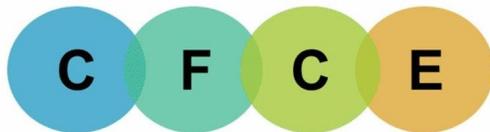


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Conductive Education principles.

CFCE is giving thanks for a great 2016!

 Our CFCE family would like to wish you all a very Happy Holidays! We are so thankful to all our supporters at CFCE.

Your support has been instrumental to our success. We have many things to be thankful for in 2016...

- First of all, we are thankful that CFCE has been a non-profit for coming up on 9 years. We serve many of the same families we had from the beginning along with many new families who have joined us over the course of the last few years.
- We are grateful that we can serve over 30 children each year through our programs and make a difference in their lives by teaching them the skills they need to lead more independent lives.
- We are thankful for the staff that we are able to attract and retain who run our successful summer camps each year.
- We are encouraged every month to see children achieve their individual goals, and set new goals for themselves to improve their problem solving skills and discover their full potential.
- And we are thankful to hear from new families every year who discover our program and want to enroll their child after seeing the benefits for their child.

The work that we do would not be possible without your support, and we ask that you might consider donating to our program once again this holiday season. Over the past few months, we have seen a small increase in our facility rental costs and our summer camp costs, so any gift amount you might be able to give, we would be very grateful for. We do need your help to meet these costs and are careful to apply donated funds

directly towards our program. We will use your gifts to serve the children at CFCE through teaching tools, resources and equipment for the children!

With your generous donations and the ways you help share our vision with others, we have been able to build a thriving organization. We are truly grateful for your donations.

We are a small non-profit who are locally serving our community in northern Colorado and the Denver Metro area. We are responsible with our funds and try to keep our overhead costs as low as possible, so that the money we raise goes towards resources for our program and this keeps the cost very low for the families. Throughout our history, we have maintained affordable prices thanks to your support. For this, the families at CFCE would like to say a big thank you, because it has meant they can invest more time in our program for their child.

Please consider donating today to our holiday fund for your end of year tax deductible donation. Please send checks to: CFCE, PO Box 746297, Arvada, CO 80006. Or go online to www.conductiveed.com and use your credit card online to make your donation.

Thank you for supporting CFCE this holiday season, and we hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving - sharing your thankfulness for 2016 with your families!

**Can you donate
to CFCE this
holiday season?**

Who wants to go skiing?

Winter weather is on its way, which means it is time to dust off those skis, clip in to your bindings and hit the beautiful Colorado slopes. I forget how lucky we are living in this winter playground and getting to experience the mountains, trails and fluffy snow. Thanks to our CFCE supporters, we are also able to take the children in our program to enjoy the Colorado wonders through an adaptive ski program.

Several years ago, CFCE founders, Roxanne and Jim Waechter reached out to the adaptive ski program at Breckenridge to give the CFCE families an opportunity to experience skiing. Thanks to their partnership with BOEC (Breckenridge Outdoor Experience Center) we have been able to take 10 - 12 children into the mountains for a special ski lesson each year. We have also added a third ski day for the last 3 years up at Winter Park adaptive ski program too (NSCD).



Both BOEC and Winter Park NSCD have a range of equipment that allows every child to get up on the slopes, whether it is in a standing ski set up with outriggers, or in a bi-ski which allows the children to sit down and use their arms and core to lean side to side in order to make turns down the slopes.

The kids have so much fun on these ski days and it is thanks to the pledges we receive from our donors at the Golf Tournament in June this year that we are able to fund 10 children to attend each of our ski days. The CFCE families are so grateful to you, our supporters, for funding these lessons for them which they would otherwise not be able to do. Look out for our spring newsletter for pictures and updates on our ski adventures with the kids at CFCE.

If any of our supporters are up at Breckenridge or Winter Park on these days, come on over to Peak 9 at Breckenridge or the bunny slopes at Winter Park to see some of our kids skiing!

CFCE Ski dates 2017

January 28th - BOEC

February 25th - BOEC

March 18th - Winter Park NSCD

A Huge Thank You To Our Gold Sponsors!



Mark up your calendars for our next Golf Tournament fundraiser!

Save the Date!

What: 8th Annual CFCE Golf Tournament 2017

Where: Arrowhead Golf Course

When: Thursday, June 8th, 2017

Time: Registration at 12 noon, Shotgun start at 2pm



2016 Auction Winner

At our recent 2016 Golf Tournament, one lucky winner bid on a special trip for 7 nights stay in Steamboat Springs. That winner was David Dobbins who got to share his prize with his wife, Farrah and two girls. In October, they drove up to Steamboat Springs to enjoy a relaxing week at the beautiful Wyndham Resorts. This prize was kindly donated by CFCE founders, Roxanne and Jim Waechter, which meant that 100% of the winning bid went to CFCE, and the winner got to enjoy this experience at no extra cost.

David said that they had a fantastic time as a family up in Steamboat Springs. David and his family enjoyed several days on the golf course, relaxing by the pool at the resort and wandering through the downtown area full of restaurants and shops to explore. They had a great vacation and also got to spend some time with their good friends Lance and Dana Volmer who were also staying up in Steamboat for the week. Lance is also a supporter of CFCE and attendee at our golf tournament.



Please enjoy a few photos from their trip! Thank you for sharing your experience, David Dobbins and family.

We will hopefully have another auction prize next year at our golf tournament on June 8th, where you could be the winner of a great prize just like this one!

Memorial Donation

We are sad to inform you that one of our longest supporters at CFCE recently lost his sister in September 2016. Henry and Debbie Allhoff are very close friends to our founders Roxanne and Jim Waechter. We would like to send our condolences to their family at the loss of their sister, Katie. Roxanne & Jim Waechter have kindly made a memorial donation to CFCE in honor of Henry and Debbie Allhoff's sister, Katherine 'Katie' Lazaroff, nee Allhoff.



This kind donation will go towards our programs at CFCE to help children learn problem solving skills to help them be a more active participant in the world and build confidence and independence.

If you would like to give a memorial donation in honor of someone you may know, please contact us at (970)667-0348 or email admin@conductiveed.com. Your donation will be a valued contribution to our program and families that we support at CFCE.

Do you have appreciated stock that you would like to donate to CFCE?



As we approach the end of the year, what better way to get rid of your appreciated stock by donating them to CFCE through our brokerage account. This is a fantastic way to donate to CFCE and will provide a tax write-off for you as you head into the new year.

If you are interested in reducing your capital gains tax burden, please consider donating stock to CFCE through our brokerage account. Contact us at accounts@conductiveed.com and we will pass on the account information in order to gift your stock to us. This would make a wonderful Christmas present to CFCE!

Get ready for holiday shopping!

For those of you, like myself, who are not a fan of elbowing through crowds and spending lots of time waiting in lines to buy Christmas gifts, here is a way to escape that: shop in the comfort of your own home, while supporting CFCE effortlessly through AmazonSmiles. We are now a charity choice on AmazonSmiles, which means that for every dollar you spend on eligible Amazon products, they will donate 0.5% of the purchase price directly to CFCE at no extra cost to you. This is an easy way to gift us while shopping through thousands of fantastic gift options.

It is easy to sign up. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and search for 'Colorado Foundation for Conductive Education'. When you select our charity, it will automatically keep us as your chosen charity every time you log in to AmazonSmiles in the future. This means that all Amazon purchases throughout the year will continue to support CFCE providing you go the AmazonSmiles website to make your purchase.

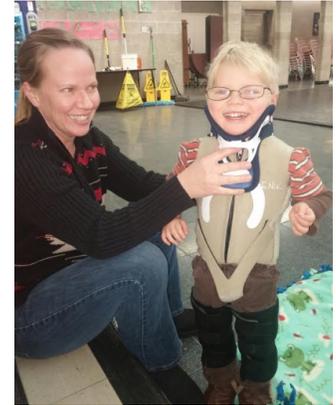
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Meet a child at CFCE: Conn

As written by his mother, Stacy

Conn is a six year old little boy full of life and happiness who was born healthy and was developing fairly typically until, at 17 months old, he had an acute metabolic crisis that caused damage to the basal ganglia area of his brain. Doctors are still looking for a specific diagnosis. As a result of that damage he has overall low muscle tone with sporadic high tone. This means that without assistance he cannot sit up, hold up his head or use his limbs very effectively. He is also not able to eat by mouth or talk. He understands a lot of what is going on around him and expresses his opinions, sense of humor, knowledge and personality by using his eyes, smile and sounds to communicate. He likes all kinds of jokes and starts smiling as soon as he hears the beginning of a Knock-knock joke. He adores school because he gets to hang out with fun kids and teachers. He loves his brothers because they are entertaining in a loud, active and silly way that thrills him. Although he cannot talk he expresses himself with his eyes, his smile and his cry and he lets us know what he understands by following directions and reacting to humor, sadness, etc. We would love for him to be able to increase his access to the world by gaining more independence and strength in his movement, communicating with purposeful gestures/vocalizations and maybe even use a power wheelchair for some independent movement.



There is so much Conn cannot do but even more that he can do with the right kind of help and training. This is where Conductive Education comes in!! We heard about Conductive Education through researching different types of therapy and talking to his home therapists. What resonated with me the most about Conductive Education is that they treat the children's minds as well as their bodies. Conn may never need to know most of the academics taught in a traditional school but it is vital that his learning, curiosity and memory be challenged and developed along with the more obvious needs of his physical development. When he is at Conductive Education I love seeing him use his mind and body in conjunction through games, art projects and interacting with the people around him.

A Huge Thank You to Our Silver Sponsors!

**Henry &
Debbie Allhoff**



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IMPORTANT DATES:

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- Saturday, Jan. 28th, 2017 @ BOEC
- Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2017 @ BOEC
- Saturday, Mar. 18, 2017 @ Winter Park NCSD

June 8th, 2017 - 8th Annual CFCE Golf Tournament



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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