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The Child Advocacy Center Works to Combat Child Pornography

SCAN's Child Advocacy Center (CAC) has teamed up with the Richmond Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit. SCAN is the only nonprofit involved in this.

"SCAN was chosen because of our advocacy expertise," CAC Coordinator Ian Danielsen said. "Understanding internet crimes is now a part of best practices when advocating for children's safety and we've already been involved in investigations relating to internet crimes."

The CAC's Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) in Chesterfield, Henrico, Louisa and Richmond collaborate in their localities to investigate and prosecute cases of child abuse. In each locality, there are representatives on each MDT from law enforcement, commonwealth's attorneys offices, departments of social services, other advocacy groups, and medical and mental health providers. Working to collaborate with technology crime investigators in internet crimes cases has become important.

Ian said that, for example, a child may have been identified in images under investigation in an internet crimes case. The child might then need to be interviewed by the CAC's forensic interviewers and collaboration becomes essential to the case.

Hopefully, said Ian, this increased level of coordinated services will help the CAC stay on top of the latest protocol and technology to help keep children safe. Case Manager Briana Valentino is now participating in a work group to explore and create protocols for how all Child Advocacy Centers and internet crime groups would interact to ensure the best treatment and outcomes for children.

The CAC also helps raise awareness to prevent internet crimes against children through its child abuse and neglect trainings and Stewards of Children child sexual abuse prevention trainings.

JOIN US ON THURSDAY!

Franco's and SCAN Annual Fashion Event

Thursday, October 3, 2013

6 to 8:30 p.m.

Franco's

5321 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA 23228

This event features a menswear fashion show showcasing the Fall 2013 Collections with Italian fare by DeFazio's and music by DJ Mface. Talk directly with menswear clothing vendors and bid on silent and live auction items including an exclusive custom made suit by Hickey Freeman.

[Learn more on Facebook.](#)



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CASA Volunteer Takes on School and Advocacy

Cassie Powell is a Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer who is in law school at the University of Richmond and also working to get her master's in social work at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Cassie is drawn to public interest work, juvenile delinquency and child abuse and neglect. A professor recommended she join CASA to learn and to make a difference. She became a CASA volunteer this April after going through the 35 hours of intensive training and court observation.

"The training was very holistic," Cassie said. "It was above and beyond what was in the CASA training manuals. The CASA staff made sure we were fully prepared for anything we came in contact with."



The training has helped Cassie to stay positive when working with sometimes challenging and difficult cases.

"The CASA staff forced us to change our perception and judgment," she said. "They taught us that we have to look at families based on their strengths and not through the lens of our own experiences."

She has already made a great difference in the life of one child. Cassie has been working with a girl who has had several different housing placements since May. Some of the child's family members are incarcerated and other family members aren't consistent in her life in other ways.

"I try to spend a lot of time talking with her," Cassie said. "I make sure I understand her needs and perspective."

Cassie also works with the social workers, educational advocates, grandparents, mentors, therapists, guardian ad litem, attorneys and residential treatment program administrators. Cassie's goal as a CASA volunteer is to recommend the most ideal permanent home situation for the child. Cassie knows her impact is much greater, though.

"She had a hearing once and I was the only person other than her social worker who came," Cassie said. "I didn't do much, but when I came, she turned around, smiled and waved at me. She looked happy that I was there."

SCAN is fortunate to have Cassie as one of its Richmond CASA volunteers working to keep children safe.

[Learn more about CASA and how to become a volunteer 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)

Casey Bartok Joins SCAN's Board of Directors

Casey was inspired to join SCAN's mission to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect after becoming familiar with SCAN's **Circle Preschool Program**. At the preschool, children who have experienced trauma through abuse, neglect and/or exposure to domestic violence receive intensive mental health treatment and high quality early childhood education.

"I feel like I still have a ton to learn about what SCAN does and all the groups they help," Casey said. "I'm excited to get the people I know involved to support this important work."

Casey recently attended a **Stewards of Children** child sexual abuse prevention training as a part of her orientation to serve on the Board of Directors.

"I came home and told everyone about it," she said. "The statistics are heartbreaking. I was stunned to learn that, in my group of friends, it's likely one of our children may be subject to abuse. The training is very informative for all parents and people who care for children."

Casey is a partner at KPMG. Casey said she looks forward to the opportunity to help educate the community while also raising funds to help more children at SCAN.



Thank you!

YOU AMAZED US!

Thank you to everyone who donated during **GiveRichmond's Amazing Raise**, a 36-hour online giving event. You donated more than \$6,000 to SCAN.

Board of Directors Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who joined SCAN on September 27 to hear from great speakers about the work SCAN does to protect children. The breakfast event raised more than \$20,000 for SCAN's programs. Thank you to our table captains: Rachel Davis, Marni Rice, Cindy Joyce, John Turner, Kari Hyman, Jimmy Chou, Birek Turnbull, Elizabeth Martin, Jen Kostyniuk, Toni McCracken, Jeff Elgin, Coby Beck, Casey Bartok, Ben Ladd, Ron Page, Wilson Flohr, Margaret Keightley and Tunstall Willis and Brett Hawkins.

Thank you to **National CASA** for who recently awarded a grant to support SCAN's **Richmond CASA** program.

Thank you to the **Rite Aid Foundation** for recently awarding SCAN with a grant to support the **Child Advocacy Center**.

Didn't get a chance to donate?

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Send a check to 103 E. Grace Street, Richmond, VA.

Donate through United Way

United Way workplace campaigns are underway this fall. Our codes:

United Way Campaign: #3343 (please also list SCAN)

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC): #82607

Local Government & Schools (LGS): #166

Recruiting for a New Class of CASA Volunteers

Richmond CASA is seeking highly motivated individuals interested in advocating for the best interests of children who have been abused and/or neglected in the City of Richmond. We'll begin training a new class this fall.

Richmond CASA volunteers participate in 35 hours of pre-service training, which involves 30 hours of classroom interaction and 5 hours of courtroom observation. Volunteers learn courtroom procedure from judges, lawyers, social workers and court personnel. CASA volunteers also learn effective advocacy techniques for children and are educated about specific topics including child sexual abuse, adolescent behavior, mental health issues, cultural competency, social services and report writing. Once training is completed, CASA volunteers are sworn in by a Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge.



[Learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer at http://grscan.com/new-casa-volunteers/.](http://grscan.com/new-casa-volunteers/)

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TASTE of Terroir

Saturday, October 26, 2013
5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Bull & Bear Club
901 East Cary Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

This event features a cocktail reception, silent auction and a six-course, wine-paired farm-to-table dinner prepared by nationally recognized chefs known for their attention to local and seasonal cuisine with all proceeds benefiting SCAN.

[Learn more at
www.tasteofscan.com.](http://www.tasteofscan.com)

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