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S.C.A.R.S. CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF HEALING COMMUNITY
Nonprofit Organization Provides a Safe Space for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

Richmond, Virginia – October 7, 2021 – All are welcome in joining Second Chance At Renewing Self, Inc. (S.C.A.R.S.) during the grand opening of their new healing community space. S.C.A.R.S. is Richmond's first ever healing community aimed toward domestic violence survivors. All individuals who visit the center will be provided with the comfort, training, and support needed to heal. While the center is geared toward survivors of intimate partner violence, advocates and supporters are also invited to join S.C.A.R.S. at their grand debut. The nonprofit organization's open house will take place at the healing center—4625 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia—from 4pm to 7pm on Friday, October 22. The ribbon cutting ceremony will occur at 4:30pm, followed by light refreshments and an overview of the provided services.

After several years of hosting events in other venues and public spaces, S.C.A.R.S. finally has an official location to call home. The organization's office space will be utilized as a resource center as well as to host free workshops, training in workforce development, support groups, and healing circles. While no membership is necessary, registration may be required for services and programs.

"Love has the power to heal the deepest scars, and community is the oldest form of healing in the world. Survivors need support to start to love themselves again," says Sonja Holt, founder of S.C.A.R.S. "We want to love survivors back to life."

If you are unable to attend the open house or are fortunate enough to not need the services provided by S.C.A.R.S., monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Donations are used toward resources, services, and funding programs, such as the HEAL Transitional Fund. To donate or learn more, visit www.scarsorg.com.

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Second Chance At Renewing Self, Inc. (S.C.A.R.S.), is an organization founded in 2013 by Sonja Holt. S.C.A.R.S. provides awareness and empowerment for survivors of domestic violence. A survivor herself, Sonja is determined to speak out and educate others about intimate partner violence. The board of directors and members of S.C.A.R.S. join together to form a safe and trusting community for healing.

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