



Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation

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“Keep Connected” Scholarships

We ask for your thoughtful consideration in making a gift at the \$1,000 or \$500 level to help children attend the 2013 **Keep Connected** program, which will take place June 19 – August 13, 2013, from 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Villa Maria Academy in Erie, PA. **Keep Connected** follows the morning summer therapeutic activity program, **Connections Camp**, and is a recreational program offered to children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis, their siblings and peers. At **Keep Connected**, children will further develop their social skills through a variety of activities, including arts, crafts, sports, games, swimming, and community outings. Activities are led by skilled staff with behavioral health and education experience. **Keep Connected** will allow for continued practice on social skills and interpersonal relationships in a safe and nurturing environment. Staff to child ratio will be higher than typical daycares, and the trained staff will be able to properly, behaviorally intervene into problematic situations.

Families will be required to pay a daily fee for each child attending **Keep Connected**. Unfortunately, families with a low socio-economic status may not be financially able to meet the minimal cost for the program. This problem is magnified if the family has multiple children with a disability and/or has children attending multiple day care settings. Families may not only struggle with the cost of childcare but also the cost of transporting their children to various settings.

Keep Connected is a program that will be able to offer a low-cost alternative for families with a child with Autism, an intellectual disability and/or mental health diagnosis, and their siblings in need of a summer program. **Keep Connected** strives to have a diverse and multicultural population.

Approximately 75 children are expected to enroll in this year’s program. Your scholarship support would make a significant difference for children in our community, providing them with an opportunity that might not be possible without your help. In the past two years, children with Autism and their families have seen programs or services close or dramatically shrink in scope. Last year, the Barber National Institute and many other Pennsylvania providers were forced to cancel summer programs as the result of the State’s eleventh hour regulatory changes. We ask for your help so we may offer community children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder the opportunity for a fun, safe summer recreational camp.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 in scholarships to help children attend **Keep Connected** and benefit from the educational and therapeutic experience this innovative program provides:

- ☘ 20 Scholarships at the \$1,000 level
- ☘ 10 Scholarships at the \$500 level

If you would like to contribute to the **“Keep Connected” Scholarships**, please contact:

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“Keep Connected” Scholarship Contribution Form

Thank you for your special support of the Barber National Institute’s *Keep Connected* program! Your scholarship contribution gives children the opportunity to further develop their social skills in a fun, safe and nurturing environment.

Yes! I would like to make a contribution to the “Keep Connected” program at the following scholarship level:

Scholarship Level

Number of Scholarships I Would Like to Provide

\$1,000.00

\$500.00

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Total Donation Amount: _____

Credit Card Information:

___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ American Express

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CCV Number: _____ Signature: _____

Please make your check payable to the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation. You can also make your gift online at www.BarberInstitute.org/giving. Please indicate that your gift is for the **Keep Connected Scholarship**.

Gift Recognition

Please indicate how you would like your name(s) to appear in our annual *Barber Honors* donor report.

I/We prefer to make our gift anonymously.

Please mail this form along with your gift to:

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Thank you!



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