SCAN-Harbor is a non-profit, youth and family service organization that provides integrated service delivery to the highest risk children and families of Harlem, East Harlem, and the South Bronx. Serving over 7,000 children and teens and 1,000 adults and families each year at 22 program sites, we are the largest youth service provider in our communities.

SCAN-Harbor’s mission is simply to afford integrated services to our communities’ most vulnerable “at-risk” families and children. We provide our families and children with family-focused programming that uses a positive empowerment approach, harnesses individual strengths, fosters self-esteem, initiative, and the development of life skills.

SCAN-Harbor offers a diversity of programs, including: our Reach For The Stars college-bound program, young women’s empowerment, substance abuse treatment, street organization / gang outreach, violence prevention, literacy programs, early childhood education, after-school activities and events, employment skills training, LGBTQ support, mentoring and youth leadership.

SCAN’s approach is predicated upon a strength-based program model.

Our programs start with the recognition that the children and families we serve are filled with potential – with skills and talents that have yet to be discovered, polished, and realized. The aim of our programs is not to simply solve problems, but to help families and young people to move beyond their problems by building upon their strengths, by literally “reaching for the stars”.

The agency has been led by its Executive Director, Lewis Zuchman, an original 1961 Freedom Rider, since 1987.

ABOUT SCAN-Harbor

Ready to make a real difference in the lives of some of NYC’s most “at risk” youth and families?

Whether you decide to support SCAN-Harbor by making a donation, volunteering your time, or joining our board, your help can change lives. We hope you’ll make the choice to partner with SCAN-Harbor.

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SCAN-Harbor is providing the skills and support necessary to help our participants realize a positive and productive life!

“It was at SCAN-Harbor that I learned how to play chess and to create an effective PowerPoint presentation. It was at SCAN-Harbor that I learned many valuable social skills that benefit me to this day. However, that is just me. I have friends that, if not for SCAN-Harbor, there wouldn’t be any place for them to go except the block with all its perils. I know it’s hard to see the success of the program, but I’d like you to know that your work with SCAN-Harbor has helped produce the person I am today, and literally saved the lives of some of my friends.”

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Former President of Brooklyn Tech’s Black Student Union. Alumni of SCAN’s PS42 South Bronx-based afterschool program Attending Howard University on an academic scholarship

Over 6,000 students attend one of our 14 afterschool programs and community centers
Our Reach For The Stars upward bound program places 90% of its high school seniors into college
Each year, more than 250 volunteers connect with SCAN-Harbor kids to provide mentoring and educational supports
SCAN-Harbor’s 15 summer camps build literacy-related skills and provide quality recreation to 1,800 youth.

Over 50% of SCAN-Harbor’s employees represent youth and/or parents who are, or have been, recipients of service – just one way we demonstrate our faith and confidence in the innate capabilities of the community members we serve!

Over 70 high school students regularly participate in our Mentoring Program
Our multi-disciplinary Preventive Services Family Treatment / Rehabilitation Program for substance abusing parents serves 180 families at a given time, the largest such program in NYC