



# Family Connection

A newsletter for Macomb County Foster & Adoptive Parents



September-October 2008

## CARE Receives New Funding

To support Family to Family, additional funding will provide increased leadership and financial assistance to birth families when needed.

**-UNITED WAY-**

**\$85,000 to support Family to Family Activities**

Foster parents can take parenting classes offered by CARE for free. Please call **586.541.0033** for more information.



## Check It Out!

*"A Kinship Guide to Rescuing Children packs an amazing amount of inspiration, energy, and encouragement in an easy-to-read guide for relative caregivers. This book serves as a practical guide for helping readers understand the importance of creating a support network, navigating social service systems, and establishing relationships that will thrive within the dynamics of these relative families. Finally, a book that not only offers resources, education and practical advice for these families, but illustrates the hope and inspiration that it takes for these families to survive."*

-Melissa R. Casto, Kinship Care Specialist

Your copy of this book can be purchased on Amazon.com or at the website:

[www.chicagoroadpublishing.com](http://www.chicagoroadpublishing.com)

Or, to read an excerpt, please visit:

[www.chicagoroadpublishing.com/kinship\\_book\\_pages.pdf](http://www.chicagoroadpublishing.com/kinship_book_pages.pdf)

## HOME MAKEOVER 2008

This year, CARE was one of many proud sponsors for Paradox Church's 3rd Home Makeover event and extends warm wishes to the project's Roseville family.



## AARP Foundation Quick Links

The AARP Foundation helps seniors find and enroll in valuable public and private benefits programs for older adults and families with children. This online source allows visitors to find the application that may lead to any number of sources for reducing costs on prescription drugs, telephone bills, groceries, children's health care and more to the family who is caring for a relative. This source is available not only to individual recipients but to agencies and organizations who are assisting caregivers. Explore this site and the more than 250 forms available to help shortcut the journey for assistance:

[www.aarp.org/quicklink](http://www.aarp.org/quicklink)



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# RESPECT

**DEFINED:** to show regard for; to relate or refer to; concern; polite expressions of consideration or deference; that state of being regarded with honor or esteem.

## Respect & Relationships

Respect, for some parents, is based on control. He/she who has control (power) deserves respect. In fact, a parent may demand respect. In this context, it is not respect but promoting an environment based on fear. It leads to a one-sided relationship leading to resentment and in some cases rebellion.

Respect for some children means "never make me do something I do not want to do. I am a child and it is your job to make me happy."

## Respectful Characteristics

- ...Mutual
- ...Requires cooperation
- ...Requires appropriate concern for the other person
- ...Delivered through well, thought-out messages
- ...Listens & takes responsibility for one's actions
- ...Recognizes the benefits of giving

## Benefits of Respect

- ...Homes are a comfortable, emotionally healthy place to be
- ...Members of the family can count on each other
- ...Pleasure and enjoyment is increased

## Without Respect

- ...Power struggles exist
- ...Sabotage can happen
- ...Negative feelings increase

## Respectful Consideration For Parents

- ◇ Children who feel they are treated fairly will come to respect their parents
- ◇ Children who feel they are treated fairly will listen more to their parents' opinions
- ◇ Pick your battles
- ◇ Have select rules that are based on respect & safety and enforce them



**Learning how to respect  
Begins with learning  
How to listen.  
Listening begins  
with being tolerant of  
what we hear.  
Learning tolerance  
teaches us how to  
understand.  
Understanding allows us to  
learn how to care.  
Caring means we've learned  
how to respect.  
Just like a toddler,  
We take one step at a time.  
Just like a puzzle,  
We find one piece at a time.  
Just like building a bridge,  
We connect one section at a time.  
So learning respect is just how I said,  
It's one step, one piece,  
one section at a time,  
But the finished product  
can make the world safe  
From all the wars and  
destruction of human kind.  
Because we have listened,  
Because we were tolerant,  
Because we understood,  
Because we cared,  
We learned to respect and  
We created a world to care  
For all mankind.**

**-Andrew TerBush  
Age 10**

*Parents can choose. Do they want a relationship that will last into adulthood or do they want children to "run" from the relationship as soon as they are able? A relationship based on respect will last forever.*

# IN THE COMMUNITY...



## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Cordially Invites You To...



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
1PM

ICE CREAM, HOT DOGS AND PAPER PRODUCTS  
WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS AND YOUR OWN CHAIRS.

R.S.V.P  
ANN WAGNER AT 586.469.7826

### A PRESENTATION BY THE MACOMB COUNTY ABSTINENCE PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH  
6:30-8:00PM

VERKUILEN BUILDING  
SENIOR AUDITORIUM, ENTRANCE C  
21885 DUNHAM ROAD  
CLINTON TOWNSHIP

PLEASE R.S.V.P. WITH ANN  
**586.469.7826**

OR BY EMAIL

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## ~ 19TH ANNUAL ~ KINSHIP ADOPTION FESTIVAL

*Saturday, October 11  
11am-3pm*

*The Casino on Belle Isle*

This event is FREE and will provide opportunities to talk with adoption workers, attend informational workshops, participate in children's activities, and meet some of Detroit area's waiting children. For more information, contact the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange at 800.589.MARE or visit www.adoptionfestival.org.

### MSU Extension Programs

#### Money Management

8 Sessions, Wednesdays

Sept. 10, 17, 24

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Call 586.469.6430 to register

#### Healthy Bites

FREE Newsletters

Visit www.msue.msu.edu/macomb for:

- \* Calendar of upcoming events
- \* Program descriptions
- \* Volunteer opportunities
- \* Past issues



### Community Collaborative

#### Warren

October 8, 2008

1:30-3pm

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

#### Clinton Twp

October 15, 2008

6-7pm

American Lutheran Church

#### Roseville

October 28, 2008

1:30-3pm

New Life Assembly of God Church

#### \*\*All Collaborative Retreat\*\*

September 12, 2008

9am-2:30pm

American Lutheran Church

## fundraiser

For more information contact:

Tiara McKenzie 1-586-585-0351

October 26, 2008  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
Sacred Heart Church  
(basement of the church)  
18430 Utica Road

Creative Memories, candles,  
children's books, etc. will be sold  
by demonstrators.  
Proceeds will go to F2F general fund for  
event supplies or family's needs.

### PROJECT SAFE...

(SUPPORTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE)

...is an opportunity for families who are affected by *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders* to come together to enjoy a meal, friendship & socialize in a safe & supportive atmosphere.

Meetings are held on the last Friday of every month for a potluck dinner,  
6:30pm-9pm.

Please email cydck@comcast.net if you & your family would be interested in joining us. Further information about location will be emailed to those who choose to attend.

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[www.mom2momlist.com](http://www.mom2momlist.com)  
[www.nofas.org](http://www.nofas.org)

# A SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- \*Mark Sulewski, Sacred Heart Church, thank you for donating your time and making dinner for the HUGS program. That was truly a generous gesture to our foster families.
- \*Lenora, Wanda, Barb and Carol, Sacred Heart Alter Society, thank you for spoiling us with a homemade lasagna dinner for the HUGS Program. We appreciate your kindness toward the families who foster our children.
- \*Hungry Howies/Frazho Road, Roseville, thank you for generously donating pizzas for our HUGS program. The families enjoyed the food and the thought of how the community is supporting them.
- \*Sacred Heart Church, Roseville, thank you for donating the space to hold our events for our foster family programs.
- \*Pat DeBruce, Warren resident, thank you for volunteering to become a community representative for the Roseville, Warren and Clinton Township Family Resource Networks.
- \*Alleyn and Judy Hunt, Chesterfield Twp. residents, thank you for your generous donation to the Ribbon Tying Ceremony. You helped put smiles on a lot of children that day.
- \*The RFRN Collaborative, thank you for all your hard work, donation and support at the Ribbon Tying Ceremony. I am proud to be a part of this team effort.
- \*Paradox Church, Roseville, thank you for having activities for the children at the Ribbon Tying Ceremony. Your support to this community is priceless.
- \*Denise Dorsz, Leaps and Bounds, Warren, thank you for your support and donation for our Ribbon Tying Ceremony. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.
- \*Monique Bil, Clinton Twp resident, thank you for your donation of baby clothes. The families that receive this donation will be grateful for the clothes and the thought that some one cares.
- \*Candy Falkowski, Washington Twp resident, thank you for your generous donation. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
- \*Apple Annie's Restaurant, Roseville, thank you for your support and donation to the ice cream social on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- \*City of Roseville, Harold Haugh, Mayor, Kathy Haugh, City Treasurer, John Chirkun, Mayor Pro Tem, Bill Shoemaker, Council Person, I.J. Campbell, Administrator CDBG, thank you for your continued support and attendance at the Foster Care Awareness Ribbon Tying Ceremony.
- \*Roseville Fire Department, Roseville Police Department, thank you for your attendance and support at the Ribbon Tying Ceremony. It means so much to have the community support our foster care system.
- \*Scott, Marla, Sammy, Lexie, Luke, and Steven Jorgens, Macomb Family, thank you for the donation of clothes. The child will know someone cared.

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