



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

2008 Annual Golf Tournament

Sponsored by Bryant Bank

Family Connection was blessed with another successful golf tournament. We would like to thank our sponsors, golfers, prize contributors and volunteers for their support!

Their support provides the necessary funding to bring shelter, counseling, hope and healing to at-risk, runaway and homeless children and youth as well as their families in Jefferson and Shelby counties. Family Connection also reaches out into the community and provides school-based counseling, drug prevention education and crisis intervention through Project Safe Place.

Our golf tournament is a major source of raising funds for these programs!

Bragging Rights Go To....



1st Place

ASC Volvo Construction

Elon Holley, Bryne Diehl, Rusty Hughes, Terry Ward



2nd Place

Ryder Truck Rental

Jimmy Mann, Doug Brimer, Pat Buckner, Rusty Bennett



3rd Place

ITT Tech

Allen Rice, Matt Fuller, Randy Fuller, Steve Self

Longest Drive: Betty McCrory and Bryne Diehl

Closest to the Pin: Allen House, Buddy Welch, Jim Kramer, and Terry Fry

If you were not a part of this year's tournament, make sure you do not miss out in 2009!

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Help us Help Others

We Need Craft Supplies for Volunteer Work for Hospice Patients

The children and youth at our Residential Care Program are regularly creating arts and crafts to help brighten the day for a person under hospice care. Through a partnership with Family Comfort Hospice, the residents create handmade cards and other items every month to be delivered to patients under their care.

We Need You!

Please collect craft items to donate for our residents to use. We need construction paper, colorful felt, funny eyes, pipe cleaners, foam letters and figures, crayons, markers...anything that can be used to help these young people do something good for others in our community. Thank you for all of your support! All donations are tax-deductible.

Project Safe Place is Tops Again

Family Connection's Safe Place Program recently received great news. As of May 2008, Family Connection is ranked:

#2 in the number of youth helped

#10 in the number of youth educated

These rankings are out of the over 140 Safe Place agencies in the United States. Our Safe Place sites and volunteers are doing an amazing job of connecting youth to immediate help and safety!

Family Connection Welcomes New Sites

Ekklesia Coffee House, Chelsea

Greystone YMCA

Helena Fire Station #3

Irondale Fire Station #3

Irondale Senior Center



Providing Hope to the Hopeless

Family Connection's Street Outreach Program in Birmingham, Project HOPE recently received much-needed funds thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. Our Street Outreach Team that travels around the city in a van searching for homeless youth will soon receive a new van. This will replace our worn out van and provide more reliable transportation for the staff and the youth who need our help.

The Street Outreach Team searches for runaway and homeless children and youth living on the streets. Immediate survival aids are provided to youth they encounter. The Team then works to gain their trust and encourage them to visit the Day Shelter where they can receive the counseling and support they need to leave the streets forever. Project HOPE...*inspiring youth to move beyond the streets!*

FAMILY CONNECTION—THE CONNECTION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Did You Know?

Tips for Connecting Families

A 2007 survey administered by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University compared teens who have five to seven family dinners a week to those who dine with their families fewer than three nights a week. The survey found that teens who dine with their families fewer than three nights a week are:

- Three and a half times more likely to abuse prescription drugs
- Three times more likely to try marijuana
- More than two and a half times more likely to try cigarettes
- One and a half times more likely to try alcohol

Family Meals are the perfect time to talk to your children and to listen to what is on their mind.

Family dinners are about more than just sharing a meal.

Please, sit down with your family tonight!

I would like to make a donation!

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