



SCAN-IT

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Coming Events

Sticks Kebob Shop

August 19

Join us at Sticks Kebob Shop at Willow Lawn all day to have great food and support SCAN. If you mention that you are a SCAN supporter, 25% of your purchase will benefit our work!

Taste of Italy

September 10, 2011

Join Top Chef Star Mike Isabella and other SCAN supporters for a cocktail reception, live and silent auction, seven-course Italian dinner and wine pairings. Learn more at www.grscan.com.

Richmond Raiders 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

October 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join us at the James River Golf Course at the Country Club of Virginia. There will be two shot gun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The tournament will benefit the Richmond Raiders Impact Program as well as SCAN.

Richmond Children's Festival

October 22, 2011

Join us during our first Children's Festival at the Richmond Raceway Complex. Music, fun, food and more will be offered for Richmond families for free.

Partnering to Help More Parents

Every other month Families are Magic (FAM) Coordinator Denise Noble has been sharing parenting knowledge with local parents in Richmond Family Magazine.

"It's new opportunity for us to reach more people," Denise said. "It's community recognition of the resources FAM has and the role we can play for parents in this area."



So far, Denise has been featured three times in the "Parental Guidance" section answering two questions each month about parenting. Last month, Denise offered advice on how to set limits with a 12-year-old having her own laptop. Denise wrote, "While your daughter is reaching an age where, developmentally, she is going to become more independent, and spend less time interacting with her parents, you still want to be aware of how her time is spent and stay in control as her parent."

Denise also answered a question about a one-year-old who doesn't seem to be interested in walking. FAM alternates answering parenting questions each month with Commonwealth Parenting for the "Parental Guidance" section.

"They reached out to us, recognizing us as parenting experts in the community," Denise said. "This has become another great outlet for us to reach parents. Our www.FAMRichmond.org website is an amazing resource, to have that promoted every other month to parents who can use it. We want more people to become aware of the resources available to them."

It supports the motto of FAM: Asking for help isn't the sign of a bad parent, but a good one. And, Denise said, when you have the support you need Families are Magic.

Our column in Richmond Family comes out again in August. Be sure to pick it up!

We need your help!

SCAN offers healthy snacks and juice boxes to children in our programs. We offer these snacks to help children feel welcome and comfortable. If you would like to donate snacks, please drop them off at 103 E. Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23219. If you have any questions, please call 257-SCAN.

More Coming Events

Halloween Happening

October 28, 9 p.m.

Join us for a Halloween bash at BlackFinn in Shockoe Bottom hosted by our Board of Young Professionals. Black Finn will welcome SCAN supporters for a cover fee. Have fun with us and help protect children in our community.

Mosaic Café

November 16, 5-9 p.m.

Join us for dinner at Mosaic Café in the River Road Shopping center. We will have a guest bartender supporting SCAN and Mosaic will donate part of the proceeds from meals of SCAN supporters.

Thank you!

Robins Foundation

Thank you or renewing your support of our Richmond CASA program!

The Blue Goat Restaurant

Thank you to Blue Goat Restaurant who held an event benefiting SCAN and the Children's Hospital of Richmond on July 6. SCAN is lucky to have also previously partnered with the restaurant group, which is home to Osaka and Wild Ginger restaurants. We would also like to thank those who bought tickets to the event to support our work to protect children.

Keagan's Restaurant

Thank you to Keagan's for their support on Tuesday, July 19. Keagan's donated a portion of proceeds from SCAN supporter's meals to our mission to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect in the Greater Richmond area. We would also like to thank everyone who joined us as SCAN supporters at Keagan's!

"Making a Difference for Youth, A Community Forum"

SCAN is partnering with other organizations to host a two-day community forum focused on one of America's hidden tragedies: The challenges facing America's foster care system and the impact it has on our most vulnerable children. On Saturday, October 8 at 9:30 a.m., we will premiere *From Place to Place*, a documentary that tells the story of the invisible children who grow up in America's foster care system. With the help of producer Matt Anderson, we will follow the film with a forum led by local youth who will talk about their own experiences. Both the film and the forum will be held at The Byrd Theater. [Learn more about *From Place to Place* here.](#)



Also, on Friday October 7, the collaborative group will host a concert featuring **Jimmy Wayne**. The concert will be held at Camp Concert Hall at the University of Richmond at 7:30pm. Jimmy is a national spokesperson for youth in the foster care system. While performing his country hits to local fans, Jimmy will also share stories of his own experiences in the foster care system. [Click here for more information about Jimmy's story.](#)

We are also fortunate to have former first lady **Anne Holton** as an Honorary Chair of the event. SCAN looks forward to working with her and other partners in our community to encourage and empower people to get involved to make a difference for our area's at-risk youth.

Please contact Jana Blue at jana.blue@Richmondgov.com if you are interested in learning more about the forum.

Ending Childhood Maltreatment Deaths

Newspapers and news stations have been buzzing with stories of the deaths of 13-year-old Christian Choate and 3-year-old Casey Anthony. These stories have startled many people with the reality that children are hurt every day in our country. We know that for every story that makes it to the news, there are thousands of other children in our country who are abused and neglected each day.

Recently, a congressional hearing coincided with the release of a report by the Government Accountability Office that brought to light information from the National Coalition to End Child Abuse Deaths (NCECAD) and others that the numbers of children who die from maltreatment each year is understated by 55 to 75 percent. For 2009, there were 1,700 reported deaths related to child maltreatment which means that the number could actually be nearly 2,500.

As these numbers support, child maltreatment occurs in all neighborhoods and communities. Through the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), SCAN works to reduce incidences of injury and death resulting from child abuse in our own communities. The CAC establishes multidisciplinary teams in counties so abuse is reported accurately and promptly. The teams work together with all levels of local government, social services, law enforcement, victim advocacy, mental health therapists and the VCU Child Protection Team. Together, these individuals work together to bring cases of child abuse to light that may otherwise remain hidden in the dark. The CAC also ensures that children who are hurt receive the help they need as soon as possible so that they are placed in safe homes, receive healing mental health therapy and have ongoing case management.

Healing and Forgiveness at Mercy House



SCAN is fortunate to share a partnership with Mercy House, part of New Life for Youth. In June 2011, SCAN graduated the second group of mothers at Mercy House from our parenting group. In this video, some of the mothers accept their certificates and share their stories of how the class transformed their lives. [Watch it now on our YouTube Channel!](#)

The Family Support Program arms caregivers with tools to protect and nurture their children. By reaching caregivers in this program, SCAN is able to create change that lasts for generations to come.

Thank you Protector's Circle 2010-2011 Members

Kathleen and Gerard Albanese
Dottie Amore
Trina and Roy Anise
Kelly and Tiffany Armstrong
Lindley and Coby Beck
Cathy and Howard Bos
Kathryn and Matt Brotherton
Carter and John Bryan
Leemore and Alan Burke
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Margaretha and Jose Valderas
Stephanie and Brad Welles

Empowering Caregivers at the Circle Preschool

At the Circle Preschool Program, an important component of helping children who have suffered trauma is working with their caregivers. Research has shown that caregiving is the most important factor affecting a child's behavioral development. In fact, at the Circle Preschool, attending the weekly caregiver groups is a critical component of the program.

Circle Preschool mental health therapist Dr. Kathy Ryan said that the greatest impact of the caregiver group is that it has helped parents feel less alone with their children's behavior and with the challenges they are experiencing. A parent came in recently and told Kathy "Finally, I realized I wasn't so alone."

With the help of other Circle Preschool staff members, Kathy gives a general summary of how the children are doing in the classroom each day, going through activities of the week and spelling out some of the behavioral symptoms of trauma children are expressing. Each week, Kathy covers a topic based on what topics caregivers have identified are important to them. The entire therapeutic preschool model is based on the needs of the families and the needs of the children.

Initially, group conversations centered largely on regulating emotions, helping parents regulate themselves, helping their children regulate their emotions and also explaining the trauma at the root of their child's behavioral challenges. Many times, Kathy said, it's about how to respond to that behavior in a healing way.

Kathy draws on observations of working with children each day and offers examples of how they respond to negative behaviors. One of the major goals of working with caregivers is to help them create a sense of safety for their children. By working through these behavioral challenges, Kathy said the Circle Preschool will ultimately enable the children to learn and grow more positively.

Welcome!

New Board of Directors Members:

Teresa DiMarco
Debra R. Krey
Benjamin E. Ladd
Lynn Mussatt
Bryan Petrucelli
Birck Turnbull

New Board of Young Professionals Members:

Joseph Crews
Danielle Dick
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Sarah Frydrych
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