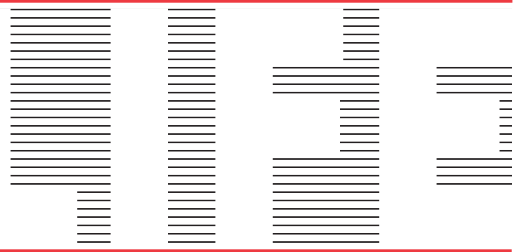




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## Partners for Good

Strahan/Dreier Scholarships get Resounding Kick-off

One of the key ingredients in SCAN's success is 'partnership' – partnering with community leaders, volunteers, local schools and businesses and, most importantly, with SCAN parents and children. We are proud to announce our newest partner, the Michael Strahan/Dreier LLP Charity Golf Tournament, which is helping to raise the profile of SCAN, recognized as one of New York City's finest volunteer agencies, and generously providing scholarships for SCAN's high risk young people to attend New England prep schools and local Catholic high schools.

The weekend fundraiser kicked off on July 8<sup>th</sup> with a dinner party hosted by Michael Strahan, New York Giants defensive end, and Marc S. Dreier, Managing Partner of the law firm, Dreier LLP. The highlight of the evening was a rocking performance by Diana Ross. The next day, celebrity golfers such as Marcus Allen, Eric Dickerson and Deacon Jones, teamed up with generous donors at the Century Country Club in Purchase, New York to tee off for the second annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Two years ago Strahan and Dreier teamed up with the simple objective of raising money to provide opportunities to New



Top photo: NY Giants defensive end, Michael Strahan (left) and SCAN NY Executive Director Lew Zuchman. Lower photo: Diana Ross performs at the golf event dinner.

York City's youth. "Our tournament's mission," stated Dreier, "is to provide funds for organizations that are dedicated to closing the gaps in education and creating opportunities for children to become successful adults."

Strahan's commitment is no less heartfelt. "Anything that involves children, that involves education and that involves making families stronger and gives them some kind of idea that they can make their life into whatever they want it to be, we're behind."

SCAN, a program provider with a strength-based approach which enables inner city youth to build and enhance their life skills, is an ideal partner for Strahan's and Dreier's vision and commitment. The educational and family focus of the Strahan/Dreier initiative complements the many SCAN programs that focus on social and community life skills. SCAN has one program in particular that is a perfect fit.

Its Reach for the Stars program, targeting the academically at-risk, creates an upward-bound environment helping young people develop potential, raise self-esteem and set positive goals for themselves, both in school and out. The Strahan/Dreier scholarships will strengthen this inspiring program.

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### THESE MEAN STREETS:

#### SCAN's New York City Council Anti-Gang Violence Youth Initiative

Dominic Carter is the longstanding political anchor and host of the New York One daily show "Inside City Hall." Dominic recently finished his autobiography *No Momma's Boy*, a gripping depiction of his childhood inundated with abuse and neglect at the hands of his schizophrenic mother. Carter was invited to speak with SCAN young people who were participating in SCAN's New York City Council-funded Anti-Gang Violence Youth Initiative. Many of these SCAN young men and women are either current or former members of the street gangs known as the Bloods, Crips, Netas and Latin Kings.

Carter led a highly spirited and provocative discussion about New York street gang life. With over 100 attendees participating, representing New York's many diverse communities, the dialogue touched poignantly on the lives of African American and Latino youth from Jamaica, East Harlem, the South Bronx,

Kingsbridge Heights, Bed Stuy, Washington Heights, East New York and Corona. All in attendance garnered a richer appreciation of both New York's diverse street gang culture and the challenges that our inner city young people confront

on a daily basis. "It was a moving symposium," said Lew Zuchman, SCAN Executive Director. "Carter's story is poignant, but his grit and resilience are inspiring. When I looked at the SCAN young people listening to Carter, I saw how they reflect in a powerful and persuasive manner the positive outcomes of our newly established Anti-Gang Violence Youth Initiative."



New York One's Dominic Carter with Lew Zuchman at the SCAN LaGuardia facility

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SCAN's first Strahan/Dreier scholars are eight young people who will attend either All Hallows High School in the Bronx or Holderness Prep in New Hampshire. Each will receive critical financial aid for tuition, room and board, and related school expenses. These talented students have all demonstrated academic and behavioral commitment through active participation in SCAN's Reach for the Stars activities. And each is a talented athlete in his own right. As Strahan/Dreier scholars, the boys will be expected to perform well academically and to participate in SCAN's summer employment and educational activities.

Alex Francis, a sophomore at Holderness Prep and a recipient of one of the scholarships, said, "The scholarship means giving me and other kids an opportunity to learn on a different scale and experience different things in life. I'm happy to be part of a prep school experience which the city doesn't give me."

"I can't tell you how excited I am at this new initiative," said Lew Zuchman, SCAN Executive Director. "I am thrilled that the scholarships will enable SCAN to expand our 'Reach for the Stars' program. But there is another angle which is even more promising. The scholarship recipients are athletes who are really looked up to by their peers. This new partnership is not only going to impact the scholarship recipients, but the ripple effect of informal peer mentoring means it will positively impact whole neighborhoods."

Leu isn't the only one excited by the new partnership. When he announced the establishment of the Strahan/Dreier Scholarship Fund at the dinner following the golf tournament, the athletes in the crowd, together with the donors, jumped to their feet with a standing ovation. "We're here to raise money and try to help these kids out – and have a good time," Strahan said.

Besides the celebrities already men-

tioned, the event was attended by ex-NFL greats including Bruce Smith, Tim Brown, Richard Dent and Tony Siragusa, as well as New York Giants Hall-of-Famer Harry Carson and teammate Jessie Armstead and NBA Hall-of-Famer Clyde 'The Glide' Drexler. The star studded tournament raised \$200,000 for SCAN.

The SCAN family was also well represented. Six young SCAN students, of whom five are Strahan/Dreier scholarship recipients, were on hand to celebrate the inaugural event and mingle with the sports celebrities. "The boys made a big impression," said SCAN President Stuart Greenspon, who attended together with Zuchman, Board member Vince DeGiaino and Kenny Thompson, SCAN Associate Director for School-based and Educational Programs. "They were a real inspiration." But inspiration was apparently a two-way street. SCAN student Alex Francis, who attended this year's superstar studded event, said, "If you saw what I saw, you'd start dreaming about what you can do to contribute to the community."

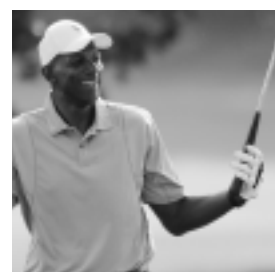
"Helping kids is the most important thing about this event," stated Strahan. "Marc Dreier and I are especially proud to join forces with SCAN to improve the lives of children in Harlem and the Bronx."

Strahan is no stranger to stardom himself. He is a future Hall-of-Famer and in 2001 he was named the Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year. Dreier LLP has a strong commitment to serving the community and sees itself as a more responsive and innovative alternative to traditional "large-firm" lawyering.

"It just clicked" said Zuchman. "These guys have put together something that means a lot to everybody involved and is going to make an impact. The SCAN context just resonated for everyone. I hope this great partnership will continue for years to come."



Above: Michael Strahan (left), Lew Zuchman and SCAN students and scholarship recipients (left to right) Jesse Geddes, Alex Francis, Kaysohn Townsend, Joshua Jones and Popi Kanteye. Above right: Michael Strahan (left) and Marc Dreier, Managing Partner, Dreier LLP. Below right: NBA great Clyde Drexler enjoys a light moment.



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