



A Magical Evening

The real magic at SCAN's 12th Annual Toast to Hope in October happened when more than 200 guests came together and raised more than \$86,000 to support SCAN in its work to prevent child abuse and neglect in the coming year. "Let's Make Childhood Magic" was an evening to remember – complete with a roving magician, live music and delicious tastings from local breweries, vineyards and restaurants. Held at the beautiful Artisphere in Arlington, the event included a Silent Auction, magic-themed games and a Live Auction, all of which would not have been possible without the tireless work of more than 40 incredible volunteers and planning committee members. Thank you for your support of this successful event!

Pictured (clockwise from top left): SCAN Board President Sean Hosty, April Hosty and Linda Winn; Board Member Ravi Chandra and Kiyomi Chandra; Culinary Award Sponsor Dominion's Deborah Johnson with Wendy Albert from winner Tempo Restaurant; Circle of Hope Members Kent & Mary Pat Woodman with Amy & Cole Kathman; Board Member Darryl Dove with Nirvana Dove and Blair Blake; Executive Director Sonia Quinonez and Circle of Hope Member Yipping Osser.

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More than 700 Trained by SCAN

By late 2014, SCAN had officially trained more than 700 people in the *Stewards of Children* child abuse prevention curriculum through its partnership with Darkness to Light! That's 700 adults who are better equipped to prevent child sexual abuse; 700 adults in our communities who can recognize signs that a child is suffering from sexual abuse; 700 adults who are not afraid to act on behalf of a child because they are making choices, taking risks, and supporting one another.

But our work is not done yet. Do you know the signs of child sexual abuse? Do you know what to do to minimize the chance of child sexual abuse happening? Do you know what to do if a child discloses sexual abuse, if you discover it, or you suspect it? SCAN has a network of 20 facilitators who are ready to come to you (at your place of worship, school, childcare center, community group, sports league, etc.) and empower YOU and other adults in your community to prevent child sexual abuse. Please contact Tracy Leonard to learn more or to schedule a training: tleonard@scanva.org.





SCAN's newest CASA volunteers (L to R): Michael Mitchell, Shawn Daniel, Pam Fiumara, Christina Quinn, Elizabeth Ahn, Kristine Kidwell, Laura Rodriguez, Priya Sinha, Lauren Epps, Cat Quinlan and Maxine Weitzner.

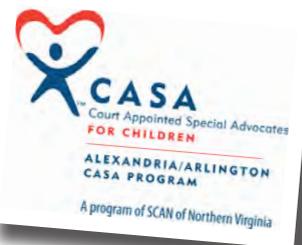
Volunteer Spotlight from the Alexandria/Arlington CASA Program:

CASA volunteer **Kelly Harbitter** is a true example of diligence, commitment and determination through several difficult cases. Kelly has been a CASA volunteer for almost 3 years and graciously accepted a new case right as she finished another one. She immediately started meeting the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL), Social Worker and, of course, visiting the children in their foster home. Kelly and the GAL have done joint visits to potential relative caretakers and they are in frequent contact; **establishing a great working relationship with service providers has been a key component to her success with the family.**

After developing rapport with the foster mother and making contact with the children's teachers, Kelly has been the recipient of many emails and calls from the foster mother and/or teachers when they have urgent concerns about the children. Kelly has worked closely with the social work supervisor who has expressed her appreciation for Kelly's active participation as a member of the treatment team. In addition, Kelly has managed to diligently work her case and visit regularly with her CASA children all while flying back and forth to the west coast for her professional responsibilities.

Kelly regularly updates the CASA staff on the developments in her case and writes comprehensive and insightful court reports that help the Judge understand the complexities of the family situation.

Thank you, Kelly, for all of your dedication and hard work and the attention you give to the needs of the families you serve!



Welcome New CASA Volunteers!

On October 28, 2014, SCAN's Alexandria/Arlington CASA Program swore in a group of new Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). This group consists of five attorneys, military personnel, government workers, and professionals from private industries; all concerned citizens looking to make a difference in the lives of children who are involved in the court system. During the six-week training classes, it was apparent that they were all passionate, capable and willing to give of their time and skills to ensure the children to whom they'd be appointed would be given the best opportunity to have a voice throughout the court process. It was an awesome experience watching these dedicated and diligent individuals learn from the training protocol as well as each other. Almost all of these CASAs have already taken their first cases and are off to a great start!



Across the country, November 22, 2014 was celebrated as **National Adoption Day** as courts collectively finalized the adoptions of children from the foster care system. While reuniting children with their parents or placing them with their relatives is always the first goal, for those children where it is not possible, Adoption Day is a celebration for children joining their forever family. SCAN's CASA program is fortunate to partner with both Alexandria and Arlington to help coordinate and plan for their Adoption Day celebrations. The children and families in both jurisdictions were delighted to be celebrating final placements in loving, permanent homes.

Update from the Parent Education Program:

Dear Friends,

In the last quarter of 2014, the Parent Education Program successfully supported **over 150 parents and 100 children**. Our staff have diligently worked on implementing our cornerstone program, "The ABCs of Nurturing Parenting Program®" and providing workshops such as "Effective Communication With Your Child," "Made in America: Raising Bicultural Children," and "Internet Safety." We also re-launched the *Familias Reunidas* program to support immigrant family reunification in the community. This 4-week workshop series emphasizes communication and adjustment to living in the U.S. as a family, healing emotional wounds and recognizing levels of trauma experienced by parents and children. **We had over 50 parents and 65 children participate in *Familias Reunidas* last fall.** SCAN has been working closely with public schools and other partners to provide this much-needed resource. Parents reported seeing immediate positive changes in their children's behaviors and attitudes towards caregivers and siblings. **"Impactful, moving, and emotional is how I would describe it. To witness the transformation of that relationship between parent and child over the course of the session was amazing"** said Delmira Morales, SCAN staff member and group facilitator.

With additional funding and new partners for 2015, we will build on our recent success. However, our core of support will continue to come from our volunteers. And so we invite you to join us for our first volunteer training on January 29th. Volunteers will learn about their important role in building resiliency in children and families. For more information about this opportunity please contact Sarah Ford (sford@scanva.org). We look forward to seeing you!

Marisol Morales
Parent Education Manager



SCAN's popular Parenting Classes depend on dozens of volunteers to care for children while parents are in class, as well as provide meals for families. The next class series begins in February, and we'd love YOU to get to experience the impact our volunteers have! Attend a volunteer general volunteer orientation on 2/19 to learn more.

SCAN is so thankful to work in such a generous community:

Berman Events for its fun **Let it Row** event, where they hosted a Hot Cocoa Station to raise funds for SCAN.

BJ's in Alexandria for its **Angel Tree**, which collected donations of dozens of gifts for the children in our programs over the holidays.

The Catalogue for Philanthropy for supporting SCAN's fundraising on #givingtuesday as well as continued promotion of SCAN throughout the year as one of its selected "Best Small Charities" in the DC region.

The Center for Alexandria's Children (CAC) for donating their conference room to host a Saturday training for new CASA volunteers.

iHeartRadio (Clear Channel Media) for producing monthly **Parenting Today** shows with SCAN and its special guests from the community.

Cornerstones for hosting the September Allies in Prevention Coalition meeting.

Early Childhood Partnership of Prince William County for working with SCAN to bring child sexual abuse prevention training to professionals.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Center and Alexandria City Public Schools for partnering with SCAN this fall to expand engagement of Alexandria parents in SCAN's weekly educational parent support groups in English and Spanish.

Dr. Lisa Hunt, founder of **The Center for Clinical and Forensic Services, Inc.**, for presenting at our September D2L facilitators meeting.

Minnieland for working with SCAN to bring child sexual abuse prevention training to dozens of local childcare workers.

Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church for hosting SCAN's 3rd Annual Advocacy Day.

On Tap for hosting its 2nd Annual Cider Press event and raising more than \$1,000 for SCAN's child abuse prevention programs.

The many guest speakers who assisted in the training of new CASA volunteers: **Cindi Christensen** from Alexandria DCHS; **Ellen Dague**, Guardian ad Litem; **Regine Gerard** from Arlington DHS; **Alissa Green** from Arlington DHS; **Lyn Greenfield** from Alexandria DCHS; and **Emery Jefferies** from Alexandria DCHS.

Update from the Public Education Program:

Dear Friends,

"Connections" continues to be the driving force behind what we are doing in public education at SCAN. When we first began our Kids Need Connections child abuse prevention campaign in April 2014, the focus was on the connections between service providers and the children they work with, as well as how parents can have stronger connections with their children. Over the last few months, we have expanded the campaign messaging to include how the community should be connecting with kids. This focus began with a very successful Advocacy Day which was held in November.

Our 3rd annual **Advocacy Day was a day when over 50 adults in our Northern Virginia communities came together to learn how to be advocates for children.** They also heard from professionals and legislators on what issues are likely to come up in the 2015 General Assembly session. In 2015, we will all have the chance to be better advocates for children by involving ourselves in SCAN's year round Advocacy plan. Stay tuned . . .

Public Education has also had the privilege of working with both the Child Protection Partnership of Greater Prince William and The Early Childhood Partnership of Prince William County to bring our Darkness to Light, *Stewards of Children* child sexual abuse prevention training to child care centers and in-home child care providers. As mentioned on page 1, our network of facilitators has now trained 732 adults to help prevent child sexual abuse.

We are truly making a difference in the lives of children and families in Northern Virginia!

Tracy Leonard
Public Education Manager



SCAN Founder Dave Cleary welcomes attendees to 2014 Advocacy Day.

Notes from Advocacy Day

SCAN's MSW Intern Kerry Desjardins helped to plan this day of training, policy briefs and strategy with guests from **Prevent Child Abuse Virginia, Virginia Poverty Law Center, Commonwealth Institute, Voices for Adoption** and **Youth for Tomorrow**. Local legislators in attendance included **Sen. Barbara Favola, Del. Dave Albo, Del. Charniele Herring** and **Del. Alfonso Lopez**. A full recap of the day -- including media coverage -- can be found at storify.com/scanofnova.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE AT SCAN AND BEYOND...

ELISABETH CROCKETT joined SCAN's staff this fall as the new CASA Case Supervisor. Elisabeth has a degree in Behavioral Health Counseling from Drexel University and experience as a Victim Advocate, Therapeutic Aide and Trainer/Supervisor of Peer Counselors. She brings a combination of energy, interpersonal skills, and experience working with victims of abuse and assault, as well as a knack for working with volunteers. In addition to a full caseload of CASA Volunteers and their cases, Elisabeth is also the staff liaison to SCAN's Council of Young Professionals!

MARISOL MORALES joined SCAN's staff this fall as the new Parent Education Manager. She brings 15 years of program management experience in both the non-profit and corporate fields. She has trained, supervised and coordinated staff and contractors in providing educational training and community education/outreach for the National Latina Health Network. We look forward to working with Marisol to expand the number of partnerships SCAN has to deliver parent education to struggling parents throughout Northern Virginia.

KAREN PRICE completed four years as SCAN's Director of Development in August, before moving to South Carolina. We wish her all the best!

Building Connections, One Story at a Time

At SCAN, we have created a unique way to create positive connections with a child while also developing their resiliency skills. Our series – **Children’s Stories that Build Resiliency** – is a collection of fifteen popular children’s stories and corresponding questions that are engaging, provide a chance for you to have an open discussion with a child about their emotions, and also allow you to model what children can say or do when confronted with situations that can test their resiliency.

If the child identifies with a particular story in the list, then consider visiting our Pinterest page (pinterest.com/scanofnova) to find additional activities that complement and extend the story. These stories, questions and activities can be used in a variety of settings: at home, in the preschool or elementary classroom, at child care facilities, Sunday school classrooms, or with after school programs. The possibilities are endless as are the connections that children will make now – connections that can last a lifetime with people, emotions and the stories themselves.

This initiative has brought many unique opportunities to SCAN. We received a grant from **Westminster Presbyterian Church** to purchase these books to give to children in our children’s programs and support groups, as well as to use on Adoption Day in Arlington and Alexandria. We have also presented workshops using these stories as well as resiliency

theory at the Arlington Out of School Time conference and one we held at The Center for Alexandria’s Children. In March, Public Education Manager Tracy Leonard will be presenting this same workshop at the VAECE (Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education) conference in Richmond.



We hope you will incorporate this series in your own work with children and families! A list of the *Children’s Stories that Build Resiliency* and coordinating worksheets (in English and Spanish) are available to download at scanva.org by searching “Stories.” SCAN also published a white paper on the topic, *Building Resilient Children, One Story at a Time* which can be downloaded on the site by searching “White Paper”.

GET YOUR SCAN CALENDAR!

We’re excited to offer our 2014 Annual Report as a 2015 wall calendar again. It’s the perfect way to learn more about SCAN and share our information with others all year long!

If you have not received your calendar, please contact the SCAN office. Or you can browse the report online and download your own PDF at www.scanva.org/about-scan/

Already hung your calendar? We’d love to see it in action! Post a picture to our Facebook page or tag us in a picture on Twitter @scanofnova - thanks!



Monthly donations make a big impact!

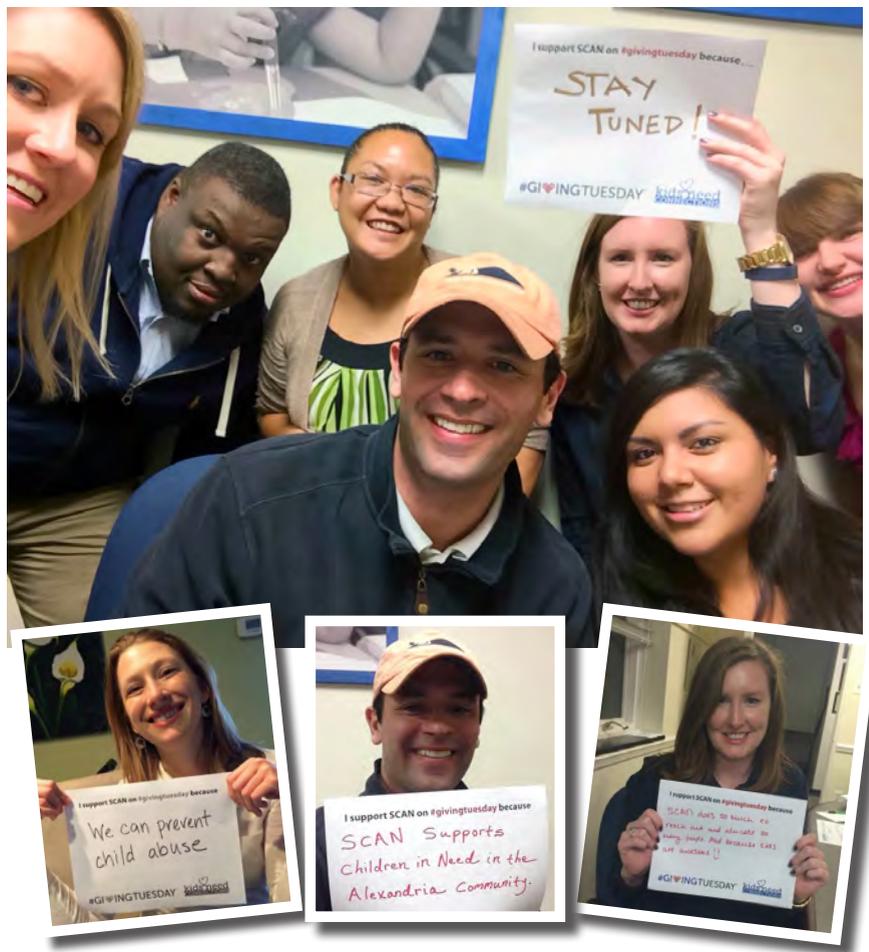
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CYP helps raise funds, awareness on #givingtuesday

SCAN's Council of Young Professionals has been busy, playing a large role in last year's Toast to Hope fundraiser and attending events, like the Cider Press with On Tap Magazine. And they finished the year with a bang -- kicking off SCAN's end-of-year donor appeal on December 2nd with #givingtuesday. CYP members spread the word on social media, sharing their #unselfies and making the first online donations of the critical fundraising season.

So what's up next? Planning SCAN's 3rd Annual Croquet Day, scheduled for May 30, 2015. If you're a 20- or 30-something who wants to get involved with the CYP and start making an impact on children and families, contact Elisabeth Crockett at ecrockett@scanva.org.



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for Public Education Program

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UNITED WAY | \$10,000 for CASA Program

GIVING CIRCLE OF HOPE | \$7,000 (General)

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for Parent Education Program

Save the date (and spread the word!) about VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS at SCAN in 2015:

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – 12:00 noon

Thursday, February 19, 2015 – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 – 12:30 pm

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 5 – 12:30 pm

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 6:30 pm

Tuesday July 14, 2015 – 12:00 noon

Thursday, August 6, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 – 12:30 pm

Monday, October 5, 2015 – 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 12, 2015 – 12:00 noon

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 – 7:00 pm



SCAN's refreshed blog, Connections, is now an important place for child welfare advocates, professionals and volunteers to learn more about the latest resources, trends and tools related to child abuse prevention and the state of child welfare in Northern Virginia and beyond. Special thanks to recent guest bloggers **Sean Hosty**, SCAN Board President, and **Hon. Tim Lovain**, Alexandria City Councilman and SCAN Board Member.

Subscribe online for updates in your inbox at <http://scanofnova.wordpress.com>

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The list of supporters who make annual gifts to SCAN of \$1,000 or more is growing!

These individual gifts are a critical part of our funding that enables our programs to adapt and our teams to collaborate for the most successful services. *THANK YOU!*

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Congratulations to our Fall 2014 Parenting Class Graduates!



SCAN offers four parenting class series every year, two in English and two in Spanish. These 8-week sessions are based on the ABCs of Parenting (or ABCs para Padres) Nurturing Parenting Program® and include coordinated children's activities and a family meal to begin each night.

Last year, 30 parents and their families graduated from the program. Parents come from all walks of life; some are mandated by the court, others are recommended by a friend who took the class, and others just come in search of that extra knowledge and support that can be so critical in strengthening parenting skills.

A new class series will kick off this winter and spring. Do you know a family who might be interested?



ABCs para Padres (en Español)

Thursdays, February 5 - March 26

Registration Currently OPEN

ABCs of Parenting (in English)

Thursdays, April 16 - June 4

Registration Opens March 16

Classes will take place in Alexandria. To register, participants must make an appointment for a one-hour intake interview that includes a program pre-test and review of class guidelines. Registration is REQUIRED. Call SCAN's Parenting Education Coordinator Zayda Galvez at 703-820-9001.



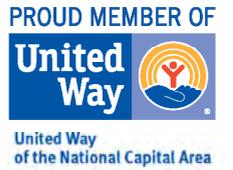
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