



# SCAN-IT

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## **Child Abuse Allegations Hit Penn State**

As you have been reading, watching and hearing on local and national news, former Pennsylvania State University defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky has been accused of sexually abusing several young boys. This case is a reminder of how vulnerable children are in any community. It is also a reminder of the prevalence of child abuse and the pain children face when they are abused. These moments of pain are what we work to prevent and to treat each day at Greater Richmond SCAN.

SCAN Executive Director Jeanine Harper and Child Advocacy Center Coordinator Ian Danielsen were featured on local media and spoke about the important role adults play in keeping children safe. Watch the interviews on the following news websites:

**[Channel 6](#)**  
**[Channel 8](#)**  
**[Channel 12](#)**

## **Giving Thanks**

SCAN is thankful year-round for all of the people who come together to make our mission possible including donors, volunteers, staff and community partners. This month in particular, we are giving thanks as we celebrate two anniversaries that have brought people together to help us serve children better. We are also grateful to those who share their stories of abuse and neglect in an effort to help others such as those in [this article](#) in reaction to the Pennsylvania State University child sexual abuse allegations. We have been moved lately by two young women who shared their story to SCAN supporters last week at our annual Protector's Circle appreciation event. We are also thankful for a SCAN Board of Directors member who has shared his story [here](#) and challenges all community members "to be a leader in preventing child abuse by doing the right thing."

In November 2004, **SCAN opened the region's first and only Child Advocacy Center (CAC)** and began offering mental health services for children, offering professional training and conducting monthly multidisciplinary team case reviews. SCAN initially established the City of Richmond's Multidisciplinary Team and since has established Multidisciplinary Teams in Chesterfield County, Louisa County and Prince George County to better serve victims of abuse living in those areas. Members of each of these teams are our valued community partners from local law enforcement, victim advocacy, medical services, commonwealth's attorneys, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) and mental health professionals who come together to help us investigate, treat and prosecute cases of severe child abuse. We are so grateful for these unique and effective partnerships.

### **Richmond CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) merged with SCAN**

in November 2009 becoming SCAN's fourth program. CASA trains volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children involved in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court process. The program promotes safe, permanent homes for all children and enables SCAN to provide an even more comprehensive approach to treating and preventing child abuse and neglect in the Greater Richmond area. We are so thankful for our 75 active CASA volunteers who have served children through Richmond CASA in the past.



## Become a Steward of Children

All adults have a responsibility to learn the signs of abuse and to be vigilant in protecting children. All adults have the moral and ethical obligation to report suspected child abuse. When abuse isn't reported, not only do other children stand at risk of repeated abuse by the same predator, but the children who were abused are subjected to the long-term effects of abuse. Join the movement to prevent child sexual abuse by being trained in the nationally recognized Stewards of Children child sexual abuse prevention training to learn how to recognize, react and report child sexual abuse. Please visit our website [www.FAMRichmond.com](http://www.FAMRichmond.com) for more information.

## The Language of Flowers

Join Richmond CASA in reading this book called *The Language of Flowers* which follows the story of a young woman who is emancipated at age 18. A New York Times Bestseller, this book has received great reviews and is relevant to what CASA volunteers do each day. The book is available through many book sellers and as an electronic download. [Learn more here.](#)



## Join us in Advocating for Children

Greater Richmond SCAN is happy to present two legislative advocacy trainings to help enable us to better serve children in our area. These trainings will take place on Friday, December 2, and Friday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the SCAN office (103 E Grace St. Richmond, VA 23219). These two trainings will cover the same material, and they will provide information about how to be an effective advocate for children in our state. If you are interested in participating, please contact Emily Yeatts at [yeattsel@vcu.edu](mailto:yeattsel@vcu.edu) by Monday, November 28.

## Thank you!

### Thank you to BlackFinn Restaurant & Saloon!

During their Halloween party, [BlackFinn](#) helped SCAN raise more than \$900 to support our work to protect children.

### Thank you to Mosaic Café!

[Mosaic Café](#) supported SCAN during a Charity Give Back night and Miss United States Laura Eilers played guest bartender. We are grateful to Mosaic, Laura and supporters who joined us for dinner to support SCAN.

### Thank you to The Rite Aid Foundation!

[The Rite Aid Foundation](#) awarded a grant to SCAN to support the Child Advocacy Center.

### Thank you to Girls Scouts!

Local [Girl Scouts](#) collected snacks to offer to children served by SCAN. We'd like to thank Cadette Troop 942 from both Pocahontas Middle School and Short Pump Middle School who hosted a Teddy Bear Tea for Daisy Troops 530, 658, 5176, 5177 and 5178 from Nuckols Farm Elementary School and Short Pump Elementary School.

### Thank You to the [University of Richmond College Dean's Office!](#)

The staff dropped off 240 care packages for children in our programs this week.

### Thank you to [Woolridge Elementary School!](#)

Thank you to students and teachers who collected snacks for children in our programs.

## Coming Events

### **Christmas Party**

*December 3, 2011  
8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.*

The 25th Annual Christmas Party to benefit SCAN will be held on Saturday, December 3 at the Hippodrome Theatre in Historic Jackson Ward. This year's event will feature music by Spinal Fusion and

SLC and food by the recently opened Mansion Five 26 Southeastern Cuisine. This is a black tie event and valet parking will be available. Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. Visit [www.grscan.com](http://www.grscan.com) for ticket information.

### **Santa Shop Drive at F. W. Sullivans**

*December 8, 6 p.m.*

Bring a gift to support SCAN's Santa Shop, which allows caregivers served by SCAN to "shop" to bring the holidays home for their children. F. W. Sullivan's hosted this gift drive last year and it was a great success. Bring a gift and enjoy drink specials and food.

### **5k Race to Protect Children**

*February 25, 2012*

Get ready for the 4th Annual Race to Protect Children. Join us at West Broad Village for a 5k Run/Walk and children's run. Registration is now open at [www.raceit.com](http://www.raceit.com). Email Megan Southall at [msouthall@grscan.com](mailto:msouthall@grscan.com) for information, sponsorship opportunities and volunteer opportunities.

## Join us on TV!

Join SCAN for the Community Idea Station's year-end TV membership campaign on Wednesday, November 30 from 7:30pm to 11pm. We need volunteers to help raise awareness for our important work to protect children. We will also be helping another local non-profit. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bethany Leighton at [bleighton@grscan.com](mailto:bleighton@grscan.com) by November 28.

## Thank you Protector's Circle 2010-2011 Members

Kathleen and Gerard Albanese	Marsha and Michael Hawkins
Dottie Amore	Sasha and Michael Hogan
Trina and Roy Anise	Diane and Gene Hosenfeld
Kelly and Tiffany Armstrong	Billy Hupp
Lindley and Coby Beck	Steve and Renee Hupp
Cathy and Howard Bos	Kari and Heath Hyman
Kathryn and Matt Brotherton	Kimberly and William Johnson
Carter and John Bryan	Carrie and Tommy Johnstone
Leemore and Alan Burke	Cindy and Michael Joyce
Daisy and Tom Byrd	Margaret and Jerry Keightley
Bob and Edie Cabaniss	Jen and John Kostyniuk
James Cananiss	Amy and Byron Ladd
Jennifer and David Campbell	Kathleen and Frank LaRosa
Jeff Chandler	Tehshau Luan
Andrea and Robert Clark	Elizabeth and Michael Martin
Kevin Collier	Jasper Mersereau
Nona and Bill Collin	Caroline and Marshall Morton
Rose and Josh Dare	Allie and Richard Oelhafen, Jr.
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Carrie and Bob Delille	Bryan Petrucelli
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Jean and Rob Estes	Michael Sieja
Tehshau Luan	Dorinda Smith
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Samira Fazel	Lucinda and John Stanchina
Dana and Gray Garland	Judith Strickler
Trish Garland	Eric Sundberg
Katherine Godin	Letty and Bill Tate
Bruce Gottwald, Jr.	Margaretha and Jose Valderas
Mary Anne Graf	Elizabeth Scott Warren
Martha and John Grover	Stephanie and Brad Welles
Cindy and George Harrison	

## Angel of Hope 2011

This event is held around the country on December 6 in remembrance of children who are no longer with us. In Richmond, the event will begin at 6 p.m. and include a candlelight healing ceremony, remarks from the local coordinator Ty Johnson, a moment of silence, and opportunities to share personal experiences. The public is welcome and we encourage all SCAN supporters to attend. Anyone attending is reminded to bring a white flower in remembrance of a child who is no longer with us. Since the beginning, SCAN has shared a special relationship with the Angel of Hope organizers. We hope you are able to support their efforts to bring this unique service to Richmond families.



Anyone interested in learning more about the ceremonies being held across the country can go to: <http://www.richardpaulevans.com/angel-statues>

The Richmond Angel of Hope event has a [Facebook](#) page that you can "Like" to keep in touch.

## Pinwheels for Prevention

World of Mirth has been selling pinwheels to support SCAN since April National Child Abuse Prevention Month and continue to do so. The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. So far World of Mirth has raised more than \$800 to help SCAN protect children! We are grateful they are our partners in the Greater Richmond community. Pick up your pinwheel today by visiting them as you shop for holiday gifts at 3005 W. Cary Street.



## Mustaches for Kids

SCAN is thankful for Mustaches for Kids Richmond who will be growing their mustaches until December 9. The group already has more than 50 "growers" signed up this year and are poised to reach their \$30,000 goal to support SCAN, ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation and the Children's Hospital Foundation. Check out their website [www.m4krichmond.org](http://www.m4krichmond.org) for coming events and to donate to their mission to help Richmond children.

