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FAMILY CONNECTIONS WELCOMES SUZIE SHEEDY AS ITS FIRST DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

September 25, 2015 - REDWOOD CITY, CA: Family Connections is pleased to announce that Suzie Sheedy, CFRE has joined the organization as its first Development Director. In addition to her fundraising role, Mrs. Sheedy will also spearhead marketing efforts for the growing not for profit group.

With almost two decades of experience in philanthropy, Mrs. Sheedy comes to Family Connections from Sequoia Hospital Foundation where she served as Manager of Major Gifts and Donor Relations. While there, she and the foundation team completed a \$20 million capital campaign in support of the new hospital pavilion. She previously served as Director of Development at Hamilton Family Center in San Francisco.

“We are delighted to welcome Suzie to Family Connections,” said Renee Zimmerman, Executive Director. “Our organization is set to grow substantially over the next few years and establishing a strong philanthropic department is an essential part of achieving our mission. Suzie brings to this position an impressive background that will enable her to advance our development efforts and help us shape the vision and future of Family Connections with those in our community.”

I am excited to join Family Connections,” said Mrs. Sheedy. “The board of directors and the executive director have built an exciting and thoughtful strategic plan that will position this organization as a leading provider of early childhood education and family mentoring success. I look forward to using my expertise to work with Family Connections’ supporters to ensure we meet these goals.”

Mrs. Sheedy is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and began her new role on September 14, 2015.

About Family Connections

Family Connections' mission is to provide underserved children, their families, and their communities with the early childhood education and ongoing support they need to grow, dream, and achieve. For more than 20 years, we have been empowering the families we serve by connecting them to community resources and encouraging lifelong learning. Our programs include:

- **Parent Participation Pre-K:** An enriching parent participation early learning program for three-to-five year olds focusing on early literacy, math and science, at home learning and lots of fun in a developmentally appropriate classroom environment.
- **Nurturing Families:** We combine our traditional parent participation classroom model with additional in-depth support for families with siblings from birth to age two years and nine months through home visits, child and parental assessments, referrals, and case managed care.
- **Young Scholars:** We actively engage our Young Scholars, their families and our community partners to promote a culture where students are inspired to believe in the abilities, develop their strengths, and discover their passion. This unique program provides students with the resources needed to succeed personally and academically from kindergarten into college. The Family Connection Preschool graduate cohorts receive weekly one-on-one meetings and monthly parent education classes as well as extracurricular activities to guide families through the various educational stages.

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