



# SPRINGBROOK

## **The Family Engagement Center – More than a building!**

Officially opened on July 20, 2017, the Springbrook Family Engagement Center (FEC) is many things to many people—an introduction to our organization, a unique venue for a celebration, a place of work, a haven for quality time with a child, a microcosm of the Springbrook universe. It is a place where connections are made, relationships are forged and fostered, and independence is achieved. It is a caring environment in which Springbrook can foster more meaningful, supported relationships between our participants of all ages, their families, and the larger Springbrook community!

**Hours of Operation:** Staffed 9 am to 9 pm, all week. Available for reservation outside of normal staff hours.

**The New Springbrook Check-In:** When visiting Springbrook's main campus, please **check-in** at the Family Engagement Center **prior** to going to a student's classroom (during school hours) or on-campus home. We know this is a big change, but it will allow staff at the Family Engagement Center to make arrangements with school and residential staff to **best meet the needs** of your child or family member at that particular moment.

**Need Overnight Accommodations?** The Family Engagement Center has two one-bedroom suites available for overnight reservation. The FEC was a 100% fundraised project and its continued operation will come from donations to Springbrook's Annual Fund. For this reason, we ask that families interested in reserving a suite donate (any amount, large or small) to the Springbrook Annual Fund. However, we do understand that difficulties sometime arise, so rest assured that Springbrook will always make a suite available for those families who made need one most. Check out room reservation details below:

- There is a maximum consecutive night stay limit of three nights.
- Only 1 room reservation per family at a time, additional reservations can be made after check-out.
- During blackout periods (for example, Family Weekend or Graduation Weekend), suites will be available via a lottery drawing. More information about blackout lottery dates and about how to enter your name in the lottery are made available on the FEC webpage.
- Reservations for one suite can be made as far as 6 months in advance, while one suite will be available on a shorter, one-week reservation period, with priority given to families with a child or loved one experiencing a medical emergency requiring hospitalization.
- Reservation requests need be made online. No phone or mail requests, please.

**Want to Throw a Party?** The Family Engagement Center has several multi-use spaces, including a fully equipped kitchen, a quiet sitting room, a game room equipped with a television and gaming consoles, the Great Room, the front porch, and the back patio. Each room/space or the entire building can be reserved for private functions. More information about the reservation process will be distributed soon.

**For Our Community. For Our Families. For a Lifetime. Because of You.** The Family Engagement Center was made possible by the generosity of hundreds of donors. Without their commitment and investment in our future, this beautiful addition to the Springbrook community would not have been possible.

Below are just a few of the many exciting events and programs that will be held in the new Family Engagement Center:

- Admissions Screenings for new residents and students
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners for Springbrook's Community Homes Residents and Residential Students
- Campus Movie Nights
- Integrated Yoga
- Birthday Parties and other Family Celebrations
- Adult Painting Parties
- Work sites for students and adults learning transitional living skills
- Summer Cookouts and Picnics
- Employee Recognition Celebrations
- The list goes on and on!

**For more information** about our Family Engagement Center, visit <https://www.springbrookny.org/about-springbrook/facilities/>, email [familysuites@springbrookny.org](mailto:familysuites@springbrookny.org), or call 607-286-7171 ext. 372.