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SCAN Staff Member Honored with Beacon of Hope Award

Beth Bonniwell was honored by Safe Harbor with the 2013 Beacon of Hope award on October 17. The Beacon of Hope was created in 2007 to recognize an outstanding individual or agency in the Henrico County community that has been instrumental in empowering survivors of sexual and domestic violence and/or promoting healthy relationships for all.

“Beth Bonniwell is an amazing advocate serving those who experience sexual and domestic violence and working to enhance our community’s response to domestic and sexual violence,” said Safe Harbor Public Information Officer Angela Verdery, MSW. “We are so grateful to have her as a colleague and wanted to recognize the significant ways she has made a difference in the lives of many!”

Beth began to work for SCAN in 2002 in the Family Support Program. The FSP program provides treatment groups and education groups each week for families who have experienced, or are at high risk of experiencing, child abuse or neglect. She started out as a Children’s Group Facilitator.

“The children motivated me to be there each week,” said Beth. “SCAN does remarkable work in the community to support families, protect children, and encourage healthy parenting styles. SCAN is an agency that I am proud to say that I work with.”



Beth has since focused her energies on the FAM Prevention Program at SCAN. Beth is an authorized Stewards of Children facilitator and provides professional education to the community on bullying, communication skills, self-esteem, stress, and many other topics that enhance parenting skills, build social networks, and increases knowledge of child development.

Beth has also worked for the Henrico County Police Division since 2005. She is responsible for training law enforcement officers and supporting their work responding to stalking, sexual violence and domestic violence calls for service. Beth trains within the department and across the state on these issues. She has also held positions with VCU School of Social Work and Chesterfield County Community Corrections.

“I didn’t actively choose to work in the area of domestic violence,” Beth said. “I was given an opportunity to work in the field and have learned a lot from others. The longer and more involved I became with the issue, I started to see positive changes for victims and more accountability for offenders. I believe that people have a right to live in violence free homes and communities.”

Beth is an unwavering advocate for many children, families and victims in the Greater Richmond community. We are grateful for her service at SCAN and are so proud of her and this deserving honor.

[Click here to learn more about SCAN’s Family Support Program. Online at www.grscan.com.](http://www.grscan.com)

Henrico County Multidisciplinary Team Keeps Children Safe

Henrico County officials signed an agreement with SCAN's Child Advocacy Center (CAC) to create a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) in January 2013. County officials and child abuse investigators partner with the CAC to investigate, treat, and prosecute cases of child abuse and neglect in Henrico.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Nancy Oglesby was a key advocate for Henrico County's commonwealth's attorney office, Child Protective Services and police department to take the steps to learn more about how to get involved formally with the CAC. Nancy is also a member of SCAN's Board of Directors.

After these departments learned about the benefits of working with the CAC, other key child serving agencies, such as St. Mary's Hospital, began to form the foundation of an MDT.

Together, they signed an Interagency Agreement, which ensures that Henrico County responds to cases of child abuse and neglect in the most efficient and productive ways, all of which are based on a nationally accredited model. The agreement also details the ways in which the CAC can support and lead that important work. The CAC has formal agreements in Chesterfield, Louisa, Henrico, Prince George and Richmond. Each interagency agreement and protocol differ, though, because they are tied to their local government procedures, cultural environment and geographic considerations.

Henrico had begun using the CAC's services long before they signed this agreement with the CAC.

"We offered their investigators a space where children could be interviewed by a trained forensic interviewer," Ian said.

The CAC also videotaped these interviews so that children would only need to be interviewed once. Investigators could also have more time to deliberate as the CAC helped improve their overall capacity to help children. Since the formal agreement, the CAC has helped with the investigation and treatment of 57 cases of possible child abuse or neglect.

"Henrico agencies have undertaken the partnership with a full commitment," Ian said. "They come to peer review meetings, they try new things, have been improving their case development and are overall very professional."

SCAN is excited about this new partnership and looks forward to helping more children in Henrico.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

6th Annual Race to Protect Children

**Saturday, May 3, 2014
8 a.m.**

**West Broad Village
Glen Allen, VA 23060**

Thank you for joining us for our 2013 event in West Broad Village in Short Pump. In 2014, we'll close SCAN's local National Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign in May. **[Learn more at www.grscan.com.](http://www.grscan.com)**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Thank you to all of our staff members, volunteers and community partners who work compassionately and diligently to fight this painful reality facing children and adults in our community. While we pause to celebrate this challenging and rewarding work, we invite you to continue to learn more about how you can make a difference. Please read the article below and learn more about how domestic violence impacts children. Visit SCAN's website for volunteer opportunities, view our wish list, explore corporate opportunities, read informative articles and more. We can't do it without you: www.grscan.com.

Article: Children Who Are Exposed to Domestic Violence

Honor Our Voices is an online learning module that provides the opportunity to see domestic violence through the eyes and voices of children. The purpose is to create a multi-pronged response to increase the awareness and sensitivity of shelter advocates and other social service providers to the needs of children and suggest promising ways of enhancing services for children exposed to domestic violence. Included in this learning module is a downloadable guide for practice and a digital library of short audio programs that highlight specific promising practices through the voices of children.

Visit <http://www.honourourvoices.org/> to check it out.

In the Honor Our Children guide, authors give a detailed description of the impact of domestic violence on children and explain, "exposed children are at an increased risk for developing depression and anxiety and often demonstrate more behavioral problems like aggression toward others, acting out and non-compliance in school, and delinquency. Many of the behaviors described above may be categorized as externalized or internalized. Externalizing behaviors are those behaviors that are expressed outward in reaction to the environment. Internalizing behaviors, on the other hand, are behaviors that are reflected inward. For example, acting out by hitting other classmates and having strong emotional reactions to parents leaving, breaking rules, and aggression are some typical externalizing behaviors of children who have been exposed to domestic violence. Anxiety, depression, withdrawal, and lack of self-confidence are examples of typical internalizing behaviors."

Thank you!

Thank you to Franco's Fine Clothier for hosting the 2nd Annual Franco's and SCAN Fashion event with live and silent auction items and a fashion show. [Check out the photos on Facebook.](#)

Thank you to First Presbyterian Church who recently awarded SCAN with a grant to support Richmond CASA.

Thank you to the Innsbrook Rotary Club who recently awarded SCAN a grant to support its vital child abuse and neglect treatment and prevention work.

Tour the Child Advocacy Center

We welcome you to join us on a tour at the Child Advocacy Center on the first and third Fridays of the month from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Please let us know by the Wednesday before each tour date if you are interested in taking a tour or if you would like to bring someone on a tour. Please contact Bethany at (804) 257-7226 or bleighton@grscan.com for more information or to sign up for a tour.

Santa Shop 2013

Each winter, SCAN collects gifts for children served in its programs. Last fiscal year, SCAN served more than **900 children** affected by abuse and neglect. Please consider donating toys, clothing and other gifts for children from infant to 17 years old **by December 13**. You may deliver gifts to SCAN's main office at 103 E. Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

After we collect gifts, SCAN will invite caregivers to choose gifts and then wrap them to bring home to their children during the holidays. This year, caregivers will participate in Santa Shop on **December 16 and 17**.



Stay tuned for details about events to donate gifts including during the Grand Illumination on Dec. 6.

SAVE THE DATE

Shops at 5807

Thursday, December 5
5 to 8 p.m.

5807 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, VA

Get your holiday shopping done at one of Richmond's most unique places while a portion of proceeds will benefit SCAN.

Bourbon Street at the Tuckahoe

Saturday, March 1, 2014
8 p.m. to Midnight

Tuckahoe Woman's Club
4215 Dover Road, Richmond, VA 23221

Join us again for live music, dancing, dinner and an open bar, featuring a fantastic top-shelf bourbon selection, hurricanes, wine tastings and more. **Learn more at www.grscan.com.**

Progressive Dinner & Auction

Saturday, April 5, 2014
5 pm to Midnight

Tuckahoe Woman's Club
4215 Dover Road, Richmond, VA 23221

Join us for dinner in the homes around Windsor Farms and Westmoreland Place followed by dessert, dancing and auction at Tuckahoe Woman's Club. **Learn more at www.grscan.com.**

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