



WELCOME TO
ANNUAL BENEFIT
CONEXIONES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
6-9 PM

ANGELICAS
REDWOOD CITY

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Peninsula Family Connections team, we are delighted to welcome you to our annual benefit fundraiser, Conexiones! It is an honor to have you join us in supporting our mission to empower families in our community through compassionate services, meaningful connections, and access to resources that foster a thriving future. Together, we make a profound difference in the lives of our incredibly hard-working and dedicated families from underserved communities.

We are grateful to our generous sponsors for their unwavering commitment to our work. Your support is not only vital to the success of this event, but it also plays an important role in advancing the mission of Family Connections year-round. Your partnership allows us to continue to provide critical programs that strengthen families, promote health and well-being, and ensure that no one in our community has to navigate life's challenges alone.

Donor support is vital to everything we do. That is why the Board of Directors has made the decision to underwrite the entire cost of Conexiones. This means that 100% of your donations tonight will directly support our core mission. All contributions (besides auction and raffle), ticket sales, and sponsorships from our community are now fully tax-deductible, amplifying the impact of your generosity.

Every contribution—whether large or small—helps us to provide essential services that impact families' lives in powerful ways. Your generosity allows us to expand our reach, enhance our programs, and ensure that we are here for those who need us most. Thank you for believing in our mission. We are grateful for your commitment to building stronger families and brighter futures.

Warm regards,



Eric Valladares
Executive Director



Anita Kapadia
Board Chair



Yukari Schneider
Program Alumna &
Board Member

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

✦ 6:00 PM ✦

Connections, Conversations & Cocktails

✦ 7:00 PM ✦

Evening Program:
Early Action, Lasting Impact
The Power of Early Intervention
Live Auction & Fund A Need
Light Bites

✦ 8:15 PM ✦

Celebratory Toast, Sweet Treats & Networking

✦ 9:00 PM ✦

Event Concludes

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Jeff Applebaum
Master of Ceremonies
& Auctioneer



Eric Valladares
Executive Director
Family Connections



John Fong
Children & Family
Services Director
San Mateo County



Yukari Schneider
Program Alumna &
Board Member
Family Connections

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

LEGACY LEADER | \$7,500

Andrea & Andy Ballard
The Michael & Sally Mayer Family Foundation

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS | \$5,000

Anonymous
Betsy Carter & Jonathan Atkin
Amy & Eric Sahn

CREATING COMMUNITY | \$2,500

Anonymous
Patty & Bryant Macy
Homi & Shireen Kapadia
Rajat & Ratna Srivastava



FOUNDATION FOR FAMILIES | \$1,000

Dr. Candice & Vinney Arora
Reynette Au & Jeanine Valadez
Missy & Richard Bechtel
Pete Dailey
Kenna & Jim Fenton
Homi & Shireen Kapadia
Zubin & Navaz Taraporevala



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ABOUT FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Thriving Kids. Thriving Families.



Early Learning Classes

Our caregiver-participation classes offer families the opportunity to strengthen their bond with their child, establish connections and a sense of community with other families, and increase parenting confidence.



Caregiver Education

We support caregivers in embracing their role as their child's first teacher by providing development assessments, need-based home visiting services, and evidence-based parent education.



Mental Health Services

We collaborate with caregivers to address challenges impacting the caregiver-child relationship by offering culturally and linguistically responsive interventions designed to help families heal and grow.



Community Services

Through playgroups and workshops, we extend our services beyond the classroom to support all families in San Mateo County by enriching the caregiver-child relationship and reducing isolation in our communities.



Peninsula Family Connections partners with expecting families and those with children from birth through age five to foster resilience and nurture families as they build their success by providing high-quality services in early childhood education, family support, and mental health in under-resourced communities.





AUCTION

Taste of Japan: A Hands-On Culinary Adventure with Chef Masako Nishimori

Minimum Bid: \$700 | Value: \$1,200 | Bid Increment: \$100



Create lasting memories with a 2-hour Japanese cooking class for up to 8 people in the comfort of your own home! Guided by Chef Masako of Little Maco's, choose between authentic savory dishes or indulge in Japanese baking, featuring delicious shortcakes and matcha cakes. This experience is perfect for families, friends, team-building, or a unique date night for up to 4 couples, ensuring an unforgettable culinary journey!

Donor: Masako Nishimori of Little Maco's

Stunning Family Portraits For You and Our Families

Buy Now: \$1,500 | Value: \$2,500

This package features a 1-hour portrait session for your family, which includes one outfit change, and full digital access to 40-50 images.

Additionally, with each package purchased, Thai generously donates an hour of his time to photograph our families at no cost to them. Four packages are available for purchase. Get and give the gift of memories that will last a lifetime!

Donor: Thai Chu of Alive by Thai Photography
Subject to availability.



Sip & Savor: A Private Blind Tasting Experience for 16 with Master Sommelier David Glancy at San Francisco Wine School

Minimum Bid: \$1,500 | Value: \$2,700 | Bid Increment: \$250

Enhance your wine expertise with a private blind tasting class for up to 16 guests at the San Francisco Wine School, guided by Master Sommelier David Glancy! This interactive 2-hour session will equip you with professional tasting techniques to help you discern varietals, regions, and ages through your senses of sight, smell, and taste. Engage in a fun, friendly competition and gain confidence in your wine preferences. This memorable experience can be tailored with optional upgrades, perfect for social events or team-building.

Donors: David Glancy & Kristin Campbell, owners of San Francisco Wine School.



AUCTION



Tahoe's Timeless Slopes & Tantalizing Tastes

Minimum Bid: \$700 | Value: \$1,100 | Bid Increment: \$100

Enjoy 2 nights and 3 days at this unforgettable mountain escape - a wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ski House located on the west shore of Lake Tahoe near Sunnyside Lodge. This cozy and well-appointed retreat in the heart of Tahoe is perfect for a weekend of skiing, snowboarding, or simply relaxing by the fire.

This exclusive stay offers the ultimate alpine experience. After a day on the slopes, indulge in a delicious dinner for 6 at Sunnyside Lodge, a beloved lakeside restaurant known for its warm ambiance and mouthwatering cuisine. Whether you're carving fresh powder or soaking in the stunning lake views, this package promises a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

Donors: Jackie Hoffmann, Sunnyside Restaurant



Coastal Charm: A 2-Night Escape to Carmel-by-the-Sea

**Minimum Bid: \$2,000 | Value: \$4,800
Bid Increment: \$500**

Escape to the enchanting Carmel-by-the-Sea with a delightful 2-night stay in a lovely 3-bedroom, 3-bath home, situated 20 minutes from the beach and only a 5-minute walk to downtown. Enjoy the comfort of the spacious living area, whip up meals in the gourmet kitchen, and relax by the fire pit on your private patio. Ideal for families or small groups, this stylish retreat accommodates 4 adults and 2 children. Only 1.5 hours away from the Bay Area, it promises to be the perfect coastal retreat. **Donors: Julie & Jared Gosler**



Soccer in Style: VIP Suite Experience at Bay FC Women's Game

Minimum Bid: \$900 | Value: \$2,500 | Bid Increment: \$200

Experience the game from a luxurious field-level suite at PayPal Park. You and five guests will enjoy midfield views right behind the away team, complete with food, beverages, and one VIP parking pass. With a maximum of only 24 guests sharing the suite, this luxe experience provides an exclusive, intimate soccer evening in style. All ages are welcome!

Game day: Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 7 pm

Donors: Eric Thomsen & Rebecca Van Dyck

AUCTION

Parisian Paradise: A Week in the City of Lights

Minimum Bid: \$1,000 | Value: \$2,500

Bid Increment: \$250

Enjoy the best of Paris for 6 nights in this charming 1-bedroom, 1.5-bath apartment located in the prestigious Golden Triangle, nestled between the Seine & the Champs Élysées in the 8th arrondissement.

Whether enjoying a walk along the banks of the Seine, exploring museums, or savoring the exquisite local cuisine, everything the City of Lights has to offer is just a short stroll away.

Donors: Claudia Schweikert & Jeff Tangney

*130 euro cleaning fee. Subject to availability.



RAFFLE



Topper Jewelry Earrings



Case of 'Hand of God' Wine



SF Wine School evening of Learning/sipping for 2 people



Bay Area Theatre Package:
2 tix to City Lights Theater
and a 2 tix to TheatreWorks



Peninsula Flight (introductory) with
Certified Pilot from
San Carlos airport

FUND A NEED

The Heart of Our Community: Protecting Safe Spaces

Peninsula Family Connections is the only organization offering this vital, community-centered support at **no cost** to families in our region. We serve as a trusted resource hub where families not only receive therapy, caregiver education, early learning programming, and essential services but also find a safe, welcoming space to connect and heal. Our three locations are strategically positioned to ensure families have easy access, eliminating the need to navigate multiple buses or endure long commutes.

This year, the cost to maintain these spaces has doubled, from \$50,000 to \$100,000, creating an urgent need for support.

We cannot continue this critical work without your support. This evening, our goal is to raise \$100,000 to ensure these spaces remain available and accessible for our families.

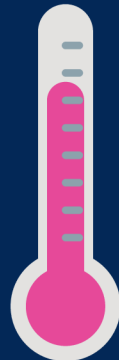
Healthy, safe environments are foundational to our work—it's where families find the comfort and trust necessary to move forward and overcome challenges.

Every dollar, **whether you give \$5 or \$5,000**, will help us reach our goal of raising \$100,000 to provide safe, accessible spaces where families can thrive. Family Connections needs your support at every level.

Giving Levels

\$10,000
\$7,500
\$5,000
\$2,500
\$1,000
\$500
\$250

\$100,000



AUCTION & RAFFLE GUIDELINES

1. There will be no exchanges or refunds unless otherwise noted.

All items are "as is." Family Connections has attempted to describe and catalog items correctly but neither warrants nor represents and in no event shall be responsible for the correctness of descriptions, genuineness, authorship, provenance, or condition of these items.

2. The value listed is an estimate of fair market value. Items have not been appraised. The amount you pay above this fair market value is normally tax-deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

3. Family Connections reserves the right to add or withdraw items, without notice, to or from the auction. Each person bidding assumes all the risks and hazards related to items obtained at the auction. Each bidder agrees to hold harmless from any liability arising indirectly from Family Connections, its Board of Directors, members, its agents, and employees.

HOW TO FULFILL YOUR PLEDGE

Upon exit, you can check out and pay via credit card or check.

If you would like to donate via Donor Advised Fund or corporate matching, please contact lbuss@familyconnections.org so we can make a note.

Checks can be made out to:
Peninsula Family Connections
3460 W. Bayshore Road, Suite 202
Palo Alto, CA 94303

To donate online, please scan the QR code below to complete your gift online or visit www.familyconnections.org



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OUR LOCATIONS

Redwood City School
414 4th Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94063

Susan B Anthony Elementary
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Girls Club of the Mid-Peninsula
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