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## *Join us for the Candlelight Vigil* *Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm*

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. While there will be a number of events to highlight domestic violence, we at SCAN want to underscore the fact that domestic violence between spouses and partners can also physically (and definitely emotionally) hurt and kill children. Each October, SCAN and other community partners conduct a Candlelight Vigil to provide awareness of and to honor the North Carolina children who died as a result of abuse the previous year.

Child fatalities are the most tragic consequences of child abuse and neglect. While all deaths from abuse and neglect should be counted, NC child homicides by a parent or caregiver are those by abuse only. Those deaths resulting from neglect remain uncounted, making the problem seem smaller than it actually is.



The ultimate goal of SCAN is to prevent child abuse and neglect. Promoting safe, nurturing relationships as well as safe, nurturing environments are both crucial for prevention. SCAN teaches positive parenting skills, effective communication skills and appropriate discipline techniques while providing support to parents as they learn. SCAN also advocates for appropriate and timely physical health visits and the importance of meeting a child's emotional needs.

The Candlelight Vigil will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 225 Morgan Street, Troutman. It will begin at 6:30 pm. I hope you will join us as we honor these little ones and as we re-commit to continue our prevention efforts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**OCTOBER 16-18**

Carolina BalloonFest is a fun-filled weekend of outstanding entertainment, attractions and family activities. Bring cameras, lawn chairs and blankets to bask in the beautiful Carolina autumn weather as the backdrop to all the sights & sounds of over 50 colorful hot air balloons. SCAN receives a percentage of the proceeds from this event.



**OCTOBER 31**

Due to inclement weather two weekends in a row, the Great Chili Cook-Off will be held on Halloween starting at Noon. Dress the kids up, dress yourself up and come eat some chili! Take in the food and craft vendors, hang out with your kids in the HUGE Inflatables Kids Zone and enjoy a fun-filled time.



**DECEMBER 8**

Each year thousands of people visit Mooresville for this annual event, where they get to see many of their favorite NASCAR & NHRA drivers and celebrities, as well as their show cars on display and even a visit from Santa himself. This year's event will be located at NASCAR Technical Institute.



**JANUARY 1**

Are you ready to plunge into the cold waters of Lake Norman on New Year's Day? Join us at Trump National Charlotte for Hope at the Lake's Polar Plunge. The group is working hard on planning this fun, family-friendly event. Stay tuned for more information.

## RECENT EVENTS



Thank you to Homesley & Wingo Law Group for this fun-filled night on September 18. The music, food, and beverages were fantastic!



Thank you to JMS Southeast and their employees for a recent donation from the vending sales during the month of August!

## *Mooreville-Lake Norman Exchange Club*



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### **PAUL SUMMERVILLE EXCHANGITE OF THE YEAR**

2014-15 National President Tom Karnes and Executive Vice President Tracey Edwards presenting the National Exchangite of the Year Award to Paul Summerville.

This highly prestigious award recognizes an outstanding Exchangite who is active in the organization through participation in recruitment/new club building efforts, club/district leadership positions, major club or district committees, projects or fundraisers. The award also seeks to recognize individuals who roll up their sleeves to volunteer and have a positive attitude.

*The Mooreville-Lake Norman Exchange Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Charles Mack Citizen Center at Noon.*

## *Statesville Exchange Club*

### **NEW EXCHANGE CLUB IN THE WORKS!**

Please consider joining the newly forming Exchange Club of Statesville. If you would like to serve your community and get to know a great group of people, join us for a meeting.



*The Statesville Exchange Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Mezcaluna II Restaurant at 1:00 pm.*

**For more information regarding either Exchange Club, please contact Vickie Ketchie at 704-607-5410.**



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## **SUPPORT, COACHING, ACCOUNTABILITY, & NURTURING**



### *A SCAN SUCCESS STORY:*

From a graduate of SCAN's Parent Aide Program.

“Now I know I can be a better Mommy because you gave me the courage!” Those words, spoken by a parent served by SCAN, are music to our ears! The programs offered by SCAN work — as many healthier and happier families who have completed the process will tell you. One single mother of four, whose children were in foster care, smiled broadly as she finished her last session. “The class helped me a lot,” she shared, then added proudly, “My kids are coming home tomorrow!”

### *Note to the Board of Directors:*

SCAN would like to welcome new Board members for this year—Deborah Brown, Beth Caras, Melissa Cruz, Adam Hilton, Jamie Ottinger, and Tamara Roach. We would also like to thank previous Board members for their service and for their continued support—Ronnie Crisco, Angela Greene, Curt Kennedy, Ryan Pegarsch, and Jason Ralston. The Board of Directors continues to be an invaluable source of support to SCAN and the families of Iredell County.

