



Our mission: To strengthen communities by building strong youth and families

## ***A Message from our Executive Director—Susan Johnston***

### **Family Connection *Run for Shelter* 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run**

My husband likes to watch NASCAR racing—me not so much. There is one thing I do like and that is how they start the race...“Gentlemen, start your engines.” This past Saturday, July 10th, I got to be the race starter for Family Connection’s first 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run. It was exciting to see men, women and children “rev up” their feet to *Run For Shelter*. My heart was pounding as I counted down...“On your mark, get set, GO!” They were off—running 3.1 miles to benefit children and youth who enter our shelter program. Without Family Connection’s shelter, a teen you know might be staying in an abusive home, sleeping on a friend’s couch, sleeping in a car or even under a bridge. Our shelter provides a safe place for youth when difficult situations arise. Thank you to everyone who helped us give youth a safe place to *Run for shelter*.



Family Connection’s 5K runners line up at the *Run For Shelter*

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To view pictures of the *Run for Shelter* visit [www.familyconnection-inc.org](http://www.familyconnection-inc.org) under the Image Gallery or join us on Facebook at Family Connection, Inc.

## *Stay connected with what's happening at Family Connection*

If you are a child or family in need of assistance, call...

Family Connection's  
24-Hour Help Line at  
205-664-CARE.

### **Services**

**24-Hour HELP LINE**

**Group Home and  
Emergency Shelter**

**Day Shelter and  
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**Project Safe Place**

**Counseling**

**Shelby County Drug  
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[familyconnection-inc.org](http://familyconnection-inc.org)

*Have you visited our website?*

It's designed to be informative, helpful and user-friendly. You can learn about volunteer opportunities, the TOPS program and our counseling services. You can donate so that we can keep providing services to the thousands of children and teens who seek help through Family Connection each year.

*Log on and stay in-touch!*

## ***Shelby County Drug Free Coalition Encourages Everyone to Secure Medications in their Homes***

The Shelby County Drug Free Coalition, a program of Family Connection, wants Shelby County parents and adults to know that teens may be abusing medications that they find in their own homes. During the month of June, area pharmacies partnered with the coalition to distribute warnings like the one below. Lock-up your medications for the health and safety of our children.

### **Warning**

### **Rx Danger Zones**

A growing number of teens are getting high from abusing prescription and over the counter medications found in the family medicine cabinet.

Take these steps to help prevent abuse in your home:

1. Get rid of old or unused medications.
2. Count your pills.
3. Secure your medications in a safe place.
4. Talk with your child.
5. Ask friends and family to safeguard their prescriptions as well.

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# *Stay connected with events that support Family Connection*



## **Family Connection's Annual Golf Tournament**

Family Connection's Annual Golf Tournament held at Timberline Golf Club was a fun day of golfing for our supporters. We would like to congratulate this year's tournament winners.

**1st Place:** Calvin Gunn, Bill Hughes, Ferrell Skinner, Lewis Miller

**2nd Place:** Jay Reynolds, Jason Windham, Bill Meador, Joe Parr

**3rd Place:** James Boozer, John Owens, Ken Martin, Wallace Williams

**Longest Drive:** Over 50-Calvin Gunn, Under 50-Steven Meadows

**Closest to the Pin (5 Holes):** Calvin Gunn, Ken Martin, Sam Overton, Harris Wheeler, Steven Meadows



Congratulations to our 1st Place team!



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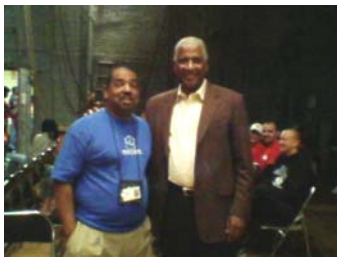
**Thank you to our Tournament Sponsors and Contributors for helping us make a difference in the lives of children, youth and families.**



## Tees 4 A Cause Helping Family Connection



We are excited to partner with Make Good Choices! which offers fun t-shirts with a positive message for all ages. Visit [www.imakegoodchoices.com](http://www.imakegoodchoices.com) to order your t-shirt and select "Family Connection" as the charity of your choice. Make Good Choices! will donate \$4 of your purchase directly to Family Connection.



### Project HOPE's Ed Eaton with Mayor William Bell

Ed has been a vital part of Project HOPE since 2003. He is the Day Shelter Manager at HOPE House and has impacted hundreds of young people.

Ed and other staff members from Project HOPE participated in Project Homeless Connect in Birmingham where he ran into an old classmate, Mayor William Bell.

Ed's dedication to serving homeless youth is evidenced by his deep commitment and hard-work.

Welcome Alabaster Dairy Queen, our newest addition to the network of Safe Place locations in Shelby County, Hoover and Irondale.



Project Safe Place, a program of Family Connection, offers 72 Safe Place sites. These sites include fire stations, YMCA's, public libraries, city halls, police stations and other businesses. Youth are educated in the schools and are taught to look for the distinctive yellow and black Safe Place sign that lets them know that business is a Safe Place site.

## Thank You to our Contributors

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## Family Connection— The *CONNECTION* that Makes a Difference



**Renew, Energize and Donate** known as RED Day is a Keller Williams Realty service initiative dedicated to improving the local community. On Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Keller Williams Realty associates donated their time and worked at Family Connection.

During the work day, Keller Williams Realty associates replaced the carpet in the shelter with new tile and provided landscaping at the Administrative Office. In addition to these volunteer activities, they also donated blankets, pillows, personal hygiene items, food products and brought birthday cake and balloons to celebrate birthdays for the young people at our shelter.

Each year, Keller Williams offices across the State of Alabama make a one day commitment to service in the community. Governor Bob Riley recognized this effort by signing a

Proclamation that May 13, 2010 is Keller Williams Red Day.

### Pictures from Keller Williams RED Day at Family Connection



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Thanks for your support and hard-work!

# Our Wish List

Family Connection depends upon the generosity of the community for many of our operational needs. Because the needs of Family Connection are ever changing, we encourage you to consider monetary donations, if possible. If you are able to donate any of the following items that are new or in good condition, please contact us at 205.663.6301 ext. 201 for donation instructions. Thank you!

## General Household Needs

- \* Cleaning items
- \* Paper towels and toilet tissue
- \* Trash bags
- \* Paper plates
- \* Canned goods
- \* Snack items
- \* Juice drinks
- \* Towels and washcloths
- \* Twin size sheets and comforters
- \* Pillows and pillow cases
- \* Shower curtain liners
- \* Large pots and pans
- \* Dish washing detergent
- \* Laundry detergent
- \* Fabric softener sheets

## Teen's Needs

- \* School supplies
- \* Shoes and socks
- \* Various clothing
- \* Personal hygiene items
- \* Toiletries
- \* Bras/underwear
- \* Hairdryers and curling irons
- \* Hair brushes/combs
- \* Board games
- \* G-rated movies
- \* Sports equipment
- \* Back packs/duffle bags



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## Your Gift To Family Connection

**Yes, I want to help strengthen children, youth and families to build a better community!**

Here is my gift of \$ .....

Please make checks payable to Family Connection or donate online at [www.familyconnection-inc.org](http://www.familyconnection-inc.org)

Please Return to:

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Saginaw, AL 35137

205-633-6301 ext. 201

Fax: 205-663-6371

[shelbyyouth@charterinternet.com](mailto:shelbyyouth@charterinternet.com)

If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the information below. We will gladly send an acknowledgement.

(circle one) In Honor or Memory of Name: .....

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**We need items for our yard sale—Keep us in mind!**