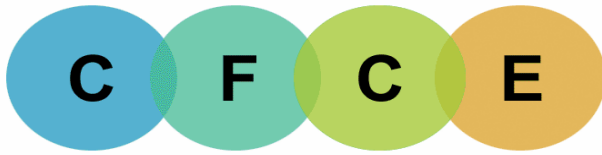


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5th Annual Golf Tournament

The planning for CFCE's 5th Annual Golf Tournament is underway! CFCE is excited to be hosting this year's tournament at a new course and, for the first time, on a Saturday morning! This year's event will be held at the Colorado National Golf Club, 2700 Vista Parkway, Erie, Colorado on June 14, 2014.

To create a shorter, more enjoyable awards party for our golfers, guests and sponsors, we are switching things up a bit this year. Instead of a silent auction, this year there will be a variety of raffle items that you can purchase tickets for and we will also conduct a live auction for a handful of exciting prizes. The proceeds from this event will benefit our programs for children with motor disabilities. Can we count on you to join us this year? We are seeking players, party guests, sponsors and donations for our raffle and auction to help us make this tournament the best event to date.

Player Registration for the tournament is open now. The tournament entry fee of \$200 per person includes: green fees, cart, GPS scoring, light breakfast, range balls, awards party with lunch, raffle and live auction, and more! All levels of golfers are welcome. The tournament format will be a four-person scramble. You can create your own foursome or feel free to sign up as an individual and we will put you on a team. This year, we are offering a special golf related gift (TBD – Driver, Putter, Golf Bag, etc.) to the person who signs up the most players – must be 8 or more. We also encourage you to register your spouse and/or guests for the awards party and raffle/live auction that will immediately follow the tournament. The ticket price for a Party Guest is \$25.

Be a sponsor: Become a golf tournament sponsor at one of several levels and promote your company to a group of very loyal people as well as to the many professionals who will be participating in the tournament. We are anticipating a highly successful and well-attended event.

We gladly accept any donations, big or small, for our raffle and live auction. A few of the things that go over especially well are: Vacation Packages, Gift Cards to Target, Best Buy, Restaurants, etc., and Event Tickets for Pro-Sporting Events.

Show your commitment to helping children and join us at this event as a sponsor, donor and/or player. Register today!

For more information about the golf tournament and awards party go to our website at www.conductiveed.com, click on the "Golf" heading at the top of the Home page. You can also call the main office at [970-667-0348](tel:970-667-0348).

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COLORADO NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

CFCE's Platinum Club Contributors: Joedy & Pam Bragg



In each of our newsletters moving forward, CFCE will be featuring a supporter who has joined our new "Platinum Club" by donating \$5000 or more in the calendar year.

At this time, we are super excited to introduce to you, Joedy and Pam Bragg. They have donated very generously in the year 2013 and our hearts are warmed by their contributions. Because of their generosity, we are introducing CFCE and Conductive Education to more children who we hope will be able to join us for this year's summer camps and become regular attendees during our year round programs. CFCE's Platinum Club contributors receive a personalized thank you gift designed by the children. Joedy and Pam have this to say about their involvement with CFCE: "Thank you for the wonderful pictures. Pam believes 'That there are some true artists in the making'. It is wonderful to see the changes that CFCE is making in the lives of these young people and their families. Pam and I truly love being able to be a small part in helping CFCE reach out to these families. God tells us 'to sow into good ground'. We believe what CFCE is doing is definitely 'good ground'. May God continue to bless CFCE

and all of its contributors. Thanks for all that you do."

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Free Saturday Class Sessions

CFCE is working on staffing for our proposed FREE class sessions. We are planning for one class session at our Denver location in April and one at our Loveland location in May. These free sessions will be our way to introduce CFCE and Conductive Education to more families. Past or current CFCE families will be able to attend the free sessions when they bring a new family to check us out. Watch your emails for more details to follow.



FYI: Update on Pledge Dog

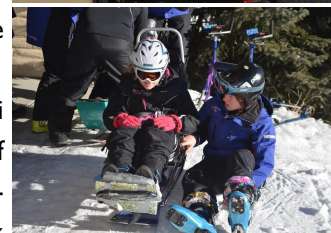
Since CFCE and Service Dogs for Independence (formerly Fairytale Service and Therapy Dogs) didn't find the right fit with the first child to receive the service dog, we have been continuing with our efforts to make an ideal match. At this time, we have three potential CFCE families and are working with each of them to ensure a great fit for child and dog. For all of you who donated to this wonderful cause, please understand that sometimes this can be a long process as it is not always easy to find the right match. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress.

Hitting the Slopes with BOEC



'Tis the season again for hitting the slopes. CFCE sent 10 children up to Breckenridge on Saturday, January 18th. Above is a group shot of the kids, their parents and BOEC instructors. These kids just love this experience. In the weeks leading up to the trip, Taylor (pictured left) kept asking his parents "When do we go skiing?" He just could not wait and when the day finally came, it proved to be a beautiful day for skiing.

The feelings of freedom and independence the children experience while skiing is immeasurable. It is such a valuable trip.



CFCE is sending another 9 children up for our 2nd ski day of 2014 on March 1st. Again, we are so grateful to those of you who pledged and donated to this program so that the children are able to attend these ski days. We also want to thank BOEC for the work they do to make this such a great experience for our children.



Summer Camp 2014 Registration is Open Now

Preparations for our 2014 summer camps are underway and registration is now open. This summer, we are offering a four week camp in Denver, June 2-27 and a four week camp in Loveland, June 30-July 25. All sessions will run Monday thru Friday from 9am – 2pm. The tuition for the 4 week camp is only \$2500. To achieve the best results possible, we encourage all children to attend four weeks of camp, but understand that due to schedules and finances this may not work for everyone. Because of this, we have created a waiting list and will accommodate shorter sessions, if possible, based on staffing, number of children enrolled, etc, however, priority scheduling will be given to those who attend for the entire four weeks. **All ages are welcome in both the Loveland and the Denver camps.**

Making the flight and hotel arrangements and handling visa requirements for hiring our visiting Conductors for each camp must be done months in advance. CFCE also needs time to hire class assistants for each camp. Therefore, we need to know well in advance who is seriously interested in signing their child up for camp this summer.

If you would like to sign up your child for camp, please visit our website, www.conductiveed.com, for the required registration form and return to CFCE either by fax (970-461-3472) or mail to: CFCE, 1760 Topaz Drive, Loveland CO 80537 by **February 28, 2014**. **You must also pay a non-refundable \$250 deposit by February 28, 2014 to secure your child's placement in the summer camp.** For the remaining balance due, you can choose to pay in full or make installments, but the entire balance will be due **before** the first day of camp. Don't forget that camp deposits and tuitions can be paid with your credit card online at www.conductiveed.com.

Places are limited, so please sign up **ASAP**. And please share this information with any other children and families who you think would benefit from Conductive Education.



SA Winners Attending Broncos/Chiefs Game

One of CFCE's fantastic silent auction items at the 2013 Golf Tournament was a pair of tickets to the Kansas City Chiefs vs. Denver Broncos game (at Kansas City) on Dec 1st. Jim Waechter IV & Katie won this awesome prize that was donated by Jay Rebel. It was a beautiful sunny day for the game.

Katie shares: "Last fall my husband Jim and I were able to enjoy the Denver Broncos vs. Kansas City Chiefs football game at Arrowhead stadium. We were the lucky winners of the tickets at the 2013 CFCE golf tournament. We started our morning off tailgating in enemy territory with JD Rebel and the Kansas guys. They were gracious hosts considering we stood out in our Bronco gear amongst a sea of Red. It was a great game! Arrowhead stadium lived up to its reputation for loudness.



Broncos warming up for game @ Chiefs Arrowhead stadium



Jim & Katie with CFCE supporters Jay Rebel & Brian Karlin tailgating before KC Chiefs vs Denver Bronco game

While in Kansas City we also enjoyed some great BBQ, did some Christmas shopping for the kids in the Halls department store, toured Union Station, saw a Pirate Exhibit and enjoyed the holiday decorations. It was a great opportunity to be able to purchase the tickets knowing that it benefits CFCE. Jim and I are looking forward to the 2014 CFCE golf tournament to see what new adventure we might bid on."

Meet a Child: Zachary (written by his father: Nathan)

Zachary Charlan is a fighter. He came into this world fighting to breathe and fighting to survive. Seven years later, Zak continues fighting challenges every day. After a month of seizures when he was just several months old, he was diagnosed with spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy. He also has an auto-inflammatory disease which affects his bones and causes sharp pain with certain movements. But the diagnoses baggage he carries does not define him and he doesn't let it.

As parents, we tried the gamut of traditional western therapies and even some alternatives to help Zak in any way we could to give him the tools for a successful, independent life. But the one amazing therapy-lifestyle that absolutely works for Zak is Conductive Education. It gives him the tools he needs to continue his life-long fight.

Zak started at CFCE when he was two-years-old. Since then, Conductive Education has been part of his life.



The program instills confidence, independence and strength into Zak and he takes that with him in everyday life. He always gets excited to work with Ms. Jen and loves to do the best he can with any task presented. Through CFCE, Zak walks short distances (and is excited to show off that he can do it!), has learned to be more independent and has a growing confidence in his abilities. This attitude and lifestyle is carried with him into his integrated school setting where he exhibits great social interaction, focused attention, and a positive attitude ready to learn and do his very best.

We are very blessed to have CFCE so accessible for us and Zak in Colorado. CFCE is a life-altering resource that has immeasurable benefits in his life. Every parent desires the best for their child, and we are grateful to have the best therapy through CFCE for strengthening Zak's abilities, training our little fighter to take on life's challenges and kick their butt.

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More Well Deserved Recognition

As with each year prior, 2013 was a great year for CFCE. CFCE made several changes to reduce overhead, introduced CFCE and Conductive Education to new families, had a fantastic golf tournament and several other successful fundraisers and received very generous donations from you, our supporters. You donated by way of our golf tournament, gave generously throughout the year, and responded with awesome generosity to our holiday letter. Here are our 2013 donors who well deserve this recognition:

Donating \$5000 and above in 2013: Joedy & Pam Bragg and Jim & Roxanne Waechter

Donating \$2500 to \$4999: The DeRousse Family and Professional Case Management

Donating \$1000 to \$2499: Chris & Krista Gottschalk/TY-LU-KA Operations, Noble Energy Inc., Shelby Resources LLC, Sunrise Oilfield Supply and Wells Fargo

Donating \$500 to \$999: Debbie & Henry Allhoff, Warren Baker, Lonnie Brock, Joe & Cindy Hullings Family, Laurie & Bernie Kamps, Sharon Klipping, Bill Krysiak, Steve & Nancy McClain, Tyler Olsen, Plains Marketing, Sterling Drilling Company and Walt Tejan

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"Thank you" just doesn't do enough justice to the gratitude we feel. We wouldn't be able to do what we do for our CFCE families without your support and we are so thankful to have you along side us as we work to help these amazing children.

Meet a Staff Member: Becca

CFCE asked Rebecca “Becca” Gabler, our newest class assistant to tell us a bit about herself. Becca responded with these words: “I am a CFCE newbie having started this fall, and I am so happy to be here! I'm not a newbie, however, to the therapy scene. I spent over a year working in an outpatient clinic in Austin, Texas which is where I hail from and where I received my undergraduate degree (Go Longhorns!). It was the same clinic in which I myself had to re-learn how to walk after a near-fatal accident, and where I developed a deep desire to pay the empathy and care I received forward. I've also spent a lot of time working with children. One of my favorite experiences was working at a summer camp for children with spina bifida. I am currently back in school getting a few last prerequisite courses in preparation to apply to physical therapy school within the year.

What I love most about working at CFCE is really getting to know the kids and how they work. This makes every little bit of progress that much more meaningful, and it also makes it a whole lot of fun! Classes become so much more than a therapy session, and being able to engage with the kids about their lives outside of class, like getting to hear what they're learning in school or what they are going to do on the weekend, helps to facilitate working for a common goal (and have a good time while doing it!). I think the trust we build with each other helps the children feel safe giving it their all because they know they are in a supportive and fun environment. Seeing the kids work so hard in such an integrated and well-rounded approach to therapy, seems much more like a natural habitat for them. It is truly inspiring!

When I'm not being a class assistant or a student, you can find me outside doing pretty much anything I can! I love to hike, snowshoe, ride my bike, etc. but going to hot-springs is one of my favorite things. I think there's a lot of old wisdom in natural remedies like soaking, which is why one of my other favorite hobbies is learning about medicinal plants and all the things you can make from them to aid in healing-- body butter, soap, tea, tinctures, salves, bath salts, etc! All of which I handcraft myself :)



I guess you could say I'm interested in healing in general, which is one of the reasons why I was drawn to CFCE and the incredible work they do. I feel so lucky to be a part of such a passionate and beneficial organization, so thank you for having me!”

Even though Becca has only been with us for a short time, she has picked up the skills of the job very quickly. All the children love working with her, and she is great with them. She does a fantastic job at keeping things interesting for the children, so they stay engaged, and at the same time is able to work on their goals quite efficiently. CFCE feels pretty lucky as well to have Becca on our team.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

BOEC Ski Day...March 1, 2014

5th Annual Golf Tournament...June 14, 2014

Denver Summer Camp...June 2-27, 2014

Loveland Summer Camp...June 30-July 25, 2014

A BIG Thank You for volunteering for the move of our Loveland business office goes out to: Jennifer Doyle, Pete Doyle, Leon Greiss, Craig Poortinga, Gary Schuler, Joni Schuler, Becca Tremelling, Kirsten Tremelling, Jim Waechter III, Jim Waechter IV and Roxanne Waechter



I'll do my part to help CFCE....

Yes, I would like to donate to CFCE and help individuals with motor disabilities. I want to do my part to help them achieve their goal of independence. I've enclosed my **tax-deductible** gift of:

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