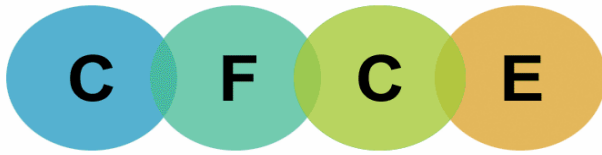


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## 4th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

For the fourth year in a row, we are thrilled to share with you a follow up on our annual CFCE golf tournament. This year was our second tournament at the beautiful Arrowhead Golf Course in Littleton, Colorado, held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We had a great turnout and many new supporters this year, which is always an encouragement and great to see new faces. The day started for the golfers with a hearty BBQ lunch and time to practice swinging their golf clubs. Everyone then went up to the practice putting green to see the ball drop game and witness Lonnie Brock's ball roll steadily into the hole, which landed him with a generous winning of \$670! Well done Lonnie!

The shotgun at 1pm then started the tournament. It was beautiful weather for our golfers after the previous day of rain and nasty winds. Boy did we luck out! There were a few sun blushed cheeks when the players returned to the clubhouse for party time and the announcement of the tournament winners! First place went to the Samuel Gary Jr & Associates team: Lonnie Brock, Charles Searle, Bill Krysiak and Zach Svendson. Second place to the Sunrise Oilfield Supply team: JD Rebel, Mike Austin, Brian Lacey and Chris Sack and third place to the Caddis Resources team: Doug Liller, Don Befort, Jack Simpson and Johnny Simpson. Congratulations to the winners!

The party and silent auction were held in the Roxborough Room with a breathtaking scenic view of the golf course and its majestic red rock formations. There were delicious Hor D'ouerves, fantastic silent auction items and great speeches from some of our CFCE families. Guests heard from three families from our Denver center. They spoke about how CFCE has opened up more therapy opportunities and



CFCE Founders: Roxanne & Jim Waechter and their grandchildren, James & Libby.

learning techniques that have benefited their children far more than just traditional therapies. Thank you to the Schillers, the Kozneys and the Asays for sharing their reasons why CFCE is the best place for them so that their child can develop and learn useful skills in order to gain independence. We also had several other CFCE families come and join us for the evening celebration for which we were very thankful for their support.

We hope that everyone who attended our CFCE Golf Tournament this year had a fantastic time. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to each and every one of you for your support. CFCE cannot provide these services to the children without you. This fundraiser is very vital to our foundation and we are so overwhelmed each year with your generosity.

Please keep your eyes open for other upcoming fundraising events and fun opportunities to support such a worthwhile cause. Also, check out the next few pages of pictures to see if you can spot yourself at our event!





**Thank you to ALL of our generous Golf Tournament Sponsors, Donors, Committee Members, Families and Volunteers! We couldn't have done it without you!!!**

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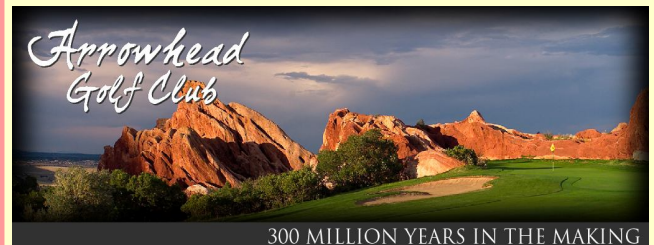
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### CFCE Children & Families who spoke:

**Hunter** - Kristi & Scott Kozney  
**Luke** - Rod & Amy Schiller  
**Scott** - Juli & Will Culver

A very special thank you to IHS for printing all of our signs and banners, Tommy Knocker Brewery for providing the beer, Bath Garden Center for providing the potted plant centerpieces, Anadarko for donating the sun-screen, and Arrowhead Golf Club for hosting our tournament and party.



### Tournament Committee:

Doug Liller (Golf Chairman) Roxanne Waechter (Event Chairman)  
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### VOLUNTEERS:

Juli Culver, Peter Doyle, Erika Griess, Leah Griess, Rachel Griess, Kristi Kozney, LaJuania Levey, Lauren Levey, Debbie Liller, Trey Mallon, Meighan Meeker, Tiffany Poortinga, Sarah Portillo, Catie Sack, Ann Stout, Lynn Stout, Becca Tremelling, Katie Waechter, Libby Waechter & Denise Wise

## SUMMER CAMPS 2013 ARE IN FULL SWING

We are currently right in the middle of our famous conductive education summer camps, the only ones running in the state of Colorado! For the first year ever we have enough interest in the Denver metro area to run two camps in Denver along with our regular camps in Loveland. All of our camps are booked and full for the size of our current centers.

For the first two weeks of June we held a two week camp at Emerson School in Denver for children 8 and under. We were so grateful to have Pearl come and lead this camp for us. It was so much fun seeing our youngest kids work so hard and enjoy meeting new kids who are in similar situations as themselves. We have our youngest student, Luke, attending this camp at the perfect age of two and a half. He was a lucky boy with all of the rest of our attendees being girls!

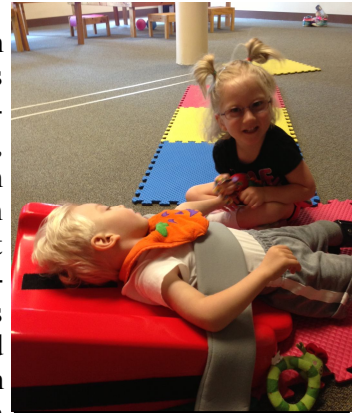


Jennifer and Pearl work with our Denver Campers



Conductor Agnes, standing, leads our Loveland Camp

one of our brightest 4 year old girls took it upon herself to be the conductor for Luke during our break time. She would sing the songs and sit next to him to hold onto the bells and help facilitate his arms. This truly was an adorable sight to see. All of the children showed great progression with this intense period of conductive education. We hope this can continue as we wish to serve these kids throughout the year too.



Preslee & Luke

After our June camp we said goodbye to Pearl and hello to Agnes, a new face to CFCE. Agnes has been a conductor for many years and works at the Peto Institute in Hungary throughout the year. She loves to come and work summer camps during her summer holiday. We were lucky to have her come to Colorado this year to run our 4 week camp in Loveland. This camp is full to the brim with 8 bright, hard working and encouraging children. We are enjoying the large group setting, which proves to be a great environment for the children to encourage one another, make new friends and a chance for parents to meet other parents who are going through similar situations. The children attend the camp for 5 hours a day, 5 days a week for 4 weeks. They grow so much in this time in their understanding of their bodies, the skills that they learn and the independence they realize they can achieve. These camps are so special for us as staff too because we see these young children push

and challenge themselves so hard to try and walk or achieve a task that we, the staff, can't help but go home and be inspired by them on a daily basis. It is so easy to take everything for granted and to give up on things when we are challenged, but when you see the determination on these kids faces during summer camp, you really need to go home and challenge yourself on those tasks we find too hard ourselves.

On July 8th, we started our final camp for 3 weeks back in Denver for children 6 and up. We hope this camp will also be a huge success and that we will be able to invite parents and therapists to come and see our program in order to reach more families who do not yet know about the exciting benefits of conductive education in Denver.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our conductors and our truly fabulous staff. We would not be able to run successful summer camps without the dedication of our staff and the willingness to put that extra effort in for these kids.... Thank you!



Students enjoying sensory play with water on a hot day



Conductor Renata

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## PLEDGES FOR BOEC SKI DAYS AND CFCE EQUIPMENT

At the golf tournament this summer, we asked our supporters to pledge to help CFCE for two major causes. This is always a great way to support CFCE and know exactly how we plan to use your money.

The first pledge was for the ever popular BOEC ski day up at Breckenridge. This is such a great program that BOEC provides where they can get all children on skis and racing down the mountain. This is a really fun and amazing day that the parents all love and can't wait for the following year when they can try it out again. Thank you to those who have already pledged! Your pledges will help us to cover the costs to take up to 12 CFCE children to this program. It is not a free program and we need to pay for each child to attend. Your money can cover the cost so that the parents do not have to pay a dime towards the price of this otherwise expensive activity. This is a very worthwhile reason to pledge towards giving these children a chance to experience downhill skiing!



The second pledge for this year is for much needed equipment here at CFCE. Due to our expansion into Denver, we are currently sharing a lot of our equipment between two centers. This creates a lot of work carting equipment back and forth between Denver and Loveland on a regular basis. Therefore, we really need to buy more equipment to supply both centers, especially as we continue to grow. We need some basic conductive equipment (which doesn't run cheap and is often a specialist item that only one or two companies can provide for us). We also would like to purchase a treadmill and/or special adapted bicycle for the centers. These items will be so beneficial to the kids but are extremely costly. We really need a separate pocket of cash to cover these expenses. To those of you who already pledged for the equipment, we are truly thankful.

There is still time to pledge for these two major causes by calling the office at 970-667-0348 or emailing [admin@conductiveed.com](mailto:admin@conductiveed.com). We appreciate your help and support of these programs for our well deserving CFCE kids.

## Garage Sale: Craft, Art, and Baked Goods, too!

CFCE is currently planning our next Fundraising event: a Garage Sale! In addition to the garage sale, we aim to have craft items, art pieces and baked goods for sale. We have plans to include carnival games and fun activities for the whole family. We are looking at dates in September and are working on the perfect location to conduct our event. More details on the location and specific date will be coming soon.

Have you done or need to do some spring cleaning? Clear out the "clutter" and consider donating your items to CFCE. Do you have a special craft or art talent? Those items would also be greatly appreciated. Items (except baked goods) are being accepted at the Loveland center immediately. Just call the office at 970-667-0348 to arrange a drop off time. Plan to drop off donations of baked goods the day of or even a day or two before the event.

**Donate today!**

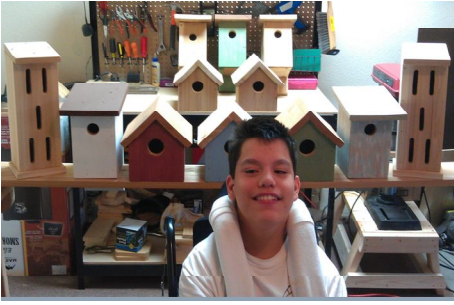
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## Shopping Extravaganza



What is the Outlets at Loveland Shopping Extravaganza? It is a women's day out with a great cause! Northern Colorado & Southern Wyoming Charities sell event tickets to a fun shopping themed day! 50% of all ticket sales goes straight to the charity and CFCE is participating this year. The event happens on October 19, 2013. Tickets are \$20 and the purchaser will enjoy the following: lunch, entertainment, dessert bar, wine tasting, manicure, chair massage, awesome goodie bag stocked with tons of coupons/offers and great items, deep discounts at participating stores in the mall, and a prize drawing with over \$10,000 in prizes. Each event ticket holder will get one complimentary ticket for the prize drawing and additional tickets can be obtained for \$1 each suggested donation. 100% of the money from these additional prize drawing tickets goes to CFCE. Watch for an email announcing when the tickets are available in mid-August.

## Meet a Child: Taylor



Taylor was born prematurely with Cerebral Palsy due to complications during delivery. After 3 months in the hospital in intensive care, his lungs and digestive system were still weak, but he was finally ready to go home. He struggled for some time with aspirating his food, which made him quit breathing and the family almost lost him 3 times. He started physical therapy when he was 3 years old. It wasn't until October of 2011 that they found Conductive Education and CFCE. Taylor's mom, Lea, says that since starting sessions with CFCE, which has only been just short of 2 years now, they have seen Taylor doing things that he has never been able to do before. He holds his trunk

stronger and is able to sit, both of which allow him to breathe better. He helps to feed himself, rolls to move around the house, almost straightens his legs and can stand in his stander, uses his hands to prop himself up, is able to get words out and talk for a longer period of time and can lay on his stomach to stretch. He has also thoroughly enjoyed the skiing experience through CFCE and BOEC! In addition to the physical strength he is gaining, he mentally understands that the harder he works at something, and the more he practices, that he CAN do things he never knew he could do before. Lea says that the greatest thing about what CFCE does for Taylor is developing independence.

Taylor has his own business building bird houses, which gives him ambition and self confidence. This is just another example of Taylor turning into the kind, loving and independent person he now knows he can be.

Taylor turned 19 on July 9th. Happy Birthday Taylor from all of us here at CFCE!

## Meet a Staff Member: Madeleine

Madeleine Van Oppen is a class assistant at CFCE. She has been with us since April of 2011. She shares that she loves the opportunity to work here at CFCE because of what we stand for and how hard we work to help the kids work on their independence. Madeleine thinks that our center gives the kids freedoms and opportunities that they don't see in other modalities. She loves helping us to identify what the kids are good at and what they need more work on. She also loves how we make the "work" fun for the kids, and for her, by incorporating music and crafts into the sessions.

Outside of her work with us here at CFCE, Madeleine works full-time at Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins, Colorado, as a special education paraprofessional. She supports kids with significant intellectual disabilities inside the classroom. Madeleine is also working on her Master's Degree in Special Education. She just finished her first year and has one more year and student teaching to go. After graduation, Madeleine will be seeking full-time employment as a special education teacher with a focus on transitioning from school to adulthood.

Working here at CFCE has shown Madeleine that there are many ways to incorporate different teaching approaches. We value the addition she makes to our team and hope to have her on board for years to come!

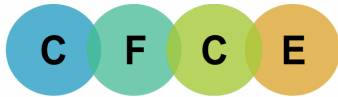


## Our New Denver Location: Emerson School



Our classes in Denver have continued to show growth in the metro area over the past few months and we recently changed locations from Clayton Campus to Emerson School, 1420 Odgen Street, Denver, because we felt we needed more space. Although this is not necessarily a permanent location for CFCE-Denver, it is a great newly-converted building, situated just east of downtown Denver, that is shared by 9 other nonprofits. We are grateful to have found this location and look forward to Denver's continued growth to the point where we need to find yet another location that has an even bigger space for our Denver center. We will keep you posted about this but in the meantime if anyone would like to help CFCE find a better location for our Denver classes, please contact the office at 970-667-0348.

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**CFCE Charity Garage Sale...September 2013**

**Outlets at Loveland Shopping Extravaganza...October 19, 2013**

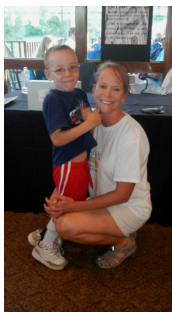
**BOEC Ski Days...January 18, 2014**

**and March 1, 2014**



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