

ABOUT SCAN-Harbor

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.



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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The largest youth services provider in Harlem, East Harlem, and South Bronx.

PROGRAMS

SCAN-Harbor’s services in Harlem, East Harlem, and the South Bronx, begin with the clear recognition that our participants, in a setting of encouragement and empowerment, can not only resolve their immediate issues, but can achieve positive goals when given the tools and the support they need. With over 100 full-time and 350 part-time employees, our programs encompass an impressive range:

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Academic tutoring, enrichment activities, recreation and cultural programs for elementary, middle, and high school students

COMMUNITY CENTERS

After school and evening services include creative arts, recreation, mentoring, youth leadership, and academic support for youth, families, and community

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Summer camps in Harlem, East Harlem and the South Bronx provide critical recreation and education

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Cognitive, creative, and social development for children from infancy to pre-school

FAMILY / SOCIAL SERVICES

Intensive preventive services mix social service, mental health, domestic violence support, and substance abuse treatment for New York’s highest risk youth, parents, and families

HEALTHY FOOD & NUTRITION

Food pantries, healthy cooking classes for youth and families, and developing community educators



PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

High-quality training and performance opportunities in theater, dance, vocal and instrumental musical.

LGBTQ

WISH (We, I, She, He) uses an inclusive approach to support the full spectrum of youth served by SCAN-Harbor with social, educational and employment assistance

POSITIVE YOUTH EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP

Peer support, SCAN-Harbor Youth Leadership Council, mentoring and Young Women’s Empowerment

REACH FOR THE STARS

Our college-bound program targets underachieving and under-performing youth

SUPPORT FOR RECENT IMMIGRANTS

ESL classes, job readiness training, economic development, and family planning

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Services for court-involved youth, conflict mediation and resolution workshops, family outreach and support, and outreach to crew/gang involved youth

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Resume building, vocational support, paid internships, and placement in education and employment

IMPACT

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 for 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