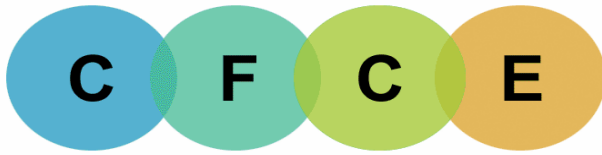


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## Founders Visit Peto Institute



A long awaited visit to the Peto Institute - finally realized! Roxanne and Jim Waechter, Officers and Founders of CFCE, for many years talked about taking a trip to Budapest, Hungary, to visit the Peto Institute and see where Conductive Education began. On the morning of September 10<sup>th</sup>, Roxanne and Jim arrived at Peto for a tour of the school. They were greeted by Eszter Daroczy, Conductor and the Peto Institute's representative. Eszter was a wonderful hostess and a very pleasant and engaging person. Jim and Roxanne were shown a DVD and afterwards had a brief question and answer session in which they questioned Eszter on the operations of the Peto Institute. While on tour, what really impressed them about Peto was seeing all the various nationalities of children and how the Institute integrates them, with their parents, into their own area within the school (including living quarters) and amongst other families of the same nationality. The families and children all appeared very happy to be at Peto. Jim and Roxanne observed that the school is well staffed. Because they have many conductors, the children can be divided into several smaller groups by disability and age.

Eszter showed Jim and Roxanne their Wall of Fame honoring Princess Diana, who visited the Peto Institute twice and was very interested in learning all about Conductive Education. Eszter was appointed Diana's escort and guide during her visits which remains a highlight of Eszter's career at the Peto Institute. Eszter said Princess Diana was very impressed with the school and the success achieved by children with a motor disability.

CFCE has now established a wonderful connection with Eszter and Eszter has expressed an interest and desire to stay connected with us. She is driven to see Conductive Education flourish in the United States and around the world. Eszter loves her city, Budapest. Budapest is a beautiful city full of wonderful architecture, sculptures, fascinating history and friendly people. If you make travel plans to visit Europe be sure to include Budapest. You will surely be impressed! Parliament on the Danube and the Chain Bridge over the river, both lit up at night, are sights to behold!



## Summer Camp 2014 Preparations Begin



Agnes and Bea

Agnes and Bea are two excellent Conductors who have been coming to help CFCE with leading summer camps and mini camps over the past several years. Both are dear members of our CFCE family. While Roxanne and Jim were in Budapest, Hungary, they had the opportunity to sit down with Bea and Agnes over coffee and delightful Hungarian pastries. Agnes, on the left in the picture, is currently working full time at the Peto Institute in Budapest and Bea continues to do short term camps and contract work with various centers around the world. While enjoying a good catch up together, they discussed the possibility of returning to Colorado for another camp. We are excited to say Agnes has agreed to come lead our Loveland summer camp in July 2014. She is really looking forward to coming back as she loves our center and the families for whom we serve. Agnes mentioned to Jim and Roxanne how much she appreciates that CFCE is well equipped and staffed. We are also hoping to receive enough interest from parents and children to hold a two week mini camp in Denver and/or Loveland with Bea some time around Spring Break.

All of us at CFCE are very excited to have Agnes and Bea return for our camps as they have shown a great commitment to CFCE and the services that we provide. We are very fortunate to have them as part of our network of returning Conductors. Jennifer is currently seeking additional Conductors to come and lead our Denver camps and will hopefully be able to use our connection with the Peto Institute and the assistance of Bea and Agnes to find other Conductors who share the same passion and commitment to Conductive Education and to helping smaller centers like CFCE.

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## 5th Annual Golf Tournament SAVE THE DATE



The 5th Annual CFCE Golf Tournament date has been set! For the first year, it's on a Saturday! Mark your calendars and plan to join us in the morning on Saturday, June 14, 2014. This year's tournament will be held at the Colorado National Golf Club in Erie, CO. More information and registration forms will be coming in January.



## Silent Auction Winners Enjoy Their Prizes



The silent auction at our 4th Annual Golf Tournament this summer led to some fabulous experiences. Ed Nemnich and George Strecker, our generous supporters from Kansas, both were winning bidders on a 4 day, 3 night Napa Valley Wine Country Experience. Here's what they said about their trip: "We (Ed & Diane Nemnich and George & Dee Dee Strecker) had a wonderful trip to Napa Valley, CA, on October 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. The grape harvest was in progress, the weather was perfect and the scenery was beautiful. We took a hot air balloon ride, at sunrise, over the valley. It was a first for all of us and an amazing experience.

We had two days of visiting and tasting at several wineries all over the valley. Having a driver and private transportation made the tastings even more enjoyable! We all enjoyed the trip and have some great wine to enjoy this winter."



Warren & Caroline Baker, pictured left, very much enjoyed their winning silent auction tickets at the Bronco vs. Jaguars game on October 13th. Boy, what a season to be the winning bidder on Broncos tickets!

CFCE is so grateful to all of the winning bidders and truly hope that you also are enjoying your prizes.

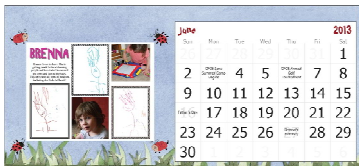
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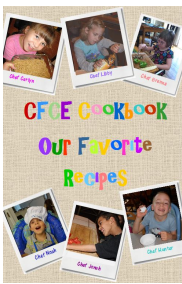
## Fall Fundraiser

We have just launched our fall fundraiser with lots of exciting items to choose from, so get your holiday shopping finished now with CFCE! This year we are offering 2014 calendars, cookbooks, note cards, Christmas cards, Christmas ornaments and PartyLite candles. Proceeds from all items sold will go towards CFCE's general fund to help keep the student tuition costs low and affordable.

The calendars have one child featured on each month. The children have shared their drawings, poems, favorite hobbies and what they want to be when they grow up. Example pages from last year's calendars are pictured. The wall calendars (right) are \$20 plus S&H and our super cute desk calendars (left) are \$15 plus S&H.



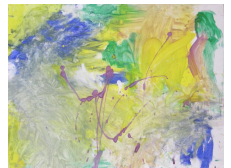
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The 1st addition of "CFCE Cookbook: Our Favorites Recipes" would make an awesome gift. The CFCE Cookbook is filled with the kids' favorite main & side dishes, soups, salads, desserts and beverages. It features pictures of the children helping to prepare, and of course eating, their yummy favorites. Also included are authentic Hungarian recipes from our visiting conductors, such as Hungarian Goulash Soup. Many of our staff members and volunteers have also contributed recipes. This quality cookbook with 58 recipes sells for \$20 plus S&H.



The note cards feature the children's art work. New designs have been added to the assorted pack and each card has a different design. You can also order a One-Child-Only pack. The Christmas cards feature the children's clever Christmas art work and each card has a different design. A pack of 10 cards, note or Christmas, with 10 envelopes are \$10 plus S&H. Plan to pick up a couple packs for yourself and several more for friends and family.



Christmas ornaments decorated by the CFCE children. You will receive an original custom-made glass ball ornament that has been decorated with a child's handprint and their name or with snowmen made out of their handprints. Please be sure to order these special ornaments early as there will be a limited supply. They are \$5 each plus S&H.



PartyLite candles are available in 3-wick Jar Candles for \$25 or Essential Jar Candles for \$15. You can choose from these yummy fragrances: Cherry Blossom, Cinnamon & Bayberry, Holiday Spices, Mango Tangerine, Mulberry, Pomegranate & Cassis, Pumpkin Apple Cider, Strawberry Rhubarb, Vanilla Citron, or White Tea & Fir. CFCE receives 50% of the candle sales, so this is a great fundraiser for the center.



Shipping costs are included in these prices and the candles will ship directly to you.

All of these items will make GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS! Additional information and order forms for purchasing these gifts were emailed earlier this week and links to the forms are posted on our website and Facebook page. Please contact our Office Manager, Kirsten, at 970-667-0348 or via email at [office@conductiveed.com](mailto:office@conductiveed.com) with any questions or if you need ordering assistance. Please plan to pay when placing your order. We accept cash, check or credit card.

## Meet a Child: Kingsley (written by his mom, Summer)



Kingsley Larsen was born on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and had a seizure nine hours after birth. He spent 48 days in the NICU at Children's Hospital Colorado and was diagnosed with a severe form of epilepsy and developmental delays. He is still undiagnosed to this day. Many doctors along our journey were not confident Kingsley would live to the age of one. We just recently celebrated his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, a milestone we never dreamed would occur. Our family was introduced to CFCE in November 2012, and it has made such an immense difference in our family's life! Kingsley started doing things we never thought we would see him do. Simple things like raising his arms and head on command were the moments we will never forget seeing for the first time. Kingsley has made great strides in his development; he has gained a lot of strength, which has led to him being able to eat a modified oral diet without the risk of aspiration. He absolutely LOVES his teacher Jen, especially when she sings him songs and teaches him arts and crafts so he can bring them home and see them on the refrigerator.

We as a family, have been introduced to many new activities we can now do with him at home in our spare time and he loves to show off! We are so grateful for CFCE and are so proud to be a part of such an amazing organization!

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## Shopping Extravaganza a Big Success for CFCE

It was a beautiful fall day for CFCE's first participation in a fundraising event hosted by the Outlets at Loveland. It was certainly a successful venture for CFCE! In the weeks leading up to the October 19<sup>th</sup> event, CFCE families and staff posted flyers promoting the fundraiser and sold tickets to family members, friends and co-workers. CFCE benefited from the ticket sales by receiving half of each ticket we sold. Congratulations to our top ticket seller, Tiffany Poortinga, pictured here with her daughter Carlyn. Tiffany won a swag bag of goodies from the Outlets. The prize drawing donations totaled a record high which was split amongst the six charities (including CFCE) who sold 50 or more event tickets. In addition to this event being a fundraiser, it was also great exposure for CFCE. We set up an table with brochures and information on Conductive Education. Lots of shoppers passed by our table that day.

The shoppers had a very entertaining day with lunch, dessert, wine tastings, a photo booth, manicures and chair massages, and of course, discounts at the participating stores. Over \$10,000 in prizes were donated by all of the stores in the Outlet Mall creating a lot of excitement and anticipation for the 4 prize drawings. So many great items were won, some by CFCE families, supporters and staff. Plan to see this event in our fundraising efforts this time next year.



## ARK Day



Our CFCE kids are about to enjoy a free arts & crafts day with CFCE and a non-profit organization, Art Reaching Kids (ARK) <http://artreachingkids.org/>

On Saturday, November 2, 2013 at our Denver center, the children will have a chance to enjoy expressing themselves independently through painting on canvas with different tools and of course, their hands! It's sure to be a very fun (and messy) day! Most of the art the children create that day will be on sale to raise funds for CFCE. Watch for feature pieces to be announced in November. The children will also paint Christmas ornament balls at ARK day to be sold with

our fall fundraiser (see page 3).

We are always so impressed with ARK and their volunteers, who bring all of the supplies and materials needed for the children to create canvas paintings.

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## Meet a Staff Member: Jill

Jill Baxa is one of our newest Class Assistants. She started with CFCE in June 2013 and has worked at both the Denver and Loveland centers. Jill had this to say about CFCE, "One of my favorite aspects of working at the center would be having the opportunity be a part of the students' accomplishments. I love seeing the excitement in their faces when they have reached a goal they have set for themselves whether it is large or small. I also enjoy getting to know each of the student's on an individual level by being able to find out more about their families and what their favorite activities are when they aren't at the center. The atmosphere around CFCE is incredibly encouraging and I only hope I can continue that successful support for the students.

I also work part-time as a Direct Support Provider for Bethesda Lutheran Communities providing care and support for individuals with disabilities. I am currently a student at Colorado State University studying Health and Exercise Science with a concentration in Sports Medicine. After receiving my Bachelor's Degree, I plan to pursue a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. I hope to someday work as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist at a therapy center.

Having the opportunity to work at CFCE has given me a glimpse of what my future will look like as an Occupational Therapist. I have enjoyed the teamwork that is provided by the other Class Assistants and Conductors I have worked with so far. It is truly an amazing approach to implementing therapeutic methods while being in an enjoyable environment."

Jill is originally from a small town (700) people in Nebraska called Clay Center. She went to Central Community College in Columbus, Nebraska where she received her Associate's Degree in Science. She also played volleyball there. Jill then transferred to CSU in the fall of 2012. When Jill is not working, she enjoys watching all sports. She attends all the home CSU football games and likes to be outside whenever possible.

All of us here at CFCE value Jill's enthusiasm and the caring way she works with the children. We are so fortunate to have her on our team.



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**ARK Day...November 2, 2013**  
**BOEC Ski Days...January 18, 2014 AND March 1, 2014**  
**5th Annual Golf Tournament...June 14, 2014**

A BIG Thank You for participating in and volunteering for the Shopping Extravaganza event this month goes out to: Maureen Corey, Juli Culver, Jennifer Doyle, Erika Griess, Leah Griess, Rachel Griess, LaJeania Levey, Vicky Opipari, Laurie Pankoski, Alexis Poortinga, Carlyn Poortinga, Tiffany Poortinga, Megan Tanis, Becca Tremelling, Kirsten Tremelling, Katie Waechter and Roxanne Waechter



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