



MEDIA ALERT

Five Individuals to be honored for commitment to children at annual Allies in Prevention Awards Luncheon

*Official kick-off event for the 2008 Northern Virginia Blue Ribbon Campaign
& National Child Abuse Prevention Month*



ALLIES IN PREVENTION
COALITION
An initiative of SCAN of Northern Virginia

Alexandria, VA (March 12, 2007)—Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia and the Allies in Prevention Coalition will honor five individuals at the 6th Annual Allies in Prevention Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, April 2, 2008.

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The Allies in Prevention Awards are given to outstanding individuals in Northern Virginia who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to support children and prevent child abuse and neglect. Award winners are nominated by their peers.

Who:

5 Honorees, 1 from each local jurisdiction of Northern Virginia (Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax/Falls Church, Loudoun, Prince William)

- Keynote Speaker, **Ralph Smith** from the Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Special Guest, ABC7 Anchor **Alison Starling** from WJLA
- Blue Ribbon Campaign Sponsors **Freddie Mac Foundation** and **Verizon**

When:

Tuesday, April 2, 2008 from 12:00—2:00 PM

Where:

Maggiano's at Tyson's Galleria
2001 International Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102

For more information about this event, please visit:

http://www.scanva.org/allies_in_prevention_awards_luncheon.htm

Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of children, improve parent-child relations and prevent child abuse and neglect by educating the community about the scope, nature and consequences of child abuse and neglect and the importance of positive, nurturing parenting; providing direct parent education; and advocating for children in the community, the legislature and the courts through the CASA Program.

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The Allies in Prevention Coalition first came together in November 2003 when SCAN saw the need for local leaders in child abuse education, prevention and treatment to work together to better educate the Northern Virginian community about child abuse and neglect issues. Through common messages and diverse communication channels, the coalition aims to reach the public across the region about the occurrence and prevention of child abuse. Coalition members include leaders from Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax/Falls Church, Loudoun and Prince William.

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