

SCAN Staff Profile: Kim Kolmerten, Young Adult Advocate Supervisor, Be SomeOne Now

Kim Kolmerten is a behind the scenes person. She likes details and organization. She enjoys “putting the different pieces of the puzzle together to make a picture.” As the Be SomeOne Now supervisor, Kim does just this. And, she loves it.



In February of 2012, Kim joined the SCAN team. She's seen Be SomeOne Now grow from an idea into a successful program that is changing the lives of young adults throughout eleven Northeast Indiana counties. Since Be SomeOne Now was implemented, more than 100 young adults have obtained their GEDs as a result of the case management and support services provided.

“Case management lies at the core of the Be SomeOne Now program. Through this program you almost become a family member or friend. You are the person the students can talk to, confide in and help work through problems and find solutions. It is through this relationship that you help them get their education, their job and achieve their goals,” explains Kim.

Building relationships with the young adults enrolled in the Be SomeOne Now program is what makes Kim want to come to the office everyday. She says, “Being a part of the program is rewarding and it is a challenge, but at the end of the day, you know you're changing lives and bettering the lives of young adults, so that they can ultimately give back to the community. These results make me want to work even harder.”

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The mission of SCAN is to eliminate abuse and neglect of children through family services, education and community partnerships.

Did you know that SCAN serves areas all around Indiana?



Healthy Families

Healthy Families of Allen County offers FREE support services to help parents of newborns develop safe and healthy families. Preparing for a baby is challenging for the whole family. Healthy Families helps parents by providing development information and checklists to assist in caring for an infant, on-going support to help develop the bond between a parent and a baby, information and connections to medical care and immunizations, and connections to other local resources or services that may benefit the family. Even if you have read all the books, the reality of a new baby can raise serious questions for ALL parents and Healthy Families is here to help.

Quality Assurance

SCAN provides Quality Assurance and Technical Assistance for all Healthy Families programs throughout the state of Indiana. This service is provided through a contract with the Indiana Department of Child Services. SCAN Healthy Families Quality Assurance staff and Technical Assistance staff go to Healthy Families' sites throughout the state and review their work to help them improve on their processes and excel at their accreditation with Healthy Families America. This leads to better services for all families. They also coordinate training for Healthy Families workers throughout the state and The Institute for Strengthening Families two times a year, offering additional training for workers. This department also has special clinicians that are working on several clinical issues for specific sites as a part of a Federal Maternal and Child Health initiative.

Community Partners

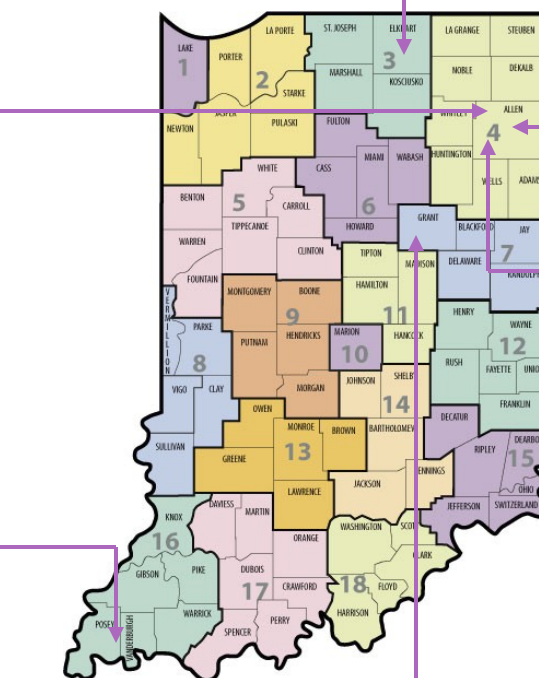
Through Community Partners for Safe Families, SCAN works with other local services agencies in Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall and St. Joseph counties to help parents deal with situations that interfere with their ability to manage safe families. Community Partners provides families with one-on-one services to help them solve problems affecting their lives. Whether it is a housing crisis, handling a mentally ill family member, dealing with domestic violence, or providing relief in stressful situations, Community Partners can help. These services are provided at no cost to the families.

Daybreak

Daybreak provides emergency relief to families in crisis or those who are overwhelmed. This program offers free, short-term care for children for a period of four hours up to seven days. The best parents ask for help when they need it. Daybreak is here for these parents providing specially-trained foster families to care for little ones in a warm, safe environment. This program can provide a secure place for children of parents who are recovering from a medical issue, being hospitalized, or who are at the end of their rope.

Family Restoration

SCAN's Family Restoration services cover a variety of areas. The goal of these services is to keep children safe as well as to teach the parents skills in coping with their children. SCAN provides supervised visitation between a child(ren) who has been removed from their home because of substantiated abuse and/or neglect and their parent(s). In addition to this program, Family Restoration services also provide parent training, case management, role model parenting, home management training, and links parents to resources. Licensed clinicians may provide therapy to those recovering from the effects of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and/or neglect through this program.



Be SomeOne Now

Be SomeOne Now is a joint program of SCAN, Inc. and WorkOne Northeast, which is part of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. We provide guidance and support to qualified individuals, ages 16-21. We have developed a variety of programs to help young adults in northeast Indiana obtain a GED, go to college, connect with a mentor and develop the skills needed for employment. The program provides career development and services in the areas of education and employment. This program is offered in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties.



Do you have questions on any of these programs?
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Cheers to a bountiful Weigand Construction Duck Race to Benefit SCAN!

A HUGE, final thank you to all of the sponsors, in-kind donors, SCAN staff, volunteers, local businesses, and participants who made the 25th Annual Weigand Construction Duck Race to Benefit SCAN our most successful Duck Race to date. Over \$166,000 was raised to support SCAN's mission to eliminate the abuse and neglect of children through family services, education and community partnerships! Thank you!

Congratulations to all 25 winners!

Here's what our top prize winners had to say about why they buy ducks:

- First-place winner, Nancy said her daughter and she have been buying tickets for over 10 years. Nancy says, "We just feel it's a good cause." She plans to fix a few things up around the house with her winnings.
- Dave, who won 2nd place, said he recently heard a story of a SCAN staff member who helped a dad that could not read or write. The worker helped the dad draw pictures and create a small book to share with his child. It's stories like these that move and continue to inspire Dave. "Is there any work really more important (daunting & rewarding) than the art of parenting?," says Dave. He feels blessed to be in a community that serves children and families like SCAN does. Dave says, "Buying ducks is a small contribution to a big mission."



25 years



Duck Race volunteers, Pam and Layla, work the Duck Pond, one of several fun children's games at the event.

A complete list of winners and sponsors can be found on our website at www.scanfw.org.



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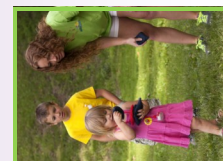
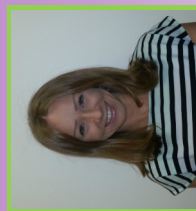
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VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Dani Leas

For volunteer Dani Leas, helping at SCAN is personal. Dani, 30, originally from Colorado, has been in the Fort Wayne area for 11 years. Dani grew up in an environment of abuse; she experienced it and she watched it. Being resilient, Dani was able to pull herself out of the negative situation, now is raising her own family, and wants to give back to help children. Dani had been looking for an organization to volunteer with that dealt with child abuse and family support. She found SCAN. Dani, a mother to four amazing kids and a personal banker with Fifth Third Bank, started volunteering at SCAN on her lunch break this past April. She volunteers in the Resource Development Department and has assisted with fundraising events and other tasks. Dani enjoys being able to take part in the process of raising the funds needed to accomplish SCAN's mission. She sees her work as a way to help stop child abuse and neglect without being a counselor or social worker. Dani says, "It's exciting to see how many people are invested and help SCAN!" She has



enjoyed the opportunity to spread SCAN's message to others. Dani, her boyfriend, and their children all helped at the Duck Race in June. It was a fun volunteering experience for the whole family. Since volunteering with SCAN, Dani has joined our Campaign for Children Committee that helps plan all three fundraising events and looks forward to the opportunity to make a larger contribution to the work to help children and families.

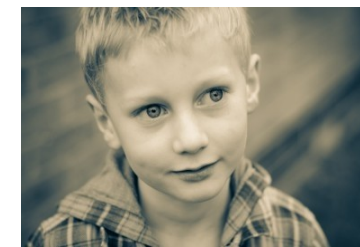
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Healing Hearts

From the desk of Rachel Tobin-Smith, Executive Director

Imagine... The room is full of swarms of fleas. The bed bugs are so prevalent that you can physically see them. And the roaches are crawling across the food cooking on the stove. The children are coming into this place they call home.

parents, some are drug using parents, all are situations that leave the children in northeast Indiana in volatile situations where they are at a minimum being emotionally abused and often times being neglected, battered or sexually assaulted.

The small trailer has a ceiling that is caving in on an elderly woman in a wheelchair as children play. The woman and the children all live together in this dilapidated, unsafe home.

The dad is yelling at mom.

The yelling escalates to dad hitting mom. The kids are awakened and come into the room. They start to cry out in fear and dad punches a hole in the wall to silence the children.

The teenager is being yelled at by mom's boyfriend. The 'man' is egging him on, calling him names, urging the teen to hit him. Finally the boyfriend hits the teen. Hard.

Unfortunately these situations are not imaginary. They are real situations that we have seen these past few months. SCAN's home-based case managers walk into homes like these every single day. My office mailbox is filled each morning with two or more incident reports of issues that staff have had to deal with the previous day or week. Some are suicidal



One of my favorite authors is Jonathon Kellerman. He writes a crime series involving a child psychologist who is often working with the police department.

Many times he writes of child

abuse situations. In one of his early books he wrote a line that I think of all too often in our work at SCAN. I am going to paraphrase it here, "I have picked raisins in the hot sun, I have sat in mahogany board rooms making multimillion dollar decisions, but nothing is harder than healing human misery and pain with nothing more than your heart, your words, and your mind."

The staff at SCAN do exactly this on a daily basis. They heal the misery of so many children and the anguish of their parents. But they do have something more than just their heart. They have their words. They have YOU. Your belief in their work, your ongoing financial support, and your dedication helps our staff make the little ones' world less painful. Thank you.