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## CONNECTIONS RAISES NEARLY \$50,000 AT FIRST BIENNIAL PERFECT PAIRING EVENT

*More than 350 guests enjoy crafted brews and gourmet hors d'oeuvres as they support Connections*

Wilmington, DE — Connections Community Support Programs, Inc. (Connections) kicked off its first biennial fundraising event, The Perfect Pairing: Crafted Brews and Gourmet Bites for a Good Cause, in a big way. More



Connections' Chairman of the Board, Larry Drexler, recognizes fellow Board Member and Event Chair, Christy Crkvenac for her efforts in launching The Perfect Pairing

than 350 guests attended the sold-out October 14 event, raising nearly \$50,000. Held on the Riverfront in Barclays' Rock Center, The Perfect Pairing featured crafted brews from Dogfish Head, Twin Lakes Brewery, 16 Mile Brewing Company, and Iron Hill Brewery, and gourmet hors d'oeuvres from Harry's Hospitality Group, Mikimotos, Washington Street Ale House, Six Paupers Tavern & Restaurant, Chelsea Tavern, and Caffè Gelato.

Guests of The Perfect Pairing tried their luck at raffles, as well as, silent and live auctions. Winners walked away with prizes that included ½ carat diamond earrings, Southwest Airline tickets and sold-out Justin Bieber concert tickets. Entertainment was provided by *The Umoja String Trio*.

Connections is grateful for the generous support of its event sponsors, which included Bank of America, Fulcrum Pharmacy Management, Inc., Flooring Solutions, PNC Bank, Radius

Rx Direct, Inc., WSFS Bank, Arthur Hall Insurance, Greenberg Traurig, Rockford Center, Trinity Communities, LLC, Bayshore Ford,

Cooperson Associates, Coventry Healthcare, Glenmede, Mengers Group, Inc., Teva Pharmaceuticals, Weiner Benefits Groups, Whisman, Giordano & Associates, LLC, Blastoman, C&S Computer Consulting, Inc., Delmarva Power, Eastern Springs Water Company, Gildea Enterprises, Independence Wealth

Strategies, and Redwood Toxicology Laboratories. In-Kind support was provided by Barclays, 93.7 WSTW, Bachetti Brothers Gourmet Catering, Costco, Double U Design, Farnan's Lock Service, Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association of Delaware, Giant, The Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Walgreen's, WDEL 1150 AM, Wilson Liquors, and WXCY 103.7.

Connections is grateful to everyone who made this event possible: the generous event sponsors, individuals and businesses that made in-kind donations, and everyone who purchased a ticket. The next Perfect Pairing event will be held in Spring 2012. Please visit [www.perfectpairing.org](http://www.perfectpairing.org) for more information.



A sampling of the many silent auction items that were available to bid on by guests at The Perfect Pairing



*Connections Community Support Programs, Inc. (Connections) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that has been providing community-based housing, health care and employment services in Delaware since 1985. The mission of Connections is to help vulnerable and disenfranchised Delaware residents to improve their lives by providing a comprehensive array of affordable and accessible primary medical, mental health and substance abuse treatment, employment, and housing opportunities that help the individuals and families receiving the services to become accepted and productive members of their communities. Through our housing, employment and treatment programs, we will serve almost 10,000 unduplicated individuals in 2010 in 55 separate grassroots locations throughout Delaware, including New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties.*