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CFCE Welcomes new Staff Members

This past year has been full of exciting changes for CFCE. We have welcomed 4 new staff members.

We were very excited this past June to welcome, Sevi Geilik, our new lead Conductor. Sevi is a graduate from the Peto International Institute of Conductive Education, and also has a dual Bachelor Degree in education science, drama teaching and special needs education from the University of Haifa and Gordon College of Education. His work experience includes 6 years working as a Conductor and special needs teacher in both Sweden and Israel. Sevi's wife and two sons have moved here to Colorado with him, and although it has been a drastic change for them to move to a new country, he has jumped right into our program with great enthusiasm and experience.

Last April, CFCE also welcomed Jennifer Peterson, our new Conductorteacher Assistant. Jennifer moved to Colorado from the UK where she worked as a Physical Therapist at the PACE



James smiles as Jennifer holds up his summer camp certificate for him to see.



Sevi assists Josiah in the classroom.

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.

Our administrative team (photo on page 2) at CFCE has also grown. Leah Harbaugh has been the part-time Office Manager since last October. She has a BA in Business Management and over 14 vears of office experience. Leah lives in Fort Collins with her husband and two daughters. Cary Rentola was also recently hired on as our part-time Fundraising and Public Relations Manager. She has almost 10 years of non-profit work experience with an emphasis on marketing, pubic relations, community outreach, fundraising, event planning and volunteer management. Cary and her husband live here in Loveland, where she enjoys spending time with her animals and a passion for running and the outdoors.

We are thrilled to have each of our new staff members. The future is bright with a skilled and dedicated team here at CFCE!

1st Annual Golf Tournament a HUGE Success!



Administrative Team:
Cary Rentola and Leah Harbaugh

Golf Tournament Registration: www.conductiveed.com

CFCE hosted our 1st Annual Golf Tournament and benefit dinner/silent auction at the Inverness Golf Club in Englewood, Colorado on July 1, 2010. We were thrilled that the event was such a huge success! We had 88 golfers play in the tournament. We also had a wonderful response of support from our many sponsors as well as donors to the silent auction. We have already set the date for our next golf tournament on June 16, 2011. The tournament will once again be held at the Inverness Golf



Doug Liller, Golf Chairman & Roxanne Waechter, CFCE Founder/President

Club and will include a benefit dinner and silent auction. We are already taking registrations, silent auction donations and sponsorships. You can register online at www.conductiveed.com or you can call us at (970) 667-0348 for details. Thank you to all the people that volunteered, donated, sponsored and played. Together you helped make this a successful fundraiser for CFCE!

ACENA Conference in Toronto

This year's ACENA (Association for Conductive Education in North America) conference was held in Toronto, Canada on August 26th & 27th. Jim and Roxanne Waechter, founders of CFCE, attended the conference along with approximately 60 delegates from across North America. Topics that were covered at the conference included: developments in Conductive Education research, constructing a framework for ACENA Conductive Education standards, a discus-



Acena President, Dave Dvorak and his wife Carol visit CFCE April 2010.



Brent Page (left), National Manager of Conductive Education, Roxanne Waechter, and Dave Dvorak, President of ACENA. Photo taken at the top of the CN Tower in Toronto during the conference reception.

sion on "Doing It All: Conductor-Teacher-Administrator," and a support session for the caregiver. There were also speakers from the Peto Institute, International Peto Association, March of Dimes and an Associate Professor and Author of several Conductive Education publications. The conference was a great opportunity for sharing ideas and networking with colleagues across the country. Attendees of the conference were treated to a reception atop the CN Tower, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World.

Fire Safety Day at CFCE

On Friday, June 25th, CFCE welcomed Loveland Fire Department fireman, Kurt Nakata along with several other members from the fire department. The firemen volunteered their time that morning to help educate the children at CFCE about fire safety. Along with talking with the kids about fire evacuation from the classroom, they also taught them about their special uniforms they wear so the children would learn to feel safe and comfortable in any future situations where firemen may be present. After the presentation was finished in the classroom, they brought the kids outside where they had a fire engine parked. They showed the kids the different equipment they use and how useful these special vehicles can be in emergency situations. It was a fun and educational morning for the kids and they all really enjoyed their time with the firemen. CFCE thanks Kurt and his team for putting together such a fun and special morning for the kids!









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Summer Camps

June and July were very busy months at CFCE. During both months, CFCE offered a 4 week Summer Camp. Each camp session had a full classroom of children. We were fortunate to have Pearl, our Canadian Conductor, come and help lead our classroom during the month of June. We were also thrilled at the end of June to welcome Sevi, our current full time Conductor. Sevi took over in July as the lead Conductor here at CFCE and worked alongside Jennifer, our Conductorteacher Assistant to provide a wonderful July program. Both months of camp were full of creative and fun programs that motivated the children to make huge progress in all areas of their development. A special award ceremony was held at the end of each camp where the children received special medals and t-shirts to celebrate all the hard work they put forth during camp. The children created and fostered friendships with each other all summer. They motivated one another and enjoyed each day of their Conductive Education together.

CFCE is planning on having a camp again in June and July, 2011. Details for registration will be available in the future. Check our website: www.conductiveed.com for updates!



In these photos: Isaac sits with Pearl after getting his award. Libby and Keira walk together. Sevi helps Keira walk with canes. All of the children smile for a







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SAVE THE DATE:

November 12, 2010: CFCE Art Gallery Exhibit, Art Sale and Silent Auction

Loveland Art Gallery, 6pm-8pm

June 16, 2011: CFCE Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Inverness Golf Club, Englewood, CO

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