

# Reflecting on our past Transforming the future

## Accomplishments

↓ Health 
 ↓ Children & families 
 ↓ Economic security

**1872** Louisa Lee Schuyler, great-granddaughter of Alexander Hamilton, founded SCAA in response to deplorable conditions she observed in hospitals and almshouses in New York City

**1903** SCAA awarded gold medal at International Congress on Tuberculosis, for having organized most effective statewide TB campaign

**1918** SCAA Tuberculosis staff loaned to Red Cross to organize and direct 3 month emergency campaign against influenza in NY, NJ and CT

**1919** 3000<sup>th</sup> child was placed in a family home by SCAA Child Placing Agency

**1921** SCAA prepared first ever compilation of New York laws relating to children

**1970** Launched “See for Yourself” campaign sponsoring visits by community leaders to impoverished households, a model later replicated by 23 states

**1968** To preserve the integrity of the state’s planning of health facilities, SCAA successfully defeated efforts of the for-profit nursing home industry

**1993** Enactment of the Community Mental Health Reinvestment Act to use funds from the closure of state facilities to pay for community-based services

**1993** New York adopts School Breakfast mandate, one year after SCAA and the Nutrition Consortium launched the School Breakfast Campaign

**1985 & 1987** SCAA convinced lawmakers to remove income tax burdens on working New Yorkers with poverty or near poverty wages

**1997** NYS establishes Office of Children and Family Services, long promoted by SCAA

**2000** Secured expansion of NY’s refundable Child & Dependent Care Credit, worth more than \$35 million to assist eligible families pay for child care

**2000** Secured increase in the state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from 25% to 30% of the federal credit. In aggregate, state EITC worth more than \$700 million by 2003

**2011** SCAA succeeds in passing Family Assessment Response (FAR) legislation, permitting alternative responses to child maltreatment reports

## Late 1800s

## 1900s

## 2000s

**1873** Established the nation’s first training school for nurses at Bellevue Hospital in NYC

**1907** Began statewide campaign to prevent tuberculosis in areas outside of NYC

**1928** Tuberculosis death rate (exclusive of NYC) lowest in state history - 76 per 100,000 population or 50% lower than in 1907

**1928** 30th anniversary of SCAA child placing work commemorated – in 30 years, 4,290 children were placed in free family homes

**1929** Diphtheria mortality in NYS, outside of NYC, decreased by 42% due to four year diphtheria prevention campaign by health agencies

**1931** New York enacts a modern Public Health Law – SCAA had lead role recommending passage

**1929** 30,000 mothers with children were assisted since the founding of the SCAA Mothers’ and Babies’ Department in 1893

**1972** Created NYS Coalition for Family Planning to foster accessible family planning services for all who need them, regardless of ability to pay

**1988** SCAA helped create the state’s **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**, the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program, and the infant formula rebate system within the WIC program

**1994** Advocated and won enactment of a state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to supplement low and moderate wages for more than 1 million NY families

**1999** SCAA succeeds in securing an additional increase in the EITC to 25% of the federal credit

**2005** Launched the New York Children’s Action Network (New York CAN), bringing together coalitions, organizations, and individuals concerned about children and family issues to cast light on importance of supporting all NY children

**2015** SCAA leads effort resulting in funds and legislation to improve oral health

**2018** First 1000 Days on Medicaid initiative, led by SCAA, receives state funding

**2018** Successfully fought off significant cuts to child welfare

**2006** SCAA as a founding member of Winning Beginning NY, secured **\$50 million in new Universal Pre-K funding** in the 2006-07 state budget – the first funding increase in over 5 years; Pre-K funding also increased through 2018