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Counseling resources with *family* in mind

# THE CONNECTION

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## “There’s No Place Like Home”

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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



Family Connections is preparing for our seventh annual fundraising event, “There’s No Place Like Home.” The event will be held at the Serbian American Cultural Center, 1000 Colliers Way in Weirton on May 3, 2014. Contributions from local businesses and individuals led to the great success of this event for the past six years. Proceeds directly benefit Brooke Place, our residential facility for teenage girls, and the future of our organization. We hope you will consider giving to this worthy cause.

Your attendance and any donation you may wish to give will be greatly appreciated by Family Connections and our Brooke Place residents! If you desire more information about Family Connections and our services or wish to purchase tickets, please visit our website at [www.familyconnectionsinc.org](http://www.familyconnectionsinc.org) or contact Jean Bartholow at (304) 527-3303. Thank you for your support.

### Brooke Place Wish List

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| Gift cards for girls’ birthdays                   | Underwear—all sizes                 | Toiletries            |
| Overnight carry all bags/satchels for home visits | Mesh bags for large laundry baskets | Standard Size Pillows |
| Pajamas—S,M,L,XL                                  | Batteries, all sizes                | Twin Blankets         |
| Slippers  | 60 watt light bulbs                 | No show socks         |
| Regular white towels                              | White twin sheet sets               | Flash drives          |
| Toilet paper, paper towels                        | White washcloths                    | Movie Passes          |

# My Baby Story

There is more to a baby than burp, feed, rock and change the diaper. You have to play with your Child. You have to be there for your child. You have to talk to your child or your child will never learn How to talk. So this place I am at has these babies that are computerized and they have a girl and a boy. I get the boy the most because I want a boy when I get older like when I am 52. But back on the subject my scores where 97, 97 and 53 the other time I gave the baby up only because I had other problems in my life that I had to deal with first. I am finely learning what life if all about like with kids parents and day to day life. When you're my age like 16 about to be 17 and wanting a child the babies are a great thing to have because that's what I wanted a child and I am 16 about to be 17. But then I realized that I am about to be 17 years old I can't ruin my life. Don't get me wrong I love kids. But I also love my life. Girls and boys day to day life is hard just think that when you are in high school and you're having sex without being safe about it just think before you do it. If your going to have sex then have it the safe way.

Brooke Place Resident, age 17

Total Parenting  
Experience



## Meet Our Spring Intern

Family Connections welcomes Kristen James, a Clinical Mental Health Counseling candidate from the Franciscan University of Steubenville as an intern. Kristen attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University before coming to the Weirton area. Kristen will offer individual and group counseling for the residents.

Family Connections is proud to partner with Franciscan University in this endeavor and look forward to working with Kristen in the coming months.



## A NEW PARTNERSHIP

It was a chance meeting while waiting in a local doctors office. An employee of Brooke Place began a conversation with a patient who is a member of Evangel Baptist Church. After the employee shared what type of work she does, the lady asked what she could do for Brooke Place. A phone call later, what the employees and staff here at Brooke Place consider "A Perfect Match" was made. The church congregation came together and formed bi monthly meetings at the church where they are teaching the residents life skills such as sewing, cooking, ironing, crocheting, knitting, quilting, tutoring and even playing the piano. Each girl can move from station to station, learning new skills. The residents look forward to their Saturday learning and fun experiences.

If you or someone you know has a skill such as painting, voice or would like to be involved in this venture, please contact Rita Wright at 304-224-1599 or Jean Bartholow at 304-527-3303.

The following is an excerpt from a member of the congregation at Evangel Baptist Church:

- We @ EBC are so happy to have the opportunity to host the Brooke Place Lifeskills Program - working alongside these young ladies, learning from them, teaching them and getting to know them has brought us joy...they brighten our days and lighten our hearts...we look forward to our Saturdays with the girls, anticipating not only their needs for learning and how to meet those needs, but the joy we experience every time they are with us.  
God bless

## FUND DEVELOPMENT AUXILIARY NEWS

Members of the Fund Development Auxiliary are busy preparing for our seventh annual dance, "There's No Place Like Home" on Saturday, May 3, 2014. The event will be held at the American Serbian Center on Colliers Way in Weirton. There will be music, dancing, a



live auction, raffles and of course good food and a cash bar. DJ "Mr. Mike and the Music Machine" will offer dinner music, and various dance music through the evening. If you would like tickets or to be a sponsor for this event, please contact Jean at 304-527-3303. Pictured are from Left to right front row are auxiliary members: Gary Williams, Vicki Williams, Barb Glaspell, Jean Bartholow and back Gary Pitcock, Bernice Pitcock, and Carolee Lancaster.

### 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 Nancy Jean Summers**

**by Lisa Shepard and Dave Cavanaugh**

**In Honor of Joanne Dobrzanski by Jeri Cerutti**

**In Memory of Patricia Wack and Roy Schafer**

**By Alvin and Carolyn Schafer**

**In Memory of Donald Kellough by Joanne Dobrzanski**