



**IF YOU KNEW WHAT WE KNEW, YOU'D HELP**

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## **A Year in Review at SCAN**

Please enjoy our Annual Report, which chronicles and celebrates our successes during the 2011-12 fiscal year. This report also gives thanks to our many supporters who make our work possible. With your help, SCAN creates a community that allows each child to have a full and decent life. We look forward to helping even more children and families for many years to come. Here are some highlights of the report:

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

The Family Support Program held **17 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 abuse or sexual abuse by providing forensic interviews, intensive mental health treatment, and coordination of prosecution and investigation services.

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

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. In addition, the Circle Preschool provided mental health treatment and education to **22 caregivers** of these vulnerable children, creating lasting change within the families.

[Click here to view the full Annual Report at www.grscan.com.](http://www.grscan.com)

***We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.***  
— Fred Rogers

As you can read in SCAN's Annual Report, donations from individuals like you help provide the vital funding for SCAN's child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment work. More than 80% of your contributions directly benefit families served by our programs. We are committed to managing SCAN's finances responsibly and efficiently.

[Please consider being a hero and donate today. Visit www.grscan.com.](http://www.grscan.com)

## “Do the Right Thing: The Impact and Value of CACs and MDTs”

In the beginning of May this year, many of SCAN’s Child Advocacy Center staff members and community partners attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Conference. National Children’s Advocacy Center Executive Director Christopher Newlin gave a presentation about child maltreatment and its impact on children as they become adults and on society as a whole. He begins by outlining the **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study**. It states the following impacts of child abuse and neglect:

There is a strong link between adverse childhood experiences and adult onset of chronic illness. For example: Those with ACE scores of 4 or more had significantly higher rates of heart disease and diabetes than those with ACE scores of zero. In addition, chronic pulmonary lung disease increased **390%**, hepatitis increased **240%**, depression increased **460%** and suicide increased **1,220%**.

People who experienced child maltreatment were more likely to engage in risky health-related behaviors during childhood and adolescence including early initiation of smoking, sexual activity, illicit drug use, adolescent pregnancies and suicide attempts. These health and social challenges lead to abused and neglected children dying nearly 20 years earlier on average than those without ACEs: **60.6 years vs. 79.1 years**.

Also, child maltreatment has an economic cost that impacts us all. The estimated average lifetime cost **per victim** of nonfatal child maltreatment is **\$210,012** in 2010 which includes **\$32,648** in childhood health care costs, **\$10,530** in adult medical costs, **\$144,360** in productivity losses, **\$7,728** in child welfare costs, **\$6,747** in criminal justice costs, and **\$7,999** in special education costs.

Child abuse is a serious issue which must be addressed. SCAN does this through both its prevention and treatment programs. The “system” intended to protect children should “help” children, not further traumatize or cause lack of trust, Newlin says. Child Advocacy Centers are designed with the victim at its focus.

[Learn more about how SCAN’s Child Advocacy Center works at www.grscan.com.](http://www.grscan.com)

[Read Christopher Newlin’s presentation at www.nationalcac.org.](http://www.nationalcac.org)

### Thank you to our Supporters!

Thank you to the [International Foundation for PsychoSocial Wellness](#) who supported SCAN’s 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Prevent-A-Thon to train 121 people in [Stewards of Children](#).

Thank you to Scott Elles at [Old World Prints](#) for helping SCAN raise awareness during April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, by creating signs for our pinwheel gardens.

Thank you to the [Jenkins Foundation](#) who recently awarded SCAN with a grant to support the [Child Advocacy Center](#) and the [Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocates \(CASA\) Program](#).

Thank you to [Rural Point Elementary School](#) who raised money to help SCAN’s programs.

## New Board Member Lisa Leiner

Lisa Leiner is a Partner at Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman. One of the founding partners of her law firm, Stan Wellman, was member of the Board of Directors and connected her with the opportunity to serve on the Board. Lisa joined the Board in January.

Lisa says she was drawn to the mission of preventing and ending child abuse. Now, as a member of the Board, she says she is inspired by people who dedicate their lives to this cause.

“I am most interested in the **Circle Preschool Program**,” she said. “My own children are in daycare and preschool. I have seen firsthand how good early childhood programs can help young children develop successfully. I think it’s something everyone with children can relate to.”

Early intervention and encouragement are important tools to helping all children who are at-risk. As a lawyer, Lisa said, the **Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program** is another valuable service to the entire community. She looks forward to learning more about all of SCAN’s five programs.

“The young children that SCAN helps have faced abuse, which can set them behind the curve,” she said. “SCAN helps kids and their families get back on track so they can lead successful and productive lives.”

Lisa serves on the Program Committee on the Board.

“Our job is to make sure everybody at SCAN is happy and healthy,” Lisa said. “We also want to let the staff know how much we appreciate the hard work they do to help children every day.” Lisa is also working to make SCAN’s annual culinary event, **TASTE of Terroir**, a success.

Since joining the Board, Lisa has attended Bourbon Street at the Tuckahoe Woman’s Club, the Progressive Dinner & Auction and a Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball game benefitting SCAN. She says she looks forward to being a part of more events to raise awareness and funds for SCAN’s important work.



## Thank you Protector’s Circle Members

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## New Families Are Magic Coordinator Joins the SCAN Staff

**“I can’t think of another mission that is more important than the one that SCAN has,” Lucy Block said. “I’m excited to play a role in encouraging community members to join us in any way they can make a difference.”**

Lucy became SCAN’s new **Families Are Magic (FAM) Prevention Program** Coordinator in April. Lucy had previously been involved with SCAN as a Children’s Group Facilitator for the **Family Support Program**. She had also helped former FAM Coordinator Denise Noble by attending public awareness events.

“I love to connect families and kids to community resources,” Lucy said. “I like that FAM is about public education, empowering parents and making an impact on a larger scale.”

Lucy was inspired to help children because of her volunteer work while attending Virginia Tech. She worked at the Women’s Resource Center at Radford University and for the Raft Crisis Hotline. The roles exposed her to people who had experienced trauma from domestic violence and other mental health issues. After graduating from Virginia Tech, Lucy received her Master’s in Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University.

In addition to working for SCAN today, Lucy also has her own private practice where she works part-time seeing children and adults who have experienced trauma. She is certified in Advanced Trauma Treatment.

“I have a good balance of treatment and prevention work now,” Lucy said. “I know very well the intense impact trauma has on children and their families. It’s great to be able to intervene before trauma even happens by being out in the community with SCAN.”

Lucy said that SCAN’s mission to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect is woven into everything the organization does. She looks forward to being a part of the team.

**“It was so clear that SCAN was a healthy, energetic place to be,” Lucy said. “I am impressed by the dedication of everyone that is here, and I’m excited to learn from my co-workers.”**

Lucy says one of her goals is to breathe new life into the **Circle of Parents** program. Circle of Parents is a family support program offering free weekly meetings for anyone in a parenting role who wants to discuss issues related to raising children. Lucy is looking into new sites to hold meetings and working to update her own training to facilitate the program.

“Circle of Parents is such an important protective factor for any community,” Lucy said. “All parents need help.”

Lucy also said she is looking forward to being involved in the National Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign again in April. She hopes to find more ways to extend the enthusiasm that happens during April throughout the year.

Lucy invites staff members, Board of Directors members and other partners to please share ideas about how to expand and introduce our services to important groups and forums throughout community. Her email is [lblock@grscan.com](mailto:lblock@grscan.com).

