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2022 IMPACT REPORT

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SCARS (Saving Children and Revealing Secrets)
Registered Charity # 922
Annual Impact Report: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

SCARS' mission is to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse and to be an advocate and voice for children who have been sexually molested as well as their affected family.

SCARS aims to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse by raising awareness and advocating to key decision makers to put policies and procedures in place that best protect children from the crime of child sexual abuse.

SCARS' intent is to provide awareness information and prevention education to all adults including, youth-serving organisations, sports programs, faith-based groups, camps, clubs and all other individuals and organizations that are entrusted with children in our community.

SCARS' focus is to stop sexual abuse before it happens and provide a list of resources for support when it does happen. Prevention is key because by the time child protective services, police, or a therapist gets involved, the molestation already occurred, and a scar has formed.

SCARS believes that by reducing the number of sexually molested children in our community, there will be a reduction in drug abuse, alcoholism, teen pregnancies, mental illness, self injurious behaviors, eating disorders, promiscuity, violence, and suicide.

SCARS' vision is to have a community without child sexual abuse. We are doing everything we can to educate adults and end the pain and shame associated with this issue.

CHAIR'S REPORT

It is an honor to provide a report on 2022 - year of amazing achievements. SCARS introduced and began using an additional educational curriculum for individuals previously trained in our core evidence-informed training aid, Darkness to Light "Stewards of Children". The title of this recertification program is "Beyond Stewards of Children" and consists of a two-hour virtual training format that includes video outtakes of interviews with some of Bermuda's youth leaders, psychologists, and survivors. This achievement was in collaboration with the Darkness to Light organization; the prominent U.S. based child sexual abuse prevention organization. I wish to thank and congratulate the SCARS team and participants in the "Beyond Stewards" training video for an amazing achievement.

Our core objectives continued to be delivered in 2022. SCARS delivers high quality prevention education training programs, creates awareness of the issues surrounding child sexual abuse and provides resource information to the Bermuda community. Our success in delivering on our mission here in Bermuda is leading to change in so many ways; including residents and citizens that have asked SCARS to assist in introducing prevention training to their home country. That's impact!!

SCARS will continue to help our community reduce the chances of our children from being sexually abused by arming our adults with the tools to do so. I urge all adults to invest several hours of their time to learn about grooming techniques used by perpetrators, how to minimize opportunity, recognize and react responsibly to any discovery, disclosure, or reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse.

Thank you to all individuals, foundations, and corporations that have kindly and generously donated funds and services to SCARS (See Page 30 for a list of our 2022 corporate donors). I also wish to recognize our governmental agencies, collaborative charities, Board of Directors, and incredibly passionate staff (can you believe there are only two of them?) for an amazingly impactful 2022!!

Allan Doughty
Chairman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I am thrilled to report that SCARS has surpassed 12,000 adults educated in child sexual abuse prevention. That means more protective eyes are looking after the children of Bermuda. How amazing it is that nearly a quarter of our adult population have the knowledge and skills to protect children from sexual harm. It speaks volumes about our citizens and residents. Knowledge is power!

Our country can say that our youth serving organizations are implementing best practice safe policies and codes of conduct around child protection. These organizations are sending a clear message to child sex offenders - "don't even think about preying on our children because we are aware of the signs and are watching!!" Child sex offenders seek opportunities where there are children, but we are very encouraged that many of our youth serving organizations are doing everything they can to reduce risk. That is impact!

Our country's courtrooms are becoming more sensitive to the needs of children. That speaks volumes about our Judiciary. This is happening in Bermuda, and it is impactful!

There is nothing more vital to the health of a community then when its people are healthy; both emotionally and physically. Using children for sexual pleasure is not only against the law but it also causes deep and life-lasting wounds to child victims. Wounds appear years later; emotional scars are carried over. When a wound isn't healed early, it can affect a child into their adulthood (e.g., drug & alcohol addiction, depression, mental illness, physical illness from stress and anxiety, eating disorders, relationship challenges from the experience of betrayal, crime, school drop-out, and even suicidal thoughts). Parents, loved ones, caregivers and educators, must recognize the impacts of trauma on children. We must educate ourselves on prevention. The more adults SCARS educates, the more children we save.

Because child sexual abuse will not disappear entirely, we must keep our message of prevention and awareness on the hearts and minds of our people. In February we launched our two-hour Darkness to Light "Beyond Stewards of Children" virtual recertification training curriculum. The new recertification program reminds those that work with youth about boundary violations, potential sexual abuse signs, red flags, and grooming techniques used by child sexual offenders. We are proud that this new recertification curriculum uses our very own Bermuda youth leaders, child advocates and survivors. We are proud to declare that SCARS has created a prevention-oriented community.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Although many of our community members have been trained, we recognized that there might be some, that for whatever reason, may never participate in an in-person training or virtual classroom. As a result, between April and October, SCARS brought aspects of our training and awareness to Bermuda's leading local cable channel. On Channel 82's *BermudaReal*, a show produced by well-known veteran journalist and reporter Ceola Wilson, we had a significant opportunity to reach a targeted audience through three one-hour episodes to address the issues on child sexual abuse. In addition, SCARS ran several commercials to teach, empower and support the audience in understanding the facts around child sexual abuse. During the last episode, Bermudian survivors shared their secret and gave a voice to other survivors in our community. We applaud their bravery!!!

Throughout the year, SCARS continued to advocate for greater protection of children in the areas of legal consent; and sex offender sentencing and guidelines for release. Additionally, we advocate for affected families by providing a list of resources and support on how to respond – and take action – when abuse does occur.

The impact SCARS has made is due to not only our community members and youth serving organizations, but also our generous donors. They make it happen. Because of their generosity and belief in our work, SCARS can offer free education to every parent, caregiver, and organization that works with children. Because of our donors, there are no financial barriers to education and awareness on prevention. I wish I could say that SCARS' work is done and no longer needs financial support, but it's not. We must continue our mission of child protection because our children remain vulnerable to sexual predators.

I am forever grateful to our dedicated and committed Board of Directors. With their oversight, trust and unwavering support, I will continue to lead with passion, vision and confidence. As a non-profit, achieving our mission year-after-year is only possible when working with a team that is selfless, supportive and consistently hard working. Helen Ponte, our Director of Programs, is all of the above plus a fierce champion for children. Helen and I are grateful for Jessica Lewis, our volunteer social media coordinator. She is our super-hero and a great pleasure with whom to work.

Executive Director

Founder and Executive Director, SCARS Bermuda

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

SCARS LAUNCHES BEYOND STEWARDS FOR RECERTIFICATION

D2L "Beyond Stewards" recertification prevention training curriculum launched on February 10th, 2022. SCARS Directors and interviewees in the film were recertified on February 10th and 15th . We held our first community session on February 23rd .

Darkness to Light "Beyond Stewards" is a 2-hour recertification curriculum for those representing a youth-serving organization and who have already been SCARS certified at least 3 years ago.

DEBI RAY-RIVERS INTERVIEWED ON *BermudaReal* WITH CEOLA WILSON

As part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, Debi was featured in an interview with veteran Journalist, of 40 years, Ceola Wilson of *BermudaReal*. In this hour long one-on- one interview, Debi discussed the impact of sexual abuse on children and her crusade to educate the people of Bermuda of this crime through prevention training. For the full interview click here.

The second episode aired on June 27th and filmed after Ceola became SCARS certified. There was an on-air discussion of what Ceola learned in the training. It was an opportunity to bring education and awareness to her viewers. Ceola Wilson Part 2

The third episode aired on October 27th (SCARS' 11th Anniversary) and featured brave Bermudian survivors along with motivational speaker, survivor and former Police Detective, Kevin McNeil. Ceola Wilson Part 3

SCARS INVITED TO CHILD & FAMILY LAW PRACTICE SEMINAR AND THE JUDICIAL SEMINAR IN LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS

Invited by the Hon. Mrs. Justice Shade Subair Williams, Chairperson, Judicial Training Institute, SCARS attended two seminars. Not only are we hopeful that a part of the Magistrates Court Building will be designed with a child-centered approach to facilitate young victims, but also that the children of Bermuda will receive what they need to reduce the distress associated with any legal matter. SCARS is grateful to our Judiciary, Magistracy and Department of Public Prosecutions for their continued advocacy to protect one of the most vulnerable members our society – our children.

SCARS TRAINING NUMBERS SOAR IN 2022

SCARS saw a spike in the number of individuals trained in 2022. Much of this is due to the new two-hour Darkness to Light “Beyond Stewards” training curriculum which was introduced in February 2022. This new curriculum is designed for adults who have already been trained in the three-hour Darkness to Light “Stewards of Children” program but are required to obtain recertification every three years. Those who work with children are being reminded about the foundational information received in the first “Stewards of Children” training. This new training teaches skills on how to identify boundary violations and apply bystander intervention in those situations. It also provides information on how to identify red flags and grooming techniques used by child sex offenders.

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

The only major fundraiser in 2022 was the 7th Annual Kayak for Kids event which took place the weekend of October 1st, 2022.

Thirty-four kayakers and two paddleboarders, supported by three jet skis and three boats (including the Bermuda Coast Guard) participated in the fundraiser.

Day one of the 40-mile route started at Somerset Long Bay Beach at 8 am on Saturday, October 1 and finished at Clearwater Beach in St David's. Participants started day two from Clearwater Beach on Sunday morning and returned to Somerset Long Bay.

The event was supported by 18 corporate sponsors and hundreds of individual donors. Another very successful event!

RAISING FUNDS FOR SCARS

April 30, 2022 – Extreme Sports raised $3,250 for SCARS

The Xtreme Sports Games is an event that includes 32 different companies competing against each other in various sports and activities while representing 32 local charities. Each of the thirty-two companies involved compete to become the Xtreme Sports Games Champion. Money was awarded to the top two teams which were required to donate the funds to a Bermudian registered charity or not-for-profit organization. SCARS was grateful to have been chosen by BELCO as their charity of choice to represent. BELCO (SCARS) and Validus Re (Big Brothers Big Sisters) tied for 1st place with each charity receiving $3,200. Great job BELCO!!

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RAISING FUNDS FOR SCARS

April 23, 2022
Bermuda Non-Mudder raised $1,075 for SCARS

One Communications Ltd. launched a digital advent calendar fundraiser in November and chose SCARS to benefit by raising $2,000.

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RAISING FUNDS FOR SCARS

October 23, 2022 – A Day at the Races raised $3,620 for SCARS

Deborah Kerr and the staff at The Terrace restaurant hosted a brunch to benefit SCARS with a "A Day at the Races" theme. Many generous companies donated raffle prizes including: Bersalon, Headway, Bermuda Fun Golf, Turtle Hill Golf, Bermuda Bistro, Belmont Golf, Current Vehicles, Cardozas, Aurora, K9 Bath Time, Moongate Productions, Chrysalis BDA, Huckleberry and Inspired Fitness. The proceeds of these raffle prizes raised $3,620 for SCARS.

October 29, 2022 – Bermy Strong 2022 raised $600 for SCARS

Bermy Strong is an organization that brings teams of 10 individuals together from across the island to compete for the strongest and fittest team with proceeds going to a local charity. This year SCARS was selected as the recipient.

SCARS IN THE NEWS

The Royal Gazette

"Charities Hope for Better Times in 2022"
January 3, 2022

SCARS was asked to comment on their charity and the effects that COVID had on our charity. For the entire article please click here Charities Hope.

"Have all precautions been taken before release of this child sex offender?"
February 21, 2022

Debi Ray-Rivers was featured in *The Royal Gazette* about her views of a sex offender being released from prison with concerns about his rehabilitation. For the entire article please click here Have all precautions been taken?

"Let's Begin with 'No is No'"
January 26, 2022

Debi Ray-Rivers wrote an opinion piece in reaction to the news that a man in jail for sexual abuse of a minor had his sentence upheld. Debi spoke of to the effects on the victim 20 years later. For the entire article please click here 'No is No'.

"Sex and consent education needs to be improved"
January 26, 2022

The Royal Gazette published an article on the need for ongoing and improved education for teens about consensual sex. Click here for the entire article Sex and Consent.

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SCARS IN THE NEWS

SCARS and Family Center on Protecting our Teens from Abuse

April 4, 2022

Debi Ray-Rivers and Sandy De Silva, executive director of Family Center, collaborated on an article about teens facing abuse while dating. For the entire article please click here Protecting Our Teens.

Laws strengthening child protection now fully in place: AG

July 20, 2022

The Attorney General, Kathy Lee Simmons, announced changes to legislation intended to strengthen child protection laws came into force. This is due, in large part, to the advocacy work of SCARS. For the entire story click here Laws strengthening child protection.

Reinsurance firm's $200,000 boost for charities

December 16, 2022

SCARS was featured in an article about a generous donation from reinsurance company Conduit Re. For the entire story click here Reinsurance donation.

SCARS IN THE NEWS

"Kayakers Event To Raise Money For SCARS"
September 29, 2022

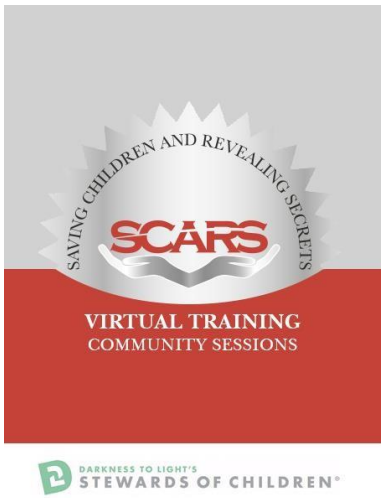
Bernews covered the SCARS Kayak for Kids fundraising event held on October 1st and 2nd with 34 participants kayaking around the island in support of SCARS. For the entire article click here Kayak for Kids 2022.

"SCARS Says 'Thanks' On Their 11th Anniversary"
October 27, 2022

SCARS celebrated 11 years of Saving Children and Revealing Secrets since being granted charity status. For the entire article click here SCARS Says 'Thanks'

TRAINING

Darkness to Light "Stewards of Children"



The Darkness to Light "Stewards of Children" prevention training provides practical guidance for preventing and responding to sexual abuse to individuals and organizations entrusted with children. This prevention training uses real people and real stories about protecting children from sexual abuse. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-based program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors. Outcomes of the program include increased awareness of the prevalence, consequences, and circumstances of child sexual abuse, new skills for adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, positive change to organizational policies and procedures and an individual commitment to action through a personal prevention plan.

The Stewards of Children training has become a mandatory training for many youth serving organizations and government agencies across the island. This includes public school teachers and staff with the Department of Education, most private schools, anyone working with children in the Catholic Diocese, Seventh Day Adventists, and other faith-based organizations. The Department of Health and Environmental Health have made it mandatory for all nursery schools, home and daycare providers to be SCARS certified in order to obtain their license and operate. In order to obtain a license to be a coach with the Bermuda Football Association, SCARS certification is required.

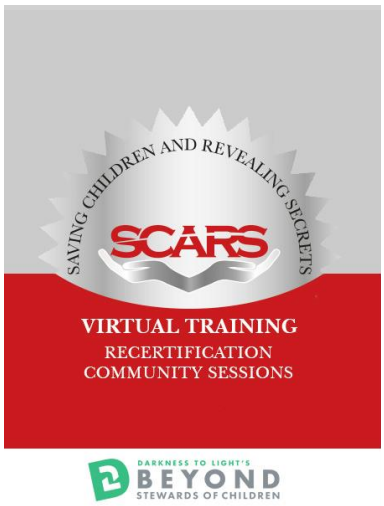
Stewards of Children is approved for 3 professional development hours of continuing education by the Bermuda Education Council, 3 CEU professional development hours by the Bermuda Health Care Professionals, and 2 CLE professional development hours by the Bermuda Bar Association.

This program is being conducted virtually using the Zoom platform.

In 2022, 869 adults participated in the Darkness to Light "Stewards of Children" 3-hour training.

TRAINING

Darkness to Light “Beyond Stewards of Children"



The 2-hour Darkness to Light "Beyond Stewards of Children" re-certification prevention training goes beyond the concepts presented in the 3-hour Stewards of Children, digging deeper into practical applications of the 5 Steps to Protecting Children. Additional sections were added within the training that extend learning on creating a prevention-oriented community and applying trauma informed strategies.

SCARS played an instrumental part in partnering with the Darkness to Light organization in creating this new re-certification curriculum. It was created specifically for those who have already been SCARS certified and who continue working with our youth. The filming for the training took place the summer of 2021 in Bermuda and we are beyond proud that the advocates in the series of videos which is shared throughout the recertification training are our very own Bermuda youth leaders, psychologists, passionate child advocates and survivors. Not only is SCARS using this educational tool in our community, but Darkness to Light, the leading advocate in the United States for the prevention of child sexual abuse are also using this training throughout the U.S.

Many of our youth serving organizations require certification every three years as a reminder of the important information in child protection. “Beyond Stewards of Children” is approved for 2 professional development hours of continuing education by the Bermuda Education Council and 2 CEU of professional development hours by the Bermuda Health Care Professionals

This program is only being conducted virtually using the Zoom platform.

In 2022, 925 adults were re-certified in the 2-hour Darkness to Light “Beyond Stewards of Children“ training.

TRAINING SUMMARY

Below is a summary of our training and awareness program activities and the impact they had in 2022. The numbers increased from 2021 as people became comfortable with virtual training and many youth serving organizations required recertification for their employees and volunteers.

We certified or recertified a total of 1,794 adults in 2022.

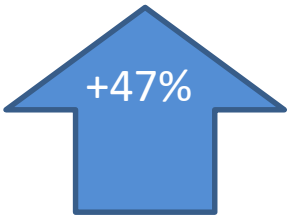
DARKNESS TO LIGHT 'STEWARDS OF CHILDREN' (3-Hour Training)

58

Training Sessions

869

Adult Participants



Increase over 2021 (includes "Beyond Stewards" training)

DARKNESS TO LIGHT 'BEYOND STEWARDS' (2-Hour Recertification Training)

59

Training Sessions

925

Adult Participants

This program was started in 2022 so there are no comparable statistics from 2021

Since May 2012, SCARS has educated 12,132 adults in child sexual abuse prevention, which represents approximately 22.92% of Bermuda's adult population; the highest of any country in the world*

**Based on approximate adult population of 53,000*

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"STEWARDS OF CHILDREN"

In 2022, 1,794 adults were certified or re-certified in Bermuda; including members of the following organizations:

- Open Airways
- 'Actin Up' Musical Theatre Camp
- Ace Cleaning Ltd.
- Adventureland Nursery
- AgraLiving Institute
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Aneesah's Nursery & Preschool
- Anglican Church of Bermuda
- Babywatch Babysitting
- BASA HOME
- Bascome Football Club
- BEAMS Bermuda
- Belhaven Stables/Farm
- Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association
- Bermuda Aquarium & Zoom Camp
- Bermuda Boxing Federation
- Bermuda Centre for Creative Learning
- Bermuda College EMT Program
- Bermuda College Nursing Program
- Bermuda Cricket Board
- Bermuda Debate Society
- Bermuda Diabetes Association
- Bermuda Economic Development Corporation
- Bermuda Fire & Rescue
- Bermuda Football Association
- Bermuda High School
- Bermuda Hospitals Board
- Bermuda Institute of Seventh-Day Adventist
- Bermuda International Preschool
- Bermuda Investor Community
- Bermuda Island Games
- Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association
- Bermuda Maritime Academy
- Bermuda Massage Therapy Association
- Bermuda Mid Atlantic Wellness Institution
- Bermuda National Gallery
- Bermuda Netball Association
- Bermuda Pain Relief Center
- Bermuda Police Service
- Bermuda Police Service Cadets
- Bermuda Sailing Association
- Bermuda Sea Cadets
- Bermuda Sloop Foundation
- Bermuda Triathlon Association
- Bermuda Union of Teachers
- Bermuda Volleyball Association
- Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Beyond Rugby
- Blossoming Tots Nursery
- BNSC (Bermuda National Standards Committee)
- Candi Apples Camp
- CedarBridge Academy
- Child Development Programme
- Clearwater Middle School
- Cleveland County Cricket Club
- Cleveland County Youth Cricket Programme
- Conduit Re
- Coral Beach and Tennis Club
- Cornerstone Bible Fellowship
- Dame Marjorie Bean Academy
- DCFS Foster Parents
- Dellwood Middle School
- Delta Gems
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc
- Department of Child & Family Services
- Department of Health
- Department of Health Home Care Providers
- Department of Public Prosecution
- Dept. Youth Sport & Recreation
- East End Primary School
- Elliot Primary School
- Endeavor
- Energize! Wellness Solutions

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"STEWARDS OF CHILDREN"

- Fagundo Tutoring
- First Friends Nursery and Preschool
- Focus Counseling Services
- Fresh Start for Fresh TV
- Gilbert Institute Primary School
- Hamilton Parish Hot Peppers
- Happy Valley Childcare Center
- Harbour Amateur Swim Club
- Harrington Sound Primary School P1 Parents
- Heron Bay Primary School
- Integrated Family Counseling Ltd.
- Island Nutrition
- It Takes a Village Foundation
- Judicial Department
- Junior Triathlon Camp
- Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation
- Labor Ready Bermuda
- Lagoon Park Preschool
- Little Achievers Nursery
- Little Loquats
- Little Visionaries Summer Camp
- Masterworks Foundation
- Mid Atlantic Wellness Institute
- Minibus Driver
- Ministry of Education
- Mirrors Programme
- Mount Saint Agnes Academy
- North Village Community Club
- Northlands Primary School
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner
- Once Upon A Time Nursery School
- Onion Patch Academy
- Orbis Investment Management Ltd.
- Paget Primary School
- P.A.L.S.
- Perform to Learn Preschool
- PHC Football Club
- Phoenix Netball Club
- Planet Math
- Play with a Purpose Nursery School
- Port Royal Primary School
- Quality Gymnastics
- Raleigh Bermuda
- Royal Bermuda Regiment Junior Leaders
- Saltus Grammar School
- Sandy's Secondary Middle School
- Seasons Learning Center
- Security Associates
- Sharks Swimming Club
- Sigma Xi Omega Chapter
- SkillCraft Marketing
- Solstice
- Somersfield Academy
- Somers Medical Services Ltd.
- Spa Oasis Ltd.
- Spirit of Bermuda / Bermuda Sloop Foundation
- St. David's Primary School
- St. George's Preparatory School
- St. John's Ambulance
- Success Academy
- Swim Bermuda
- Swimming Instinct
- The Adult Education School
- The Berkeley Institute
- The Duke of Edinburgh International Award Bermuda
- The Family Centre
- The Greenhouse Bermuda
- The Women's Resource Centre
- The Yellow House Nursery School
- Transitional Living Centre for Families
- VASCO Youth Program
- Warwick Academy
- WEDCO
- We Speak
- West End Primary School
- West Pembroke Primary School
- Whitney Institute
- Word of Life Bermuda
- Youth Netball
- WindReach

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"BEYOND STEWARDS OF CHILDREN "

- Adventureland Nursery
- Aeries Adventures Nursery and Preschool
- Atlantic Speech Therapy Services
- Aunt D's Home Child Daycare
- Bermuda Aquarium Museum & Zoo
- Bermuda Centre for Creative Learning
- Bermuda Conference of Seventh Day Adventists
- Bermuda Fire & Rescue
- Bermuda Football Coaches Assoc.
- Bermuda High School
- Bermuda Hospitals Board
- Bermuda Police Service
- Bermuda Police Service – Outward Bound
- Bermuda Rotary
- Bermuda Union of Teachers
- Bermuda Zoological Society
- Blossoming Tots Nursery
- Bright Beginnings Nursery & Pre-school
- CedarBridge Academy
- Child & Adolescent Services
- Child Development Programme
- ChildWatch Bermuda
- Citizens Uprooting Racism Bermuda
- Clearwater Middle School
- Dame Marjorie Bean Hope Academy
- Dellwood Middle School
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc
- Department of Education
- Department of Health – Home Daycare
- Dept. of Youth Sport & Recreation
- Destiny Summer Camp & After School
- Devonshire Preschool
- Diocese of Hamilton St. Patrick's Church
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Elliot Primary School
- Ethos Care
- First Church of God
- First Church of God Daycare & Preschool
- First Friends Nursery and Preschool
- Flying Start Nursery
- Gilbert Institute Primary School
- Gwen's Wonderland Nursery
- Hanan Childcare
- Happy Moments Nursery and Preschool
- Harbour Swim Club
- Harrington Sound Primary School
- Heritage Nursery & Preschool
- Heron Bay Primary School
- Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation
- Keep Bermuda Beautiful
- KICS in Control Systems
- Kiddie Academy
- Kids Studio
- Lagoon Park Preschool
- Lambert Island Tennis
- Little Achievers Nursery
- Little Blessings Nursery
- Little Learners Preschool
- Little Loquats Playgroup
- Little Scholars Academy
- Midland Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Mirrors Programme
- Mount Saint Agnes Academy
- Nell's Playcentre
- North Village Community Club
- Northlands Primary School
- Once Upon a Time Chapter One
- Once Upon a Time Nursery
- Onion Patch Academy
- Paget Primary School
- Perform to Learn Preschool
- Pitter Patter Home Nursery
- Play with a Purpose
- Port Royal Primary School
- Prospect Primary School
- Purvis Primary School
- Raleigh Bermuda
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton
- Royal Bermuda Regiment Junior Leaders
- Saltus Grammar School
- Sandy Sprouts Nursery & Preschool
- Sandys Secondary Middle School
- Scouting Association of Bermuda
- Seasons Learning Center
- Seasons Learning Centre 2
- Sharks Swim Club

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- Simons Nursery
- Solstice
- Somersfield Academy
- St. David's Primary School
- Star Diving Summer Camp
- Sunbeam Nursery School
- The Berkeley Institute
- The Family Centre
- The Garden Daycare Centre
- The Kids Studio Nursery School
- The Reading Clinic
- The Royal Bermuda Regiment
- The Royal Bermuda Regiment (Jr Leaders)
- The Teachers Pets Nursery School
- Tomorrow's Voices
- United Holy Church of Bermuda
- Victor Scott Primary School
- Warwick Academy
- Warwick Academy Football Club
- Warwick Preschool
- West End Primary School
- West Pembroke Primary School
- Western Stars Sports Club
- Whitney Institute Middle School
- Windreach

AWARENESS

Sunday, September 4th

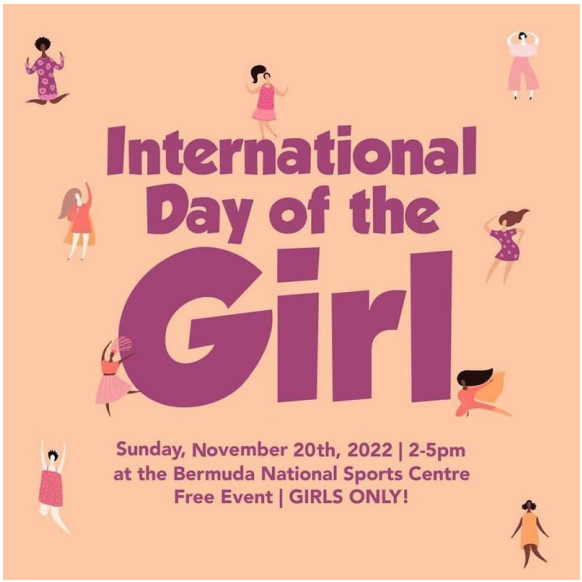
SCARS spread our message of prevention on a radio show in the Bahamas called "Transforming Lives"

AWARENESS (continued)

Sunday, November 20th

International Day of the Girl - Bermuda National Sports Centre

SCARS hosted a table at an event celebrating the United Nations International Day of the Girl. The U.N. International Day of the Girl was created by UNICEF in 2012 to highlight the struggles girls face globally. The event gave girls the opportunity to try new things, including robotics, boxing, rugby, chess, kickboxing, fencing, football, cricket and more. The event saw approximately 250 girls throughout the afternoon. SCARS appreciated volunteers Christine DaCosta and Diana Gilbert who gave of their time at the SCARS table.



MEDIA AWARENESS

The Royal Gazette – April 29th - Summer Camps page online under Newsrack, and a front page strip the 1st week of June.

The Royal Gazette interview with Tim Smith – June 8th - A former RG editor and now writer with RG Best Health magazine, interviewed Debi Ray-Rivers for an article for the upcoming edition on sexual health. The theme of his article is "consent". The article was published on July 26th.

April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month; SCARS held an awareness campaign including radio ads, YouTube videos, a "Daily Tip" on things to know on various social media platforms, etc.

SAFE VIRTUAL AWARENESS PROGRAM

A total of 75 parents and teachers attended SCARS' SAFE (SCARS Arms Families Through Education) Awareness Program

- Somerset Primary School – May 18, 2022 - 34 parents and teachers in attendance
- Dalton E. Tucker Primary School – November 17, 2022 - 41 parents and teachers in attendance

SCARS OBJECTIVES

The objectives of SCARS during 2023 include the following:

Continue to advance our mission to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse and be an advocate and voice for children who have been sexually abused as well as their affected family

Continue to advocate that parents and individuals who care for children, and the adults who work/volunteer in youth serving organizations, become SCARS certified.

Continue to deliver the virtual Darkness to Light "Beyond Stewards of Children" recertification training to those who have been previously SCARS certified and continue to work with children.

Continue to advocate for mandated legislation that requires ALL youth organizations to implement a Best Practice Code of Conduct, safe social media policy, transportation, travel and reporting policies, and required background checks for their employees and volunteers working with youth.

Continue to advocate for the most effective child sex offender treatment program used for convicted sex offenders whilst incarcerated and license requirements when they are released.

Continue with awareness campaigns that highlight the importance of child protection and promote prevention education.

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