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Counseling resources with *family* in mind

# THE CONNECTION

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## Click Your Heels For Rue 21

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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@  
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It was a shoe bonanza extravaganza! Thanks to our good witches from the North!! Some of our residents were looking forward to attending this year's homecoming dance but were also concerned as to how they would get that special outfit. Well, let us tell you how that was accomplished! Dancing down the yellow brick road were some very special characters employed by Rue 21. This retail company has been generous to us in the past and continues to grant wishes for these exceptional girls. They not only donated shoes but also some beautiful dresses so our girls had choices. Needless to say our girls rocked out some stunning outfits for the homecoming dance. We cannot fully express our gratitude to the people from Rue 21 who continue to show kindness and keep Brooke Place in their thoughts.



## Brooke Place Wish List

Gift cards for girls' birthdays	Plastic laundry baskets w/ lids	All occasion cards
Slippers (all sizes)	Batteries, AA & AAA	No show socks
Regular white towels	LED bulbs equivalent to 60 watt	Flash drives/Movie Passes
Toilet paper, paper towels	White twin sheet sets	Questions?
Toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, etc...	White washcloths	<b>Please contact Bonnie at 304-527-3303</b>
	Stationary/Stamps	

## Meet Our Latest Intern

I am Brianna (Bri) Norris. I am an intern at Brooke Place. I currently attend Bethany College with the intention to graduate May 19, 2018 with my B.A. in Social Work and a minor in Criminal Justice. I plan to continue my education at West Virginia University with the projected goal of graduating with my Master's Degree in Social Work in 2019. My career path is to work with adolescents and focus on the use of expressive therapies. Interning at Brooke Place has provided me with a wonderful and supportive learning environment. Expressive therapy is not a common approach for teens, however studies have found it can be effective. Brooke Place supported my focus of study from the start, allowing me to immediately feel comfortable interning with them. Being with the Brooke Place for the last 500+ hours, I can honestly say that the lessons that I have learned from the staff and the girls will stick with me throughout my career. I am lucky to have had the opportunity to intern at Brooke Place and I cannot thank the staff enough for taking their time to teach me and answering all my questions. I'd also like to thank the residents during my internship for teaching me more than I could ever learn from text books. You have all impacted my personal and professional life greatly!



## Tis The Season



It's that time of year! Our residents are gearing up for the holiday season. They have been as busy as Santa's elves. Walking in both the Wellsburg and Weirton parades kept them busy over the Thanksgiving Day break. The following week the residents enjoyed a trip to Steubenville to see the nutcracker display, which was a colossal hit with everyone including our childcare workers. With so many nutcrackers on display, it was hard to pick favorites, but the Wizard of Oz themed nutcrackers were a hit since our girls travel the same journey as Dorothy from tornado to ruby slippers while they're at Brooke Place. It's wonderful to have so many community events to make holiday memories.



# BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Decorating for Thanksgiving can be both fun and thought provoking. The girls were challenged to create turkeys for their bedroom doors and record some of the things they are thankful for on the feathers. The photos on the left and right were done by the girls. The middle photo was the cook's contribution (and everyone's thankful for her). So what else are these girls thankful for? Here's a sampling: Food in my stomach; Having people I lost looking down on me; Having these wonderful people care about me; Family; Shoes; Freedom; Siblings; and (my favorite) Turtles.



What are you thankful for?



# QUARTER AUCTION

Follansbee Community House was the perfect setting for our Quarter Auction. We had a wonderful turnout with over 70 people attending. A big thank you to Monica Rotellini-Myers and all of the vendors for all their time and hard work to make this event the success that it was. Family Connections' Auxiliary Committee pulled the Quarter Auction together to raise funds for clothing and incidentals needed for trips, activities, graduation and prom.

# Thank You

## 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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*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 my father Freddie Jones and my brother Stewart Jones

By Jacqueline Jones McDaniel

In honor and memory of Patricia and Paul Wack

By Thomas Wack

In honor of my good pal John Dobrzanski

By Karl Logenbach

In honor of the staff and girls of Brooke Place

By Alvin & Carolyn Schafer