Fun & Fundraising at SCAN’s First Croquet Day

As more than 200 players, volunteers and sponsors arrived on the lawns of the Virginia Theological Seminary for SCAN’s first ever Croquet Day, we could not have imagined just how successful the day would be. Despite a light rain from time to time, friends of SCAN raised more than $30,000 to support our programs in the coming year.

“SCAN’s Croquet Day was a community-building event that emphasized the importance of relationships between parents and children, both among participating families and among the vulnerable families who will be strengthened by SCAN’s programs in the coming year,” said Vince Apruzzese, Regional Vice President of External & Legislative Affairs with AT&T, one of Croquet Day’s Presenting Sponsors. “We were very proud to help make SCAN’s first Croquet Day a success.”

The Power of Prevention comes to life in April

Did you see a blue pinwheel in your neighborhood this spring? Our 2013 Pinwheel Partners joined us in April to help kick off our 2013 Northern Virginia Child Abuse Prevention Campaign as part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Thanks to our partners, we were able to raise awareness and funds as well as reach new children and families!

SCAN Croquet Day Celebrity Judges and tournament winners celebrate a successful day on the lawn of the Virginia Theological Seminary (L to R): ABC7 Anchor Scott Thuman; player and CYP President Miguel Huaman; Honorary Board Member Brian Moran; Del. Alfonso Lopez (with his son); Del. Vivian Watts; players Erica Shifflet and Jamee Iglesias.

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Many immigrant teens in our region struggle with the stresses of being separated from – and then reunified with – their families during their immigration journey, especially when there can be years of separation in the process. Their parents also must cope with suddenly parenting a young person whom they may scarcely know and who may be actively resentful. Students’ academic performance, behavior and health often suffer as a result.

SCAN’s Parent & Teen Reunification Support Group at TC Williams High School engages youth and their parents in open dialogue about these challenges. Recently, the facilitator of our teen group led them in an exercise called “Who am I?” challenging them to express their feelings. She explained how not doing so can lead to painful alternative outlets like substance abuse or gang involvement. One teenager was very hesitant to share with the group but after reassurance from the facilitator, he revealed secret feelings he had bottled up for far too long out of fear and shame. He was surprised by how the group affirmed the courage it took to share. They told him that his honesty would help others begin to recognize and share their own painful sentiments surrounding family reunification experiences.

At its foundation, this is what SCAN’s Parent and Teen Reunification Support Group is all about – giving every family member time to share, reach out, and heal alongside those who are on a similar path.

WHAT IS REUNIFICATION?
Often, parents or children will immigrate to the U.S. separately. Reunification is the process that occurs when family members are reunited months or years later. This experience presents unique challenges ranging from language barriers to emotional conflict and mistrust.

WHO COLLABORATES FOR THIS PROGRAM?
SCAN of Northern Virginia
TC Williams High School

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?
Download a fact sheet in English and Spanish available on our Parent Resource Center at www.scanva.org/prc
Advocating for Infants & Toddlers

Each year, about 40% of the children to whom CASA is appointed are between the ages of 0-5. According to Zero to Three, experiences in the first three years shape the architecture of a baby’s brain and build the foundation for lifelong learning, good health and success in the workforce. CASA volunteers have expressed concern that they may not be effectively advocating for young children since they aren’t sure what they should be observing during visits and young children lack the verbal skills to tell volunteers what they would like and need.

In response to this concern, CASA staff invited Candace Radoski, a long-time SCAN parent education facilitator, to give a presentation entitled “Social Emotional Development within the Context of Infant and Toddler Relationships.” Candace gave the CASAs practical tips to implement, such as reading and singing to young children, how young children communicate their needs, and how to build a secure relationship with a very young child. Additionally, staff attended the IMPACT 2013 Early Care and Education Forum to learn more about expanding access to and improving the quality of early care and education services in Alexandria.

CASA volunteers speak up for abused & neglected children in the local court systems. But how do you best advocate for a young child who isn’t yet able to talk about their experiences and feelings?

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On April 17, SCAN welcomed 14 newly-trained CASA volunteers to the Alexandria/ Arlington CASA Program.

Judges Constance Frogale and Uley Damiani from Alexandria as well as Judge George Varoutsos from Arlington attended to swear-in the advocates. Mark Cummings from the Vicky Collins Charitable Foundation also presented a check to support the CASA program. Mark is pictured, near left, with SCAN Board Members Patti Boerger, Mary Kudless and CASA Program Director Carrie Cannon. We are thrilled to welcome the following new CASA volunteers:

- John Ambrose
- Barbara Foelber
- Brianna Ford
- Janie Funkhouser
- Dominie Garcia
- Rita Jimenez
- Lauren Jones
- Timica King
- Suzanne Kritzberg
- Susan Landis
- Nicholas Lichwick
- Liz Lopez
- Erin Spence
- David Stover

We’re grateful to the following guest speakers and organizations who made CASA Training and In-services possible:

BILL BRIGGS, Arlington County Department of Human Services

LYNN GREENFIELD, Alexandria Domestic Violence Program

CINDI CHRISTENSEN, EMERY JEFFERIES, & TAREN LAMBERT, Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services

KRYS TAL KIMRE Y, Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home

LISSA FRIEDMAN & REGINE GERARD, Arlington County Department of Human Services

JULIA OVANDO, Guardian ad Litem

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Golfers Glad to Make a Difference:

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1. The foursome from AOC Solutions that took First Place at the “Tee-Off Fore Children & Families” tournament was also our Watering Hole Sponsor.

2. SCAN’s Executive Director Sonia Quiñónez and Board Member Mary Kudless prepare for the tournament’s shotgun start.

3. A golfer from the McEnearney Team receives a contest award from volunteer Trudy Brisendine.

4. Susan Hebbel (center) helped golfers with registration and was later honored for her 20 years of commitment to SCAN and the tournament.

5. Delegate Rich Anderson welcomes golfers to the Awards Dinner and thanks Masters Cup Sponsor Brown Performance Engineering.


8. New CASA volunteer - and golfer - Nicholas Lichwick receives his award from new Board Member Valerie Cuffee.

9. SCAN Founder Dave Cleary (center) presents the 1st Place award to the team from AOC Solutions.

10. Golfer Dave Hawkins receives a prize from Board Member Sean Hosty.
NANCY HALL completed service as a Board Member, having led SCAN’s Public Education Committee for many years and helped create a variety of “Kids for SCAN” strategies that helped kids get involved in philanthropy.

We also welcome the following four new Board Members:

SABRINA BLACK works for the US Attorney’s Office in Alexandria on the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Program, served as a CASA volunteer for SCAN for 15 years, and was SCAN’s first Cleary Award winner.

VALERIE CUFFEE recently retired as the Director of Arlington Child and Family Services after 27 years in child welfare. She is a licensed clinical social worker and teaches as an adjunct professor in George Mason University’s Social Work department while pursuing a Master of Divinity.

DARRYL DOVE joined SCAN’s board last summer after completing a United Way training on board leadership and became a full member this summer. He brings strategic development consulting expertise from his work with the Department of Justice and will be a liaison between the Board and SCAN’s Council of Young Professionals.

DONNA FLEMING is the VP of Regional Operations for College Summit and served for many years on the Fairfax Human Services Council. Her expertise with nonprofits at the local and national levels will be an asset to SCAN’s governing body.

We also send thanks to two wonderful interns who joined SCAN for the summer. ILIANA PANAMENO just completed her undergraduate degree in social work at Union College in Lincoln, NE. She hopes to empower the Latino community through advocacy work and policy analysis. This past year, Iliana was an intern at a non-profit, public interest law firm dedicated to equal justice and full opportunity for all, where she helped organize a DREAMers forum in Omaha. REILLY WOODMAN attends Georgetown University and will be a senior this coming year, graduating in the spring of 2014. Reilly is a member of the Women’s Lacrosse team at Georgetown. She is majoring in English with a minor in Government. She worked on the Video Vignettes project for SCAN’S 25th anniversary, as well as the Council of Young Professionals (CYP) and the Comcast Film Festival.

REBEKAH BECK left full-time employment with SCAN at the end of June. For the last 6½ years as SCAN’s Education Program Manager, Rebekah helped expand our Parent Education Program to offer more targeted supports to immigrant and teen parents, incorporating evidence-based curriculum, collaborating with key community partners, and engaging a wide variety of skilled volunteers. At the same time, SCAN’s Public Education Program expanded its online educational supports for parents and community members, grew the membership and impact of our Allies in Prevention Coalition, and became an important voice for the child welfare system across the Northern Virginia region. Rebekah’s optimistic outlook, engaging approach, editor’s eye, and dedication to the vision and mission of our organization will be sorely missed, but her influence on our programs and community will continue to flourish. We wish her the best in her new adventures in the Raleigh, NC area!
Two organizations help SCAN make BIG changes

This summer marks the culmination of some very big changes for SCAN – we will be launching our new website and bringing our technology into the modern age!

Over the last year, SCAN staff has been working with Discovery Communications Group in New Hampshire on a pro bono redesign of our website, which is scheduled to launch this fall! With Discovery Communications Group's help, the website has been redesigned with you in mind – parents, donors, community partners and volunteers. And, of course, it will have a snazzy new design, too – don't forget to visit us early this fall at www.scanva.org to check it out!

Thanks to the Philip Graham Foundation, we will also be able to make some important technological upgrades in our offices. We now have wireless internet and will be upgrading the training room to make utilizing online content for in-service and other trainings possible. We will also be purchasing new computers and setting up additional volunteer and intern workspaces, so that everyone will have a space and a working computer – an exciting development around here!

With all these changes happening on our 25th birthday, we can't wait to see where the next 25 years takes us!

We LOVE our volunteers!

More than 260 volunteers supported SCAN's mission last year, and we're excited to share that we will be launching a brand new series of volunteer orientations this year. If you want to learn more about opportunities at SCAN, or you know someone ready to make a difference, please consider attending!

AUGUST 20TH @ 6:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 25TH @ NOON
OCTOBER 16TH @ 7:00 PM
NOVEMBER 15TH @ NOON
DECEMBER 10TH @ 6:30 PM

SCAN GRANT UPDATE:

Virginia Department of Social Services: $49,000 for Parent Education and Public Education
Philip Graham Foundation: $35,000
Alexandria Fund for Human Services, Youth Fund: $34,600 for CASA & Parent Education
Vicky Collins Charitable Foundation: $15,000 for CASA
Alexandria Fund for Human Services, Community Partnership Fund: $13,639
Alexandria Fund For Human Services, Children's Fund: $10,200
Boeing Employee Community Fund: $10,000 for CASA
FACT: $9,640 for Public Education
BJ's Wholesale Club: $5,000 for CASA
Wells Fargo: $5,000 for Public Education
TD Bank Charitable Foundation: $5,000 for Parent Education
Army Officers’ Wives Club of the Greater Washington Area: $1,500
Alexandria Rotary: $2,000
Arlington Kiwanis: $1,700
Arlington Bar Association Foundation: $1,500 for CASA
Foundation of the Alexandria Bar Association: $1,000 for CASA
New leaders, new energy on our busy Council of Young Professionals!

Congratulations to the incoming officers of our Council of Young Professionals (CYP): President Miguel Huaman, President Elect Christine Chambers and Past President Chelsey Ney! Christine, Miguel and Karen Price, SCAN’s Director of Development, are pictured at right at our annual Volunteer Appreciation event this summer. The growing CYP was launched last year and has already made a major impact on SCAN’s fundraisers and special outreach projects.

SCAN’S CIRCLE OF HOPE 2013

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 programs. Thank you!

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