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### **Dancing for Little Stars to Raise Awareness for Child Abuse Prevention**

**(Oshkosh, Wis.)** – In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, The Parent Connection program of Family Services will be hosting its **9<sup>th</sup> and final Dancing for Little Stars event** on Friday, April 8 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street in downtown Oshkosh.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with registration, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. Guests can cheer on and vote for their favorite dancing couples and groups in the “*Dancing for Little Stars*” competition to raise money and awareness for child abuse prevention services in the area. A short awards presentation will also be held to honor community members who continually make a difference in the lives of children and families. This year’s Good Heart Award will be presented to **Stacey Otto**, Therapist with Winnebago County Human Services and Founder of Nurturing Connections in Oshkosh; the 2016 Cherish the Child Award will be presented to the **Oshkosh Community YMCA**, for enhancing lives by providing and supporting services that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Ticket cost for the event is \$50 per person in advance or \$55 at the door. All proceeds benefit Parent Connection, a parent education and early learning program serving Oshkosh and the Fox Cities. The program offers home visitation services, family wellness workshops, teen parent and dads programs, family fun events, and more. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.familyservicesnew.org/little-stars](http://www.familyservicesnew.org/little-stars) or call 920-233-6630.

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## **FOR THE EDITOR**

### **About Parent Connection:**

Parent Connection is a parent education and early learning program designed to encourage, strengthen and support families. The program offers a variety of services, each designed to ease the transition into parenthood and make parenting less stressful and more enjoyable. Programs and services include home visitation services, family wellness workshops, dad's programs, teen parent programs, and family fun events.

### **About Family Services:**

Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin is a non-profit, human services agency that protects, heals and cares for the children and families of Northeast Wisconsin. The agency offers more than 30 programs that support the people of our communities during challenges and transitions in their lives.



*Dancers gather for the awards presentation at Dancing for Little Stars 2015, a fundraiser for the Parent Connection program of Family Services.*

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