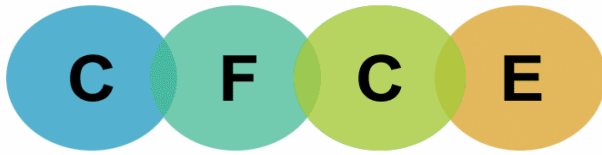


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## Art Pilot Program

By: Leah Harbaugh

The Colorado Foundation for Conductive Education (CFCE) and ARK (Art Reaching Kids), through collaborative efforts, received grant funding for an art pilot program for the children of CFCE. Months ago, CFCE and ARK, also a nonprofit organization, began discussions to bring the exciting and fun abstract art class to the children of CFCE, their siblings and friends. ARK has presented this program with much success to troubled teens in the Denver metro area. ARK said that as they watched and worked with the teens helping them create their abstract pieces, the instructors and volunteers saw the positive effect this had on the teens' attitudes and self-esteem. They also enjoyed watching them have so much fun. When ARK learned about CFCE and our motor challenged children, they immediately thought this would be an amazing program for our children to experience. And amazing it has been! ARK purchased all of the art supplies needed for the class and also brought in additional instructors and volunteers that assisted in the



**Brenna is proud of her masterpiece she created during the art pilot program.**

classroom. CFCE and ARK are hoping with the success of this program to be awarded a larger grant amount for continuing the art program on a larger scale.

The first session of the CFCE/ARK pilot program was held on December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and the second session on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The pilot class was held during the same time as the regular Conductive Education (CE) art session in order not to interrupt the children's normal CE itinerary. This special art class ran for about an hour each day. All completed pieces will be displayed at a reception exhibit to be held at a Loveland art gallery or at the CFCE center. The art "masterpieces" on canvas are finished for immediate hanging at the reception and all the paper "masterpieces" will be matted and framed. Until the reception, the finished pieces are on display in the CFCE classroom. CFCE and ARK plan to run the pilot class one more session with CFCE's new conductor, Sevi. All interested students, their siblings and friends are invited to attend. Please contact the CFCE office (970-667-0348) for more information and if you are interested in your child attending the art program.

We are excited about the continued partnership with ARK. We thank them for their interest in CFCE and for their continued support. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the program and are excited about the next session of classes to be scheduled in the very near future.



**Libby smiles as she holds up her finished framed piece of abstract art.**

## CFCE Hosts 1st Annual Golf Tournament

By Leah Harbaugh



Zachary, Age 2



CFCE is excited to be hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and benefit dinner to be held at the Inverness Golf Club in Englewood, Colorado on July 1, 2010. The proceeds from this event will benefit our scholarship program and Conductive Education for children with motor disabilities. Register today! The cost is \$230 pp. The entry fee includes: green fees, cart, lunch buffet, tournament special events, awards, silent auction, dinner and more! If you register and pay by April 1, 2010, you pay only \$200 pp and you will also be automatically entered in a raffle to win a TaylorMade Burner Driver (\$300 value), a Ping “CFCE” logo golf shirt (\$70 value) and recognition at the awards ceremony.

We are seeking both players and sponsors to join us for this event. By being a sponsor, your company will be promoted to a group of people who are very loyal to its sponsors, as well as to the many professionals who will be participating in the tournament also. We are anticipating a highly successful and well-attended tournament. For more information about the golf tournament and dinner see the attached flyer or go to our website at [www.conductiveeed.com](http://www.conductiveeed.com). Show your commitment to helping children with motor disabilities, such as Cerebral Palsy, achieve the ability to sit, stand and walk, tasks that many people take for granted and join us at this event as a sponsor and/or player.

*“After just a month of once a week sessions, Zachary’s cognitive skills have opened up along with his communication. We love the Conductive Education approach to independence and ability for each child. We look forward to Zachary’s growth, development and learning through this thorough therapy program.”*

*- Nathan (Zachary’s Dad)*

## CFCE Honors Trey, a Dedicated Volunteer

By Leah Harbaugh

Trey Mallon, has been a loyal and dedicated volunteer at CFCE since the center was first established in 2008. Trey originally helped CFCE develop all accounting and bookkeeping procedures and has been the main person in charge of finances while also serving as a member on the Board of Directors. Trey lives with his wife Angela and son Parker in the Denver Metro area. He works full time for Shelby Resources. He has dedicated countless hours volunteering at CFCE and we want to thank him and honor him for his work. His financial expertise has been an essential part of the success of CFCE’s operations. Thank you Trey! We appreciate all the work you have done and continue to do at CFCE.



Trey Mallon

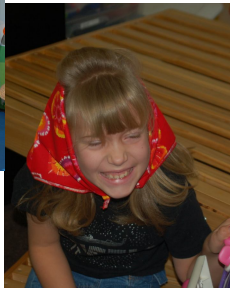


## Christmas Program—The Giant Turnip

By Katie Waechter

CFCE held our first children's Christmas Program this past Christmas season. The students performed a story called The Giant Turnip. It went a little something like this:

There once was a farmer whose name was James. He had a beautiful wife named Libby. Together they had the cutest puppy, Brianna, and the sweetest mouse, Josiah. One day the Farmer tried to pull out his giant turnip from the garden but it was too hard, so he called to his wife to come help him. They pulled and pulled but could not get the giant turnip out. The wife called for her puppy, Brianna, to come help. The three pulled and pulled, but still could not get the turnip out. The puppy called to her friend the mouse, Josiah. The four pulled, and pulled, and pulled and out POPPED the giant turnip. To celebrate their great success, the four decorated Christmas cookies, made chocolate candies, and ate candy canes, while enjoying fun Christmas music. The kids had a wonderful time participating in the Christmas Program!



Libby the Farmer's Wife



Josiah the Mouse



Farmer James



Brianna the Puppy

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## CFCE Welcomes a New Conductor for February

By Leah Harbaugh

CFCE was both grateful and excited to welcome Bea, our temporary Conductor, who was able to come here and teach our students for the month of February. Bea flew here to stay in Colorado for the month of February from Budapest, Hungary. Bea graduated from the Peto Institute in 1989. After graduating, she worked as a conductor in England for 4 years. Since then, she has worked several times a year as a conductor in many places including Belgium, Italy, Budapest, Denmark and Ireland. She has also worked as a conductor in Tucson for three years and led a summer camp in Virginia in 2006. She is married and has two school age children. When she is back in Hungary, she works privately with families, adults and children with motor disabilities. All of us at CFCE, feel very fortunate that she was able to come and be here for the month. The kids loved having her and they all made so much progress while she was here. She is a very talented Conductor. We will miss her and hope she will come back to visit us in the future. Bea told us many times how much she enjoyed working with the children and that she very much appreciated the well-equipped classroom. She also stated that she looks forward to coming back to CFCE again soon!



Bea helps Keira walk along the wall bars in the CFCE classroom.

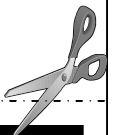


## Volunteer Acknowledgements:

- **The Maybon Family**—for building the student lockers in the CFCE classroom.
- **Craig Poortinga and Rod Griess**—for doing the finish work on the student lockers.
- **Kurt Nakata**—for teaching the CPR class to the CFCE staff at a generous rate.
- **Rachel Griess**—for helping with the brochures and donation envelopes.
- **Jamie Johnson**—for donating much of his time with the golf tournament pages on our website.
- **Doug Liller**—for volunteering his time to Chair the golf tournament.
- **J D Rebel, Bruce Levey and Kevin McDougal**— for assisting with the CFCE Golf Tournament arrangements and getting sponsorships for the tournament.

*Thank you to all of our volunteers!*

*Your efforts are an essential part of helping individuals with motor disabilities at CFCE.*



### 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:

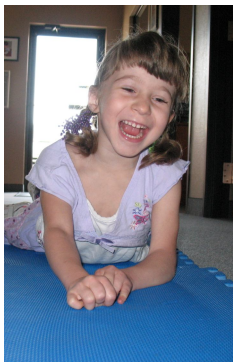
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