



# S.C.A.N. & A.C.A.N.

Supporters of Children with Additional Needs and Additional Chairs for Additional Needs

September 2013



## S.C.A.N. Education & Activity Center Grand Opening

We are very pleased to announce that our Founder's, Terry Faust, dream has come true! On September 14 we will be opening the doors of the new S.C.A.N. Education & Activity Center. This will be a place for children with additional needs and their families to come to enjoy activities and hands-on therapeutic services, parent trainings, support group meetings & much more. We will offer Mommy & me classes, Homework Swap, Drama Club, Garden Club, Money Matters & many more programs.

We will be asking families to join our center and enter into a contract with monthly membership fees, just like a gym or YMCA. Families will then be able to enjoy the center and have reduced fees for extracurricular activities outside the center.

Our Grand Opening Event will be September 14 from 10-2. The center is located at 679 W. Elm Suite 5 Lebanon, MO 65536 between Salvation Army & Simplicity Coffee, Tea & More.

The festivities will include LOUIE from the Springfield Cardinals, sponsored by Dr. Marla Smith, from 10-11 AM; FREE Music Therapy with Miss Leslie Jones 11:30-12:30; and Free Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. You will have an opportunity to tour our new facilities and sign up for our special "grand opening membership discount." During this onetime special membership will be \$20 a month for the first six months, after that our normal membership fees will be \$25 a month.

Remember S.C.A.N. supports all additional needs families no matter what diagnosis and include siblings in all activities.

"All children are special, ours just have additional needs"

### Upcoming Events

**September 7**-Walk Now for Autism Speaks 9AM Jordan Valley Park Springfield MO

**September 14**-Grand Opening of our New S.C.A.N. Education & Activity Center 10-2

**September 21**-Steele the Therapy Dog will be at the Center 10 AM

**September 22**-Go Karts 160 Go Karts in Nixa, MO 2 PM check out our event on facebook for more info

**September 23**-Monthly Support Group Meeting

**September 27**-Sensory Saturday Showing Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 10AM Ritz 8 Lebanon only!

**October 5**-Soccer Camp 9-1 (October 12 rain date)

**October 12**-Parent's Night Out

**October 19**-Believe in ME 5k for Down Syndrome Awareness



### OUR Apologies!

As Co-Director and editor of this newsletter, I want to offer our sincerest apologies for the lack of newsletters over the summer months.

In May, our office moved to a new and bigger location, so we could offer more services to the community. The summer has been crazy with our kids being home and working like mad to get the center open. Our Director-Terry Faust, myself and other volunteers are pleased to announce the center will open September 14! Sorry for the lack of newsletters!~~HB

## Raising Awareness! Focus on: Rett Syndrome



Rett Syndrome affects 1 in 10,000 girls. After birth, girls with classic Rett syndrome have 6 to 18 months of apparently normal development before developing severe problems with communication and language, learning, coordination, and other brain functions.

Early in childhood, affected girls lose purposeful use of their hands and begin making repeated hand wringing, washing, or clapping motions. They tend to grow more slowly than other children and have a small head size (microcephaly).

Other signs and symptoms can include breathing abnormalities, seizures, an abnormal side-to-side curvature of the spine (scoliosis), and sleep disturbances.

Researchers have described several variants of Rett syndrome with overlapping signs and symptoms. The atypical forms of this disorder include a very severe type known as the congenital variant, which has no period of normal development, and an early-onset seizure variant characterized by seizures that begin in infancy.

The vast majority of cases of classic Rett syndrome are caused by mutations in the *MECP2* gene. This gene provides instructions for making a protein (MeCP2) that is critical for normal brain function. Although the exact function of the MeCP2 protein is unknown, it likely plays a role in maintaining connections (synapses) between nerve cells.

This info was obtained from:  
<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/condition/rett-syndrome>

### Autism Awareness



Each to their own beat  
 Making beautiful music together!

This year's Walk Now for Autism Speak walk is coming up September 7, 9AM, at Jordan Valley Park in Springfield. We would love to have a great showing of support for this event so please register and participate. The cost is free. Valarie Hayes is our team captain this year and can be reached by email at [valariehayes@scan4kids.com](mailto:valariehayes@scan4kids.com)



Team Believe  
 in ME

Our Believe in ME walk team for Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks came in 3<sup>rd</sup>! Thanks to all of you for your help, support + participation.

This year Glenda Harris is the Team Captain and S.C.A.N. will not be organizing the fundraising events but we will support Glenda in spirit. I'm sure you will see some of our families at her events.

They will be holding a 5k at Harke Park October 19 at 9am. Preregistration needs to be completed by September 30. You can email Glenda at [believeinme5k@yahoo.com](mailto:believeinme5k@yahoo.com)



This is a piece of artwork by one of our kiddos. This is Joey Tubbs's penguin he made in his junior high pottery class. We are so proud of Joey.

Remember:  
 Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE the word itself says I'm POSSIBLE!

# SINCE WE LAST SENT A NEWSLETTER . . .



*As you can tell, even though we've been out of school and had a lack of newsletters, we've had a blast during the summer of 2013!*