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Why are we Thankful?

As we move forward after the Thanksgiving holiday and look ahead to the holiday season to come, we at SCAN are grateful for our many partners and supporters who make our work possible. We are also thankful to have the opportunity to touch children and their families each and every day in our programs. We believe that together we can make a difference and prevent children from ever being or hurt or from being hurt again. Please read below for what SCAN staff members are thankful for.

“I am thankful for being with people every day who care deeply about children and reflect it in everything they do. I am thankful that we move through this work together with faith, hope and joy. I am thankful for everyone who gives to our mission in some way. It all matters and enables us to continue to work on behalf of children. I am thankful for people's courage as they face hard things and times.” - Jeanine Harper, Executive Director



“I'm thankful for the opportunities to train others in child sexual abuse prevention and watch people become energized and empowered to help prevent child sexual abuse. We can make a difference!” - Denise Noble, FAM (Families Are Magic) Prevention Program Coordinator

“I am thankful for my many co-workers at SCAN. Teamwork is not an ideal here; it is a daily practice. I have never worked at an agency with so much mutual support, trust, good faith, and good humor among staff members. In a work environment where we persistently have to bring our 'A-game,' where we have to work with kids and families who have suffered so greatly, the support of my fellow staff helps keep me attuned to the privilege it is to be able to do this work.” - Ian Danielsen, CAC (Child Advocacy Center) Coordinator



“I am thankful that I was able to pursue an educational path that has informed my passion for and commitment to protecting children. I am also thankful that I get to work in a space where no matter how stressed and busy we all are, there is an unspoken understanding that we are all on the same page of carrying out SCAN's mission.” - Angela Swanson, Family Support Program Coordinator

Thank you!

Thank you to Ellwood Thompson's for hosting a 5% Day to benefit SCAN. Our volunteers helped to bag groceries and raise awareness about SCAN's mission during this special day! Thank you also to those who shopped at Ellwood Thompson's on November 18.

Thank you to Schwarzschild Jewelers who hosted an evening of shopping to benefit SCAN at their Alverser Plaza store. The event was part of a week of charity shopping events hosted by Schwarzschild. Thank you to our supporters who did their holiday shopping on November 27.

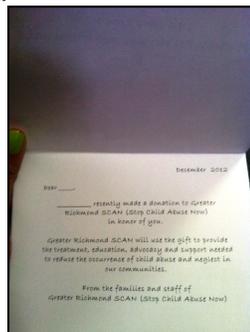
Thank you to A Sharper Palate who donated food for SCAN's annual Protector's Circle Appreciation Event, making it a successful evening to honor our major donors.

Thank you to the Central Virginia Penn State Alumni Chapter who raised funds to provide snacks for children served by SCAN's program.

Thank you to Cosby High School for collecting snacks to offer children served by SCAN's programs.

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Coming Events

Santa Shop Toy Drive – Bring the Holidays to Children Served by SCAN

November 30 to December 11

Join us during the Grand Illumination at the James Center tonight 6 to 7 p.m. and through December 11. Please bring unwrapped gifts for children ages 0-17 to the collection sleigh located in the James Center Atrium. The toy drive will remain open through December 11.

SCAN will be collecting toys for 170 Richmond area children currently being served by SCAN. During the holiday season, these families will be coming to James Center so the parents or guardians can “shop” for gifts for their children at no cost.

You can learn more about the Grand Illumination and Santa Shop on Facebook. If you have questions about the Santa Shop for SCAN's clients, please email Christine at ckrawczel@grscan.com or call (804) 257-7226.

Shops at 5807 Holiday Event

December 6

5:30 to 8:30 p.m

Join SCAN at the **Shops at 5807**. Get your holiday shopping done at one of Richmond's most unique places while a portion of proceeds will benefit SCAN. This event is co-sponsored by Style Weekly's Belle Magazine. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be available for guests. View the event on Facebook.

Save the Date

Bourbon Street at the Tuckahoe

Mardi Gras Event

February 9, 2013

Tuckahoe Woman's Club

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

Board of Directors Member Jeff Elgin

Jeff Elgin has long been a supporter of Richmond area nonprofits. After talking with close friends about SCAN's work, he recently decided to expand his community service. He then met with Executive Director Jeanine Harper to talk more deeply about SCAN's mission.

"I became much, much more aware how substantive the programs are and how compelling the need is for SCAN's work to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect," Jeff said.

Jeff said he quickly felt compelled to do more and joined SCAN's Board of Directors in July 2012.

"I've learned a lot during the past few months," Jeff said. "I'm anxious to be contributing as a board member."

Since joining the board, Jeff said he continues to be impressed at the holistic approach of SCAN's programs that both prevent and also treat situations of child abuse. The compassion of staff members to both take care of the child and take care of the caregivers is inspiring, he said. What's more, he said, is the professionalism of SCAN staff members as they work with community partners such as the multidisciplinary team members through the Child Advocacy Center.

"It's a great group of people," Jeff said. "I am certainly excited to be working with them. I'm also excited to help SCAN operate and continue to be such a robust resource for the prevention of child abuse."

Jeff is serving on the Board of Directors Development Committee, which works to support SCAN's efforts to raise funds and awareness. He said he's looking forward to raising awareness among his own friends, family and coworkers about SCAN's work and how they can support SCAN.

Jeff has lived in the Richmond area for more than 17 years. He now works at Capital One as the Vice President of Enterprise Digital IT, helping to manage the company's digital assets, websites and mobile applications.

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Protective Factors for Parents

In all of SCAN's programs, our trained staff members work closely with caregivers, knowing that our work with them will impact the family now and for generations to come. From treatment and education groups in the Family Support Program, to mental health groups at the Child Advocacy Center, to community child abuse prevention workshops, SCAN works to empower caregivers to better protect and nurture their children.

Research has indicated that having certain characteristics can prevent maltreatment from occurring. These skills are called "Protective Factors," and they combine to help create safe, stable and nurturing relationships within families. All of our programs seek to enrich protective factors and decrease risk factors. Learn more about these vital parenting traits:

Nurturing and Attachment - Parents have a close bond with their children which helps them to better understand, respond to and communicate with their children.

Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development - Knowledge changes over time – research, social expectations, social structures and laws all influence these changes.

Parental Resilience - Parents have flexibility and inner strength necessary to bounce back when things are not going well.

Social Connections - Parents who have a network of emotionally supportive friends, family and neighbors often find it easier to care for their children and themselves.

Concrete Support for Parents - Families who can meet their own basic needs are better able to ensure their children's safety and well-being.

Social and Emotional Competence of the Child - Children's emerging ability to interact positively with others, self-regulate their behavior, and effectively communicate their feelings has a positive impact on their relationships with their family, other adults, and peers.

Learn more about Protective Factors at <http://www.childwelfare.gov/can/factors/protective.cfm>

Thank you Protector's Circle Members

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