



# THE CONNECTION

**familyconnections**

Counseling resources with *family* in mind

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**CLINIC**—Call for information about our counseling services:

Weirton Medical Center  
Medical Office Building  
651 Colliers Way, Suite 412  
Weirton, WV 26062  
Phone: (304) 723-3423  
Fax: (304) 723-3426  
E-mail:  
admin@  
familyconnectionsinc.org

**BROOKE PLACE**—Call for a referral for residential group treatment for girls:

P.O. Box 348  
Tent Church Road  
Colliers, WV 26035  
Phone: (304) 527-3303  
Fax: (304) 527-3306

This facility is funded in part under an agreement with the Bureau of Children and Families, WV Department of Health and Human Resources

Email:  
brookeplace@  
familyconnectionsinc.org



## Save The Date!

# "There's No Place Like Home"

Planning is well underway for Family Connections' annual charity event, "There's No Place Like Home," which will be held on Saturday,



May 5, at St. Francis Centre in Follansbee, West Virginia. This gala evening will include a delicious dinner, beverages, and snacks along with a great blend of dance music courtesy of the deejay talents of Bobby LaRosa. Along with dining, dancing

and fellowship, the evening will also include raffles, 50/50 drawings and door prizes. The price for attending "There's No Place Like Home" is \$25 per person which includes food and beverages. A cash bar will be available.

All proceeds of this fun-filled and festive event directly benefit Brooke Place, Family Connections' residential facility in Colliers for adolescent girls. To buy tickets, to make a donation, or for more information, contact Rose LaRosa at Family Connections-Brooke Place at 304-527-3303 or brookeplace@familyconnectionsinc.org.

## Brooke Place Wish List

Gift cards for girls' birthdays

Overnight carry all bags/satchels for home visits

Pajamas—S,M,L,XL

Slippers

Flip flops

Craft items, e.g., beads, yarn, scrapbooking supplies, etc.

Construction paper

Toilet paper, paper towels

Beach towels

Underwear—all sizes

Mesh bags for large laundry baskets

Batteries, all sizes

60 -watt light bulbs

Laundry detergent & dryer sheets

Flash drives/thumb drives for the girls' computer time

### Questions?

**Please contact Rose LaRosa at 304-527-3303.**

## Partnering to Provide Opportunity



With the cost of almost everything on the rise, it has become more difficult to provide as many activities that are not only fun but cultural and educational. While investigating the cost of taking residents to a science center in Pittsburgh (close to \$350), our staff discovered an organization called Tickets for Kids.

Tickets for Kids, established in 1994 as a non-profit organization committed to enriching the lives of underprivileged children, partners with facilities like Brooke Place to enable children and their families to participate in enriching activities in their communities. The activities range from cultural and educational experiences to sporting and entertainment events. As stated in their mission statement, Tickets for Kids “brings a source of joy to many children who otherwise may never have these experiences.” This exposure creates a brighter outlook while helping to give them a sense of hope and broaden their possibilities.

Tickets for Kids relies on funds raised from foundations, corporations and individuals to provide high quality events at no cost to partner agencies, like Brooke Place. We look forward to broadening the scope of activities for our girls living at Brooke Place with opportunities to attend plays, the ballet, and sporting events. We are very thankful to Tickets for Kids for this opportunity. For more information about Tickets for Kids, visit their website at [www.ticketsforkids.org](http://www.ticketsforkids.org).

*By giving a contribution in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend, many generous people have found a way to express their caring spirit while investing in the lives of those served by Family Connections.*

### ***In Memory Of***

**EVELYN RAPP**

**By Family Connections**

**Board of Directors**

## Board Welcomes

### **DR. MICHAEL PALMA**

Family Connections announces and welcomes Michael M. Palma, D.M.D. as a member of the Family Connections board of directors.

Dr. Palma, who is a craniofacial orthodontist, operates his practice in five locations - Weirton, Follansbee, Wheeling, Moundsville, and St. Clairsville, Ohio. Dr. Palma has been and is very active in volunteer organizations including but not limited to Rotary International, American Cancer Society, Kiwanis International, and Elks International where he has served in varied leadership positions.

Dr. Palma, who is a fellow in the World Federation of Orthodontists, completed his undergraduate education at the University of Steubenville and West Virginia University. He received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from West Virginia University and completed a residency in craniofacial orthodontics at Fairleigh Dickenson University.

Family Connections' board of directors is pleased to gain Dr. Palma's association as a board member and looks forward to improving its programs and services through his expertise and experience in the areas of community involvement and fundraising.

## TAX CREDITS STILL AVAILABLE

Even though the 2011 tax year has come to a close, it's not too early to start thinking about your 2012 taxes. Family Connections can help you qualify for a great WV state tax credit while you assist us in fulfilling our mission.



We've been thrilled to provide documentation to several WV donors so they might receive a tax credit on their WV state income tax return. Businesses and individuals who contributed at least \$500 to Family Connections can file for a tax credit equal to 50% of their donation. This great "perk" is available due to our participation in the WV Neighborhood Investment Program. Our allowable credit is limited so we must offer them on a first come first serve basis. Please call us at 304-527-3303 if you would like more information or call the WV Development Office at 304-558-2234.

## A Solid Foundation

That's what we strive to maintain here at Family Connections...a foundation that is deeply rooted, not only financially, but rooted in solid ethics, practice, and a desire to provide the best residential and counseling services for those who need us. We accomplish this by sticking to our mission and values which holds us fast through stormy times, both from internal and external challenges. As we keep emphasizing, we cannot do it alone.

From our board of directors who help us stay the course, to our dedicated service providers at our counseling center in Weirton and Brooke Place in Colliers, and to you, our wonderful donors, who, in many ways, help our clientele weather the crises in their lives — we thank you for all you do.



### MISSION STATEMENT

*Family Connections is committed to helping individuals function to the best of their abilities by engaging the resources that exist naturally within their family and community. Interventions provided by Family Connections are theory-based and are guided by the principle that the individual is best treated within the context of their family. Family Connections is dedicated to the care, welfare, and respect of families and the individuals who comprise them.*



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Colliers, WV 26035



Through the thoughtfulness of a generous donor, the waiting room at our counseling center in the Weirton Medical Center has new toys and a big, colorful toy box.

Family Connections offers individual and family counseling to children and adults in the Medical Office Building, 4th floor. Call us at 304-723-3423 if you feel we can help.