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The Colorado Foundation for Conductive Education is a 501(c)(3) public charity committed to providing opportunities for individuals with motor challenges to achieve optimal physical, cognitive and social independence through the application and promotion of Conductive Education principles.

#### Raising Money For A Good Cause!

ess than 2 month ago, we welcomed our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual CFCE Golf Tournament at Arrowhead Golf Course.

Littleton, CO on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For the first year in a while, it remained dry and sunny all day, so everyone was able to complete a full, fun day of golf, socializing and enjoying a cold beer over the beautiful Arrowhead Golf Course.

This tournament we had one of our biggest turnouts of golfers with 76 players. We welcomed family members, past supporters and several new teams which was very exciting.

The day started off with a BBQ lunch in the tent, followed by some practice swings on the driving range. Just before the shotgun start, golfers huddled around the putting green to see who was going to be the lucky winner of our ball drop. After the winner was announced and the prize of \$600 was collected, everyone made their way down to their golf carts to prepare for another great round of golf.

The weather was perfect, and our volunteers were out on the course interacting with the teams and encouraging participation at the game holes.

We offered 3 game holes, the hole in one, a betting hole and a 'Reverse-a-



#### **Golf Tournament 2017**



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drive' where players had to pay to play their first drive, or they had to use one of the golf balls that our staff members would drive for them. It can be safely said that most everyone chose not to use the ball that our staff hit...because most of the time it landed in the lake!

On the course, golfers enjoyed free beer, kindly donated by Golden City Brewery. We also showcased our generous sponsors on the course with banners and hole signs printed and donated by IHS, Inc.

Following the tournament, everyone headed in to the Roxborough room to attend our after-party where they enjoyed a wonderful array of hearty appetizers. We had a great raffle draw, where people won prizes which included ski passes, restaurant gift cards, adventure passes and many more items donated by local businesses and supporters. We also had several auction packages including a trip to Scotland, Broncos tickets, a special bottle of Whiskey and a signed Joe Sakic Jersey.

CFCE would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who came to play golf. We hope you had a fun day and enjoyed our tournament and it is our sincere hope that you will join us again next year for our 2018 tournament. We would also like to thank our very generous sponsors highlighted on page 5. Also, we extend a special thanks to our donors for the raffle and auction this year. And finally a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped the day run smoothly.

Please take a look at some of our photos from this year on the next few pages.





## Please enjoy some photos from this year's tournament.

Special thanks to Roxanne Waechter, Katie Waechter and Erica Griess for taking photos this year.























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### Thank You To Our Golf Tournament Volunteers!

FCE extends a huge thank you to all of the volunteers at the 2017 Golf Tournament. This event would not be possible without you, and thanks to your support we had a very successful fundraiser!

















Chelsea Arenas, Jadyn Arenas, Ava Baker, Caroline Baker, Chloe Baker, Nathan Charlan, Renee Charlan, Zachary Charlan, Lisa Czyszczewski, Jennifer Doyle, Peter Doyle, Erica Griess, Rachel Griess, Amanda Hellyer, Charlotte Hellyer, Kristi Kozney, Janelle Oberembt, Carl Palmer, Sarah Portillo, Leah Prochazka, Julie Reichert, Rowan Thomas, Stephanie Thomas, James Waechter, Jim Waetcher III, Katie Waechter, Libby Waechter, Roxanne Waechter



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## How YOU Can Help Support Our Next Steps...

#### **Amazon Smiles**

For every dollar you spend on eligible Amazon products, CFCE receives 0.5% of the purchase price at no extra cost to you! This is an easy way to give while shopping; https://smile.amazon.com and search for 'Colorado Foundation for Conductive Education'.



#### **Monthly Giving**

Commit to giving a small amount every month to CFCE with a direct deposit of \$10, \$20 or whatever you can offer to support us throughout this year.

#### Spread the word!

We are always looking for new ways to advertise and let people know what we are doing and trying to achieve. lease tell your connections about us as a way to give towards a rewarding cause.



#### Attend our Fundraisers

We plan to host multiple fundraisers this year to help us gain more momentum towards our goals for the next year. Sign up today for updates about future fundraisers! Email us at admin@conductiveed.com

#### **Brokerage account**

If you would like to donate stock, you can avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale while supporting CFCE. Ask us to hear about our gift policy.



#### Like us on Facebook!

Did you know that we have a Facebook page? Like us and you will see pictures of the kids at Summer Camp along with other updates at CFCE!



#### **Volunteer!**

We are always looking for volunteers for our fundraisers and other events throughout the year. You can also organize a fundraiser for CFCE such as a race, garage sale, restaurant fundraiser or anything else you can think of. Please contact us if you are interested in helping this way!

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Meet The CFCE Kids!

# Jacqueline: written by Andrea, Jacqueline's mother

Jacqueline Samson began Conductive Education in January 2017, and has truly enjoyed her time in the class and has grown immensely during this time. Jacqueline was born with Dystonic Spastic Quadriplegia Cerebral Palsy and also has a feeding tube through which she receives 100% of her nutrition. Jacqueline is 20 months old. Since beginning conductive education Jacqueline has become more social, has improved eye contact and tracking, is more comfortable in social settings, has started to vocalize more and smile more. She loves her friends and instructors and really pushes herself to listen and try





hard to learn the skills she is being taught. Jacqueline has made very cute crafts while learning important fine motor skills. She has practiced sitting, walking and standing to improve her gross motor skills.

Presently, Jacqueline is considered globally delayed and she cannot eat, sit or roll over on her own. She doesn't talk but does vocalize and certainly makes herself known during class – an improvement from when she first started Conductive Education when she wouldn't make any sounds at all. Also, she now tolerates "tummy time" for much longer than she did prior to Conductive Education. at that time she would have a meltdown if she were placed on her tummy for any amount of time. Jacqueline has grown leaps and bounds in the past 6 months, so much of that we accredit to Jen and CFCE. Jen is magic with the kids, she is so knowledgeable and works so well with each child's individual needs, all the while pushing

child's individual needs, all the while pushing them to be the best version of themselves. CFCE helps Jacqueline to grow in her skill set, presents her with new challenges, and she now has friends and a safe yet fun social setting to help her flourish. CFCE has been an incredible blessing in Jacqueline's life and we are so grateful for the sponsors who help to make CFCE possible.

## Meet Our New Conductor: Jalyss

CFCE is thrilled to share our exciting news. We have a new staff member joining us this summer. Over the past year, we have reached a point where we have more children and not enough staff to support the ever growing need for Conductive Education in Colorado. Jalyss reached out to us in December last year at just the right time when we were considering hiring a new staff member. She is moving here from Minnesota with her family this summer.



My name is Jalyss (pronounced like 'Elise' with a J), and I am so excited to be joining CFCE! I am passionate about Conductive Education and cannot wait to begin my journey with you.

I decided I wanted to be a Conductor when I was 12 years old. My youngest brother, now 13, has Cerebral Palsy. After trying countless therapeutic approaches my family discovered CE and it truly changed our lives. I knew then that I had to be a part of it. When I was 18 I moved to England to study at The National Institute for Conductive Education. I spent 3 years training there before returning to the US with the addition of a British husband.

My husband, James, and I have spent the past 3 years in Minnesota near my family, recently adding our son, Tobias, who just turned one. I have been working as an independent Conductor and coaching gymnastics on the side. My husband and I love the outdoors, reading, and playing board games. We are very drawn to the outdoorsy culture of Colorado and can't wait to do some hiking! However, that will simply be a bonus that comes along with the exciting opportunity of working in an established CE center. I look forward to beginning my role and being a part of the development of CFCE for years to come.

We are very excited to welcome Jalyss! She will be a fantastic addition to our team. Her main focus will be to develop our program to reach more children and to add new programs that are aimed specifically to transitioning teenagers and adults. Please join us in welcoming Jalyss to CFCE. We hope you will have the opportunity to meet her at our future fundraising events.



## Summer Camps 2017





This summer, we have had 5 camps in both our Denver and Loveland locations. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> camps have just started in Arvada, where we have 14 children in attendance. As always, our camps have proved very popular, with many returning families and some new ones, too. Thank you for your continued support of our conductive education program that allows us to serve children with motor disabilities in Colorado!















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#### **Donate today!**

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# **IMPORTANT DATES**:

Summer Camps Run June 6<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> Fall Classes Start: Aug 14th

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