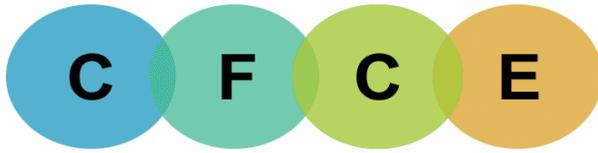


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## FALL FUNDRAISING = GREAT GIFTS

Need a great holiday gift for a friend or family member? Consider CFCE as your shopping headquarters. The CFCE children, parents and staff have worked hard on producing wall and desk calendars. We know you are going to love them!

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.



Plan to pick up a couple for yourself and several more for friends and family.

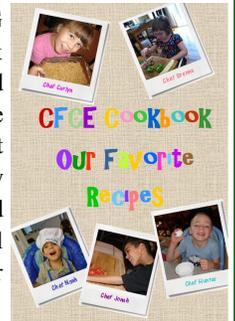
In addition to the calendars, we are again offering note cards and Christmas cards featuring the children's art work. Also for purchase are lovely Christmas ornaments decorated by the CFCE children. Half of the glass ball ornaments are decorated with swirled paints and the other half are filled with the children's favorite holiday stuffings. You will need to order these special ornaments early as there will be a limited supply. Information and order forms will be emailed separately.

CFCE is very excited to have the opportunity to provide PartyLite candles, the best candles in the world. Candles are available in 2 dozen tealights for \$20, 12 votives with fluted votive holder for \$20, and/or 3 wick jars for \$25. You can choose from these yummy fragrances: Mango Tangerine, Mulberry, Black Cherry, Holiday Spices, Twilight Sea, Spruce in the Snow, Cherry Blossom, Vanilla Citron, Tamboti Safari or Cinnamon & Bayberry.

Proceeds from all items will help to purchase new equipment and supplies for both the Loveland and Denver centers. With the growth of the Denver center, we will need additional plinth tables, parallel bars for walking exercises, ladder-back chairs, and several other pieces of much needed conductive ed equipment.

All of these items will make GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS! Additional information and order forms for purchasing these gifts will be emailed separately or you may place your order today. Please contact our Office Assistant, Kirsten, at 970-667-0348 or via email at [office@conductiveed.com](mailto:office@conductiveed.com). Please plan to pay when placing your order. We accept cash, check or credit card.

COMING THIS SPRING is a great CFCE Cookbook we have been working hard on, but still need more time to get this special project completed. This quality cookbook will be released around March and will make a great Easter or Mother's Day gift.



The CFCE Cookbook will be filled with the kids' favorite main & side dishes, salads, desserts and beverages. It will feature pictures of the children helping to prepare, and of course eating, their yummy favorites. Many of our staff members and volunteers are contributing recipes as well.

We love how this is coming together and know that you will too. Check your upcoming emails for the release date of this 1<sup>st</sup> addition CFCE Cookbook and plan to order several!!

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## An Autumnal Time in Denver



CFCE held a two-week Conductive Education mini-camp in Denver at the end of October. This was our first mini-camp in Denver and we are thrilled with how well it went, especially during Colorado's beautiful fall weather. One of CFCE's regular conductors, Pearl, came to CFCE from Kelowna, Canada and lead our after-school camp. The



camp was held at the Clayton Campus on Martin Luther King Blvd. We had four children attend the camp and even though it was for a short period of time, they all made fantastic progress.

Despite being tired after a full day of conductive ed, all the children had a wonderful time and worked very hard on all the tasks. We saw the children stand by themselves against a wall, sit almost independently, which is a big achievement for some, and become much stronger in their muscle control. All of the kids could see their progress and had so much fun doing it.

We hope to hold future two-week mini-camps in Denver throughout the year. For more information, please contact the office at 970-667-0348.

CFCE would like to thank all of the parents who helped the camp run smoothly. We would also like to give a special thanks to Ann Stout and Peter Doyle for volunteering their time to facilitate in the classroom.

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## Meet a Child: Luke (written by Luke's mom, Amy)



Luke was born July 1, 2010 (born on 7-11 means he gets free Slurpees on his birthday for life). He was a surviving twin. His birth was complicated and somewhat tricky because developmentally he was just not ready to be out of the womb. He screamed and cried for 7 months. At 3 months of age, after chasing different avenues to try to discover what they were dealing with, and noticing that his head was not growing, they did an MRI and blood tests. It was finally determined that Luke had suffered an exposure to cytomegalovirus (CMV). His mom was exposed to the virus in her first trimester of pregnancy which likely contributed to the loss of Luke's twin. Only 14% of women have heard of CMV ... but it impacts more children than more well-known infections and syndromes. You can get more information on CMV by visiting [www.stopcmv.org](http://www.stopcmv.org).

The exposure to this virus resulted in severe brain damage by causing an interruption in the development of Luke's brain. They diagnosed Luke then with Lissencephaly, which is a rare brain formation disorder caused by defective neuronal migration during the 12th to 24th weeks of gestation resulting in a lack of development of brain folds and grooves.

In March of 2011 Luke had an assessment with Jennifer. Although it was too early to start Conductive Ed then, we did start about a year later. Jennifer is the best help for Luke that we've ever been exposed to. She is far and away so wonderful with Luke and has top-notch skills. In 2 hours, what she can accomplish is so thorough and amazing. We love Conductive Ed because we are looking for ways to teach Luke life skills and where he can do the best that he can do. Jen is gentle and graceful but firm and strong at the same time. Luke loves her. One of our many goals with Luke is to get his oral and swallowing skills to the point where he can partake in his free Slurpee each and every year.

## The Latest on the BOEC Ski Days and Service Dog



Those of you who have pledged have already received updates on these two projects, but for those of you that haven't seen them...we wanted to share the progress being made with our BOEC Ski days and the Service dog.

CFCE is thrilled to be making the preparations to send 21 children to Breckenridge for a ski day with the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center's (BOEC) adaptive ski program! Every child who has shown an interest in attending will be able to go, some of the children are participating in both days thanks to you, our generous donors.

The ski days are scheduled for January 12th and March 2nd. The children enjoyed their exciting day last March, here are some pictures of the kids on the slopes. They are equally excited about the upcoming ski days.

Penny was chosen by CFCE and Service Dogs for Independence (formerly Fairytale Service and Therapy Dogs) as the most fitting candidate to receive the amazing life-changing gift of a service therapy dog. Penny lives in Philadelphia at home with her mom, dad and 2 brothers. The whole family is very excited. They have decided on "Mika" as the name of the new addition and are looking forward to this coming summer when Mika's training will be complete. Service Dogs for Independence is training this dog for 1 year rather than the typical 6 months. As Penny is non-verbal, the additional training time will focus on teaching Mika to understand 12 signs to help Penny with some basic needs.

Mika has all her shots, has been spayed and has learned to pick up some objects. She is ready to start some outdoor socialization training in Tucson, AZ. Penny's family will be traveling to Tucson in the near future so Mika's trainer, Wendy, can meet Penny which will help Wendy fine-tune Mika's commands. Wendy will be visiting CFCE with Mika in June, returning home to finish training, and then finally delivering Mika to Penny in September.

Because of all of your pledges, this service dog will play an important role in providing Penny with more independence, assisting her with her everyday tasks, and improving her social interaction with her peers.

On behalf of all of us at CFCE, thank you and bless you!!



## SAVE THE DATE: 4th Annual Golf Tournament

The date for our 4th Annual Golf Tournament has been set. Mark your calendars for June 6th, 2013. The tournament will be held at the Arrowhead Golf Club and includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, complimentary snacks & non-alcoholic drinks, lunch, awards party with Hors D'oeuvres, silent auction and beer. More information and registration forms will be sent in February. We sure hope you can join us for this amazing event!!




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## Tyler Olsen & Family - Trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

An Olsen Family Vacation! At the 2012 CFCE golf tournament and silent auction Tyler Olsen and Family won the bid for the vacation trip to Cabo San Lucas in October. They had an awesome time in Mexico and have allowed us to share a few of their great vacation photos. Tyler and his wife, Marce, brought along their two girls, Sammy and Hadley, for fun in the Cabo sun. The Olsen family arrived for a 7 night stay at the beautiful Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Resort & Spa in Cabo San Lucas.



Here is a short letter we received from Tyler:

*"We wanted to thank you again for having such a great auction item at the golf tournament. We just returned from Cabo San Lucas and had a great time. Our young girls spent hours swimming, drinking virgin pina coladas, and making friends. The accommodations were first class and Roxanne made the arrangements seamless. This is our second time donating and acquiring this vacation package and it's been fantastic both times.*

*We did have a tropical storm roll through for a day or two.*

*As we'd never been part of one of these it was actually a fun experience. It turned the town upside down and filled the streets with mud and sand. For us it just made us get more creative in what we chose to do for fun.*

*Thanks again for a fantastic trip!"*

Tyler is a Senior Vice President at Wells Fargo Bank in Boulder, Colorado, and is a wonderful supporter of CFCE. Tyler has generously bid on and won a lot of silent auction items and has been a participant in all three CFCE golf tournaments. Thank you Marce and Tyler for bidding on and winning this great trip and for supporting CFCE over the years!



## Meet a Staff Member: Kirsten

Kirsten Tremelling, CFCE's part-time Office Assistant, is a welcome addition to the staff at Loveland's main office. Kirsten came to work for CFCE in April 2012 and "hit the ground running" alongside Roxanne, Jennifer and all the hard working staff and volunteers in putting together the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament. Her regular duties include scheduling classes, billing, general bookkeeping, and other office tasks. Kirsten also contributes to the newsletters and is currently working diligently on CFCE's fundraising projects which are featured on the front page of this newsletter. Many of you have already encountered Kirsten in person at the golf tournament, or via email. She is very business savvy and brings a can-do attitude to CFCE. Kirsten is a very hard worker but most of all she has a passion for what we do at CFCE for the children. Kirsten is a mom of a daughter who had Cerebral Palsy. Although her daughter, Kaylynn, passed away 5 years ago, she is an inspiration to Kirsten each and every day. Kirsten says she has already started to build a special rapport with the parents of the kids who attend CFCE and she attributes that to knowing firsthand what it's like to be a parent of a child with special needs. Kirsten feels warmth in her heart and feels closer to her own daughter because of the work she does and the kids she meets thru her adventure here.



Kirsten has been married to her wonderful husband, JoeBob, for 17 years and they live in Loveland, CO. In addition to their angel in heaven they have a second daughter, an angel here on earth, Becca, who volunteered this last summer helping with the golf tournament.

We are enriched by having Kirsten on our team and we thank her for all the hard work she contributes to CFCE. You are much appreciated!

## Jennifer and Pete: Life After the Wedding



On August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, our Assistant Program Director, Jennifer and her now husband, Peter, tied the knot at Pasture of Plenty farm just north of Boulder, CO. Children from CFCE with their families and the CFCE staff were invited to join the celebration. Everyone had a great time. There was plenty of space in the fields for the children to race their wheelchairs, play croquet and giant Jenga. We all enjoyed the pastoral setting and the delicious farm fresh food. Congratulations to Jen & Pete!

After the wedding, Jennifer and Pete enjoyed two weeks off from work and school to honeymoon in Fiji and Hawaii. The newlyweds were able to fully relax and enjoy a taste of paradise. They also enjoyed many activities including sailing, snorkeling, relaxing by the beach and scuba diving in some of the world's top diving locations. While diving they saw beautiful soft corals, sharks and many other sea creatures. Jennifer and Pete will have wonderful memories of their two week honeymoon for years to come.



The happy couple is now settled in their new home in Louisville, CO. Jennifer has returned to her busy schedule of work and studies, while her husband Pete is finishing his masters in accounting and studying for his CPA final exam before starting work in Denver this coming February.

The Doyles would like to thank everyone who supported them through their marriage and all the kind words and thoughts from the families and staff at CFCE.



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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**November classes...November 1-30**  
**BOEC Ski Days...January 12th, 2013 AND March 2nd, 2013**  
**4th Annual Golf Tournament...June 6th, 2013**  
**Kory Brunson Band Concert...TBD**

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