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A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION AND HOPE!

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WELCOME

Welcome to Family Connections' A Toast to Hope! We are so delighted you're here and so grateful for your support.

An enormous congratulations to tonight's honorees, Jeff Harrison, recipient of the Roger Manshel Lifetime Achievement Award, and Marvin and René Clawson, recipient of the Champion of the People Award. We are deeply grateful for their good work and commitment to Family Connections and our community. Thanks just as deeply to our sponsors for their leadership support of A Toast to Hope. Without you, this event would not be possible.

The last few years have come with a lot of ups and downs for so many individuals, our entire country, and for Family Connections. The pandemic, although devastating in many ways, forced Family Connections to grow and transform. We began offering telehealth services which have been widely accepted by our clients, we became a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center, creating an even more comprehensive approach to serving our clients. We came together as a team not just to provide services, but to be a support system for each other.

Somehow, Family Connections has reemerged from the pandemic growing stronger.

So tonight, we want to share with you some amazing stories from incredible people that have worked hard with Family Connections to get where they are today. We are also excited to celebrate three passionate people whose commitment to the community and our clients are one of the many reasons we can continue to be the place where hope meets possibility.

On behalf of Family Connections' Board Members and staff, and most importantly, the individuals and families we serve, we thank you for your presence and support.

Have a great night!



Jacques Hryshko, LPC
Chief Executive Officer





PROGRAM

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

6:00-6:45 pm

Cocktail Reception

7:00-7:30 pm

Welcome and Presentations

7:30-8:30 pm

Dinner, Desserts, and Music

8:30 pm

Silent Auction Ends and 50/50

Raffle Winner Announced

Use the hashtag [#AToastToHope](#) and tag [@familyconnectionsny](#) to share your photos and videos of tonight's event!

AUCTION

HOW TO BID

To view Family Connections' **A TOAST TO HOPE** auction and start bidding, use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code below or go to:

<https://givebutter.com/c/Toasttohope/auction>



Register to Bid by clicking on the button and filling out the information.

- Start bidding!
- Scroll through the auction items and bid from your seat.
OR
- Go to the silent auction table to view the items. Then scan the item's QR code and bid.
- Continue to check your item to make sure you have not been outbid, you may also receive notifications when you are outbid for when the auction is close to ending.

Won an item? Pay for it by going to the original link or check your email and text messages for notifications on how to make your payment. Once paid, come to the silent auction table to collect your item(s).

HONOREES



Champion of the People Award

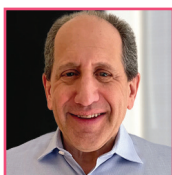
Marvin and René Clawson

Principal Architects and Partners, Clawson Architects

Marvin and René Clawson have been Maplewood residents for over 23 years. They are both Principals at Clawson Architects, a well-known, award-winning architecture firm. In addition to their many professional achievements, Marvin and René have been incredible supporters of the local South Orange and Maplewood communities. Marvin lends his expertise to municipal projects and René has served as President of the Chamber of Commerce for four years.

Marvin and René are loyal supporters of Family Connections. Not only do they provide monetary support to the organization, but they have also worked closely with Family Connections on grants for prospective architecture projects.

We are grateful for Marvin and René's dedication to making Family Connections the place where hope meets possibility!



Roger Manshel Lifetime Achievement Award

Jeff Harrison

Principal and Managing Director, The Colony Group

Jeff Harrison is a Principal and Managing Director at The Colony Group. Prior to joining The Colony Group in November 2021, Jeff was a founder of Harrison, McCarthy & Co., which provided over 25 years of accounting and tax services to its clients. Jeff specializes in tax, business consulting, and financial planning. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of CPAs.

Jeff has generously donated his financial expertise by serving as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees to both Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston, NJ and Family Connections.

We thank Jeff and his wife Shari for their continued support of Family Connections!



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Congratulations to all Toast of Hope honorees, including The Colony Group's colleague and friend,

Jeff Harrison

Roger Manshel Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

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A TOAST OF HOPE

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Family Connections on
continuing to be the place
where hope meets
possibility.**

Steven and Beth Berns





Congratulations to
Marvin and René Clawson
for receiving the
Champion of the People Award.

Thank you to Family Connections
for providing much-needed services
to families in our community.
Each day Family Connections
works to build a stronger, safer and
healthier New Jersey and
we are proud to support this
wonderful organization.

With appreciation and gratitude,
The Harrison Family



JEFF HARRISON

Roger Manshel

Lifetime Achievement Award

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR DEAR FRIEND
ON THIS WELL-DESERVED HONOR!
WE ARE THRILLED TO SEE YOU
RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR YEARS OF
SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO
FAMILY CONNECTIONS!**

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To **Jeff Harrison**, a man who builds deep
and lasting commitments with family,
friends, clients, co-workers and organizations,
congratulations on receiving the
Roger Manshel Lifetime Achievement Award.

You lead by example and always with your heart.
Family Connections and its clients benefit every
day from your willingness to share your extensive
knowledge, time and resources.



Wishing we could have been with you to celebrate,
but sending you a hearty Mazel Tov on this
well-deserved honor. We are so proud to call you
our nearest and dearest!

With tremendous respect and lots of love,
Deborah Legow Schatz & Leonard Russo



**The Manshel Family
celebrates
Family Connections
and 2023 honorees**

Jeff Harrison

*Roger Manshel Lifetime
Achievement Award*

and

Marvin and René Clawson
Champions of the People Award

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Congratulations Jeff

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From Family Connections' CEO
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Congratulations to Marvin & Rene Clawson & Jeff Harrison!

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Achievement Award.**

**All of us in your family have
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kindness and care for others
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Jeff Harrison.**

*Best wishes,
Steven Ackerman, Brian Marmor and the entire
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*All the Best,
The Southern Harrison Family*

ABOUT US

Family Connections is a leading New Jersey non-profit with over 30 different programs to support children, adults, and families. Far too many people in our communities face serious challenges—from trauma and mental illness to substance use, domestic violence, and child abuse. Family Connections is here to make sure no one has to face these challenges alone. Across Northern New Jersey, we deliver counseling, social and emotional skills-building, prevention and training initiatives, programs to strengthen family bonding and reunify families, and more.

Since 1879, Family Connections has proven that communities thrive when everyone is invested in each other's wellbeing.

Our Mission: Growth happens here every day. With our counseling, skills-building, training and prevention services, people take control of their own healing and foster connections that make our entire community stronger, safer, and healthier.

Our Vision: We see a world where no one faces life's challenges alone—where we all have the opportunities, connections, and resources we need to thrive.

Our Core Values: We strive every day to be: Inclusive | Strengths-based | Relationship-driven | Outcome-oriented | Collaborative

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