Franks
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- Bruce Gottwald, Jr.
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- Betsy & Frank Harris
- Hillary & Brett Hawkins
- Diane & Gene Hosenfeld
- Renee & Stephen Hupp
- Kari & Heath Hyman
- Gail & Reginald Johnson
- Kimberly Cosby & William Johnson, Jr.
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- Cindy & Michael Joyce
- Margaret & Jerry Keightley
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- Debra R. Krey
- Amy & Byron Ladd
- Ben Ladd
- Lisa & Harris Leiner
- Anne Marie & Paul Lundmark
- Tehshau Luan
- Elizabeth & Michael Martin
- Sally Maruca
- Carol McCoy
- Cathy & Read McGehee
- Jasper Mersereau
- Caroline & Marshall Morton
- Lynn Mussatt
- Nancy & Bruce Oglesby
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- Susan Gray & Ronald Page
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- Stephanie & Brad Welles
- Laura & Steve Wilson

Circle Preschool Program Celebrates Three-Year Anniversary

Valentine's Day marked the third year that the Circle Preschool Program has been open to help children who have suffered trauma related to abuse, neglect or exposure to domestic violence. The program has proven to change lives as SCAN's highly trained staff members and volunteers provide intensive mental health treatment and high quality early childhood education daily.

Below is an interview featuring Denise Powers, Program Director & Early Childhood Specialist, and Fred Orelve, Ph.D., Volunteer and Planning Director at Yale National Initiative.

What makes you most excited about coming to the preschool every day?

Denise: I am driven to come to the preschool every day to provide consistency for the children and to show them that they deserve safe grown-ups coming to school just for them!

Fred: The thought of helping to put a smile on a child's face and the opportunity to work with an extraordinary staff.

What has been one of the greatest successes for you during the program's existence?

Denise: It is thrilling when the children realize that they have great ideas worth the time and attention from the adults and their friends at school. This realization promotes so much emotional, social, cognitive and motoric development.

Fred: To watch children grow, develop, and successfully transition into kindergarten.

What do you hope for the future of the preschool?

Denise: One of my hopes is that we can inform all individuals, agencies and entities about Trauma-Informed Care so that when children present trauma-related behaviors, they are understood and supported to meet their needs.

Fred: To have the resources to continue to serve children and families and to launch additional sites, which will enable our community to support more children.

What is one thing that you would like someone to know about the program that they may not understand or know?

Denise: It seems essential that people who care for children understand that children must feel regulated to develop to their potential. A child must feel emotionally and socially secure to be able to learn with and from peers and adults. Once children feel safe and regulated, they are able to form relationships, interact, engage and learn. This is what the Circle Preschool offers to young children and their caregivers.

Fred: That it exists, and why it is necessary, and, especially, that it provides exemplary support for very deserving children and families.

