



SCAN-IT

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Coming Events:

Spend \$20 to Save 20%

March 26, 2011, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Join us for a day of friends, fellowship and shopping to support SCAN at the Shops at 5807 featuring mimosas, massages, wine, treats and all-day discounts.

Easter on Parade

April 24, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Join us at Easter on Parade, a family event on Monument Avenue between Davis and Allen. SCAN will host children's activities and sell Pinwheels for Prevention.

Qdoba Fundraiser

April 5

Visit the Qdoba at the Shops at Willow Lawn for lunch and dinner. When you present a flyer, a portion of your meal cost will be donated to SCAN. Visit www.grscan.com to print the flyer.

Richmond Raiders Football

April 9 and 16

Visit SCAN volunteers working at the Richmond Raiders indoor football games. SCAN will be selling Pinwheels for Prevention.

The People of SCAN

SCAN is able to reach hundreds of children and families affected by abuse and neglect each year thanks to talented staff, committed volunteers and dedicated donors. In this issue of our e-newsletter, you will read about the people who make the vital work at SCAN possible.

Why One Couple Donates Every Month

Sheri Dickerson and her husband Jeffrey donate to SCAN each month. Sheri and Jeffrey have made annual donations to SCAN for many years, but started making monthly online donations more than a year ago because of the convenience. Sheri said that they continue to donate because they felt SCAN's mission to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect was a cause they should support "because our family is blessed in so many ways, and we sometimes take it for granted that everyone has the same love and support that we and our children have always had."

The Dickersons were introduced to SCAN through board member Josh Dare and former board member Stan Wellman. Sheri said they were able to learn more by attending fundraising dinners and events for SCAN. The Dickersons also have neighbors who comprise an important part of SCAN's volunteer network. In addition, the couple also knows Anne Buzzelli, who provides valuable administrative support to SCAN staff members.

"She has shared stories about the good things SCAN does for those who may not have other resources," Sheri said. "It was a combination of all these things that made me look further into SCAN and I was very impressed with everything I read and heard about it."

"I have a soft spot in my heart for children and I know that abuse can be a vicious cycle," Sheri continued. "I like that SCAN not only supports children, but gives parents educational tools and resources to teach them how to better deal with parenting challenges and, hopefully, put their children's needs first. I like supporting a local charity and I've been so impressed with everything SCAN does and how it has grown, especially with the Child Advocacy Center."

To learn more about donating to SCAN, please visit: <http://www.grscan.com/howtohelp/donation/>.

Executive Director Honored as Creative Collaborator



Executive Director Jeanine Harper has been honored with a Groundbreakers Award by the Better Housing Coalition in the Creative Collaborator category. She is one of four Richmond leaders who will be honored at a celebration April 5. While Jeanine has created and nurtured a number of partnerships with organizations in the community during her 11 years at SCAN, the award also acknowledges her almost 25 years of leading change in the Richmond community.

A licensed social worker with a Master's in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University, Jeanine has served as Executive Director of three local organizations including Home Again and Sacred Heart Center. Her time at Sacred Heart and Home Again were marked with successes rooted in collaborative efforts including developing the CARITAS emergency shelter program in collaboration with Home Again, developing Flagler Services for homeless women and their families in partnership with St. Joseph's Villa, developing the first Single Room Occupancy program in collaboration with Virginia Supportive Housing, and developing the first preschool for homeless children in partnership with the YWCA. Jeanine has connected community members to solve problems by starting the first family fatality review team with the Commonwealth's Attorney office and Richmond Department of Social Services. Also, Jeanine is a valued adjunct faculty member at the VCU School of Social Work.

At SCAN, Jeanine has been able to reach out to diverse community

groups and affect change on behalf of vulnerable children and their families. Jeanine provided the vision and leadership that resulted in the formation of a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) which required engaging representatives from five core disciplines and ultimately led to the 2004 opening of the region's first and only Child Advocacy Center. In 2009, Jeanine provided guidance and leadership during a complex merger with Richmond CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). In February, SCAN opened the Circle Preschool Program, which is possible through the relationships Jeanine helped to cultivate with Leadership Metro Richmond and St. James's Children's Center. The work at St. James's will continue to rely on partnerships with VCU, the Therapeutic Preschool Task Force and other organizations who work to understand and improve early childhood development resources in our community. To learn more about the Better Housing Coalition's Groundbreakers Awards, please visit: http://www.betterhousingcoalition.org/2011/04/save_the_date_qb/

Board Member Honored for Being a Champion of Children

Gail Johnson has been a board member at SCAN for six years. Gail is also the founder of Rainbow Station, which offers schooling and care to children between the ages of newborn to 14. Gail said the mission is to offer excellence in early childhood education, which is supported by teachers and nurses who partner with parents to set children up for success in school and life. Rainbow Station has nine locations in the country, four of which are in Richmond. Gail was recently named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Richmond Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. Gail says her work at Rainbow Station and as a pediatric nurse has been a valuable complement to her work as a supporter and advocate for SCAN.

"This was natural to me," Gail said. "The work at SCAN is so important to children, to what I do every day, and it's a part of my responsibility as a nurse."

Nurses are mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect. Through her work with children as a nurse and CEO of Rainbow Station, she has encountered several instances of abuse or neglect. At Rainbow, her relationship with SCAN has led to an increase in training and education opportunities for teachers, nurses and parents to prevent and recognize signs of abuse or neglect. Gail has also helped create a lasting partnership with the Rainbow Station franchise by providing buses during SCAN's annual Progressive Dinner in addition to other valuable partnerships with people and organizations who care for children in the Richmond community.

To learn more about Rainbow Station, please visit: <http://rainbowstation.org/>

Preschool Teacher Publishes on Early Childhood Development

While she has been working to guide the education of SCAN's first preschoolers at the Circle Preschool Program, Denise has also been working to put the finishing touches on a book she is authoring with colleague Deborah Lickey. The book will be published in May or June, titled *Starting with their Strengths: Using the Project Approach in Early Childhood Special Education*. Denise and Deborah will be presenting the research outlined in the book at the National Association of Young Children's professional development institute in Rhode Island this June.

Denise has been writing the book for the past six years. She and Deborah taught together at the Sabot School, now Sabot at Stony Point. The book was initially an article, but as they outlined the article, they quickly realized the content was too vast, which covers the basics of a strengths-based approach to early childhood education for children with special needs.

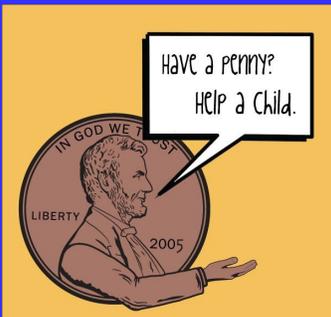
"Too often special education focuses on remediating children's 'deficits' versus employing their strengths to meet any needs," Denise said.

The book will be published by the Teacher's College Press at Columbia University. The book's audience will be practicing and preparing teachers, but it is also reader friendly enough that she hopes families may use it to advocate for their young children in school.



"Our strengths-based approach, which includes the project approach, aligns beautifully with therapeutic settings, such as our Circle Preschool Program," Denise said. "It allows for children to use their multiple intelligences, learning styles, and interests to form relationships with others and materials in the class. These strengths and affirming relationships permit the children to face and meet their challenges."

Abes for Babes



SCAN has kicked off the "Abes for Babes" campaign. This grass roots campaign is focused on engaging the community in the fight against child abuse and neglect based on the simple concept: "Have a penny? Help a child." Keep an eye out for our Abes for Babes cans at local businesses throughout April. Want to join us? If you'd like to get involved at your business or set up a penny drive at home, please contact Bethany Leighton at bleighton@grscan.com. You can bring pennies you collect to Ellwood Thompson's on April 30 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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