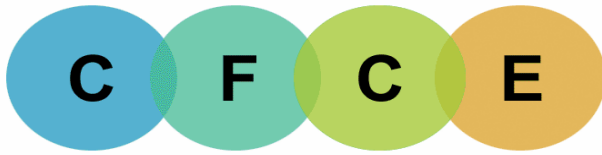


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Success at Arrowhead! 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

The Third Annual CFCE Golf Tournament fundraiser on June 7th was a great success. Even more successful than last year! We changed things up a little and decided to hold it at a new location, the Arrowhead Golf Club in Littleton, Colorado. Arrowhead has the most stunning background to play a game of golf with the large Red Rock formations jutting out of the ground and the bright green putting greens weaving in and out of the natural landscape. Many

players approached the tournament committee to comment on how enjoyable and unique the course was.

The tournament began at 1:30 pm with a shotgun start kicking off the 5 hour game. Golfer's stomachs were loaded up from the BBQ lunch provided by Arrowhead Golf Club which included delicious beef brisket, BBQ chicken and the traditional sides that were easy to go back for seconds. On the course there were many games to keep the competition fresh, including the betting hole, longest drive and closest to the pin. There was also the pre-tournament Ball Drop game, where one lucky winner was fortunate to win the full prize of \$600.

Golfers quenched their thirst throughout the day with donated beer from Tommy Knocker Brewing Company. Thank you to Tommy Knocker for their generous donation that helped the mood stay pretty happy during the 5 hours on the course. Luckily the weather held out for the entire day despite the threatening clouds overhead and by 6:30 pm all the players returned to the clubhouse for the post game party and silent auction.

We were fortunate to have a selection of over 60 items at our silent auction that were generously donated by supporters and friends of CFCE. Included were vacation trips, sporting items, game tickets, restaurant certificates and many other fun items from which to choose. There were a lot of tasty Hors D'oeuvres for snacking on during the party as well.

The Kory Brunson Band provided the entertainment for the evening. They were really fantastic! Alongside the bidding at our silent auction, we also accepted pledges for our upcoming BOEC adaptive ski program and for a service therapy dog to be donated to a CFCE child. During the evening program, we heard from Katie Waechter, who shared how much it means to her daughter, Libby, to have her service dog, Odie, and why CFCE would be most grateful for any pledges. As it turned out, the guests were overwhelmingly generous with their pledge donations for both the BOEC ski program and service dog!

CFCE wants to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in making this golf tournament such a success. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with setting up and keeping the day running smoothly, thank you to the players and guests who participated in the fundraiser, and finally thank you to everyone who donated to this event because without your generous donations CFCE would be unable to run these programs for the children with motor disabilities. Conductive Education really does help change the lives of these kids, so **THANK YOU** for making this happen!



Roxanne Waechter, President and Founder of CFCE, with Mike, Warren, Tyler and Joe, our generous supporters from Wells Fargo Private Bank

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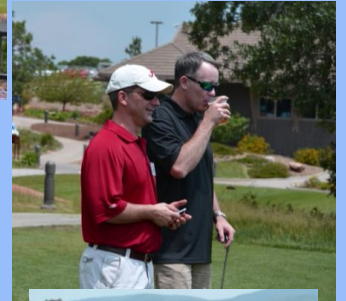
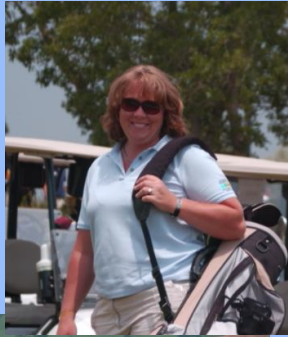
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Golf Tournament Photos



Ball Drop!



Party Photos



A big thank you to all of our volunteers who made this day possible. We could not have done it without you! And a special thanks to the Kory Brunson Band for providing us with incredible entertainment during our party!



Summer Camp Success!



Lilly practicing her rolling!

Now that our summer camps are over, we reflect on the kids time here and how much hard work they put into this camp. They were all smiling, singing and having so much fun with this year's summer camp Conductor, Renata, who came to us from New Zealand. Renata was trained at the Peto Institute in Hungary and has over 10 years of Conductive Education experience.



Circle time—practicing crossed legged sitting while playing the balloon game!



Carlyn and Libby sidestepping out the classroom.

Every week, the children learned about a different theme from Animals to the Environment. Each topic was carefully integrated into the physical program to provide motivation for the children. Not only did they learn new and fun tasks, but they also built up strength and stamina through the many physical tasks preformed throughout the day. At the end of each day, the children walked out in their various ways while singing songs. They looked forward to telling and showing their parents what they had achieved that day.



Preslee army crawling out of a tunnel

Summer Camps are so important at CFCE because they provide that ideal learning environment for the children to work on and achieve new and challenging tasks that can be applied to everyday situations. The intensity of 5 hours a day and 5 days a week can really benefit the children especially in building up their strength. The leaps and bounds achieved by the kids during this time always exceeds everyone's expectations and it is CFCE's hope that the children and parents leave camp knowing how worthwhile this program is, and what a difference Conductive Education will make in their lives, both at home and school.



Scott practicing his independent sitting.

We have scheduled an October mini camp with our temporary Hungarian/Canadian Conductor, Pearl who is looking forward to returning to CFCE for her 4th year. As always, CFCE will continue our year round program so that the kids can work on the vital skills they learned at summer camp. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who work hard to make our summer camps a great success, and particularly to our Conductor, Renata Toth. We will all miss you, Renata, when the camps are over!



CFCE children working on their self feeding skills during lunch.

Upcoming Concert to Benefit CFCE!



Watch for details about an upcoming concert fundraiser with the Kory Brunson Band to support CFCE. Date is yet to be determined. This should prove to be a fantastic night for a wonderful cause.

Proud to hail from Denver, CO, the KORY BRUNSON BAND combines a polished rock sound with a down home country feel to produce a genre of music they describe as "Hard Country", the title of their debut album. Originally formed by Brunson (hence the name), Craig Bennington soon came on board to join forces and contribute heavily to the writing and recording of the groups music.

The bands first single "Girls Night Out", a celebration of female independence and revelry, hit Media Base's Country Music Radio Charts in June of 2010 landing at #76 giving the band their first Top 100 single. Their new album aptly titled "Hard Country" was released November 12th 2010. Their newest single release "We Know You're Out There" (long a trademark of the band) hit #63 on the National Country Music Radio Charts over July 4th weekend, 2011.

The band's music can also be heard on many radio stations across the country and around Colorado including nationally recognized KYGO. Brunson and Co. have toured across the heartland of America, including highlights at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Mile High stadium, Red Rocks, as well as an opening slot for national acts like Gretchen Wilson, Lee Brice, Chris Cagle, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and recently - Little Big Town. The band will be the opening act for Dirks Bentley on August 11th in Sterling, CO. A new album is already in the works, with a release date sometime in 2012.



Kory Brunson Band at our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Service Dog for Penny!



Because of the pledges we received, CFCE will be able to donate a service dog trained by Fairytale Service and Therapy Dogs in Golden Valley, Arizona to one of our special children. We have chosen to donate this life-changing gift to Penny.

Penny has Cerebral Palsy and attended our summer camps this year. Jen, Penny's Mom, says that they are so excited to have this opportunity as they feel that the gift of the service dog will play an important role in providing Penny with more independence and control of where she wants to go and what she wants to do. They are looking so forward to the unconditional loving creature

that will always be by her side to assist her with her everyday tasks. The family looks forward to Penny's social interaction with her peers because of the service dog.

Jen wanted to be sure you all knew just how grateful they are to receive this gift. Thanks again to all who pledged money to make this possible!

We would love to continue to get pledges which will allow us to acquire additional service dogs to give to more CFCE children. Please let us know if you would like to be an ongoing supporter of this program.



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One of our current students, Libby, with her service dog working as she completes a 5K

Meet a CFCE Staff Member - Jennifer Peterson



Jennifer has been with CFCE since April of 2010 and is CFCE's Assistant Program Director. She moved to Colorado from the UK where she worked as a Physical Therapist at the PACE Conductive Education School just northwest of London. Jennifer's experience in Conductive Education along with her background in Physical Therapy has been a great asset to our program.

Jennifer is very passionate about Conductive Education. She feels it gives children opportunities to learn skills that they are very capable of performing, and that they may otherwise not have the chance in this country to learn. She knows it works as she has seen the benefits in many children. Jennifer loves the fact that Conductive Education focuses on the long-term rather than the short-term for these children. Jennifer really enjoys seeing these kids learn. She loves how great the families are to work with, how open they are to learning and how they have such a desire to do the very best for their children. The children are very hard working and motivated to learn

which drives Jennifer to come to work every day with a smile.

Her goal for the center is to expand our services to more children in Loveland, in Denver and the surrounding areas by making it more accessible for parents.

We are so excited to share with you all that Jennifer is getting married on August 10th, 2012 to Peter Doyle. Peter is studying to be a CPA and will graduate in December. He will start work for Deloitte in February. Jennifer says that means they'll be here in Colorado for a while, which we are thrilled about. Peter's keeping the honeymoon a surprise, but Jennifer does know that it involves scuba diving. Congratulations, Jen and Peter! We are all so happy for you both!



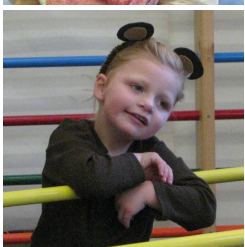
Summer Camp Play!

Our summer campers, turned thespians, invited their parents and the CFCE staff to a production of "The Great Kapok Tree" to top off the July CFCE Summer Camp! Aren't they adorable?! The play was a chance for the children to showcase their mobility skills. For instance, Emma, the Jaguar, had to crawl in four point kneeling while Penny, the Monkey, had to climb the wall bars and James, the Snake, slithered on the floor practicing his commando crawl.

They also were able to practice their communication skills either by switch or by using a loud clear voice to say their lines. The story fit in nicely with the topics



the children learned about during camp, such as animals, saving the environment, and plants. The play was so much fun, the children forgot just how hard they were working!



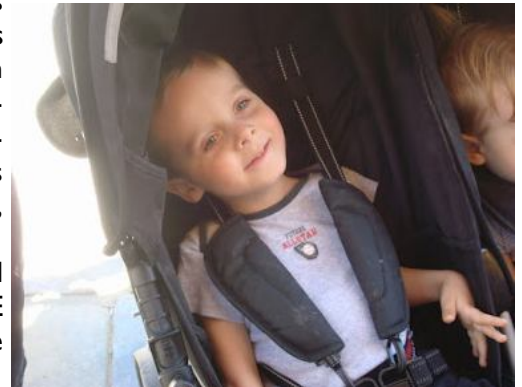
Meet a CFCE Child: Noah (written by Noah's mother, Stacey)



Noah Mitchell Warden was born December 23, 2008, weighing 9lbs and 1oz, by emergency c-section at 8:51am. Noah did not breathe or have a heartbeat for the first 13 minutes of his life. He was taken to Children's Hospital in order to have a procedure done known as brain cooling in attempts to minimize damage caused by perinatal asphyxia. Noah's brain cooled for 72 hours after which time the hospital ran an MRI and an EEG to determine the extent of the damage. Unfortunately, the results came back with devastating news. Noah had suffered "global damage" to his brain. As a result the prognosis was grim. They said Noah would most likely never walk, talk, eat or even breathe on his own.

Noah is now 3 1/2 years old and although he is still unable to sit unassisted, talk, walk, crawl or even self-feed, he is making gains everyday. We made the decision to try Conductive Education for Noah in-home to offer him a chance at more individual independence and skills. Our therapist, Jennifer, has such tremendous faith and hope for Noah and is continually positive about Noah's potential, something that we and Noah need as a family on this special needs journey.

Too often children like Noah that are highly affected with Cerebral Palsy are dismissed as never having the chance to improve. We love that CE only thinks about all the things Noah will and can do someday - not what he will never accomplish.



THANK YOU for your PLEDGES

towards the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) - CFCE Ski Days!

When we reached out to everyone at the CFCE golf party for donation pledges to send the CFCE children to Breckenridge for two ski days with the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center's (BOEC) adaptive ski program, we were awestruck with the responses we received. Because of the pledges from so many of you, CFCE will be able to send 11+ children to each scheduled CFCE/BOEC ski day in 2013. This could be a total of 22 of our enrolled children if each child signs up for one ski day. Some of the children may have the opportunity to attend a second day if there are places available.



You, our generous supporters, have made it possible for us to take all the children, at no cost to the parents, to the BOEC ski days! We have already booked two ski days for next season, January 12th and March 2nd, 2013. It is so awesome that we can now offer this fun event to **all** of the CFCE kids to enjoy an experience of a lifetime!

If you are learning about this adaptive ski program with CFCE & BOEC for the first time and would like to make a pledge and/or receive additional information, please contact us at 970-667-0348 or email us at admin@conductiveed.com.



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SAVE THE DATES:
August classes - July 30th-Aug 3 and Aug 27-Aug 31
September classes - Sept 4-Sept28
October Mini Camp - Oct 1-Oct 27
Kory Brunson Band Concert - TBD
BOEC Ski Days - January 12th & March 2nd, 2013



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