



CONDUCTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

Where children with motor disorders gain independence and confidence

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION



Celebrating 20 Years of Achieving Dreams Together

On the evening of October 9th, CLC's friends and supporters gathered to celebrate 20 years of serving students with motor challenges here in West Michigan. This year's theme, "Achieving Dreams Together", underscored our collective role in ensuring that our students have every opportunity to pursue their goals because of the self-confidence and independence fostered by conductive education.

The event featured a new format that highlighted our unique education-based rehabilitation program and the students that we serve. Seven "Twist Tables" during the cocktail hour gave the opportunity for guests to speak with our staff, parents and students while learning about items needed

for each conductive education classroom. Supporters were then able to directly fund these important instructional tools by making gifts at the tables. Because of the generous support of our 351 guests, we will be able to purchase much-needed equipment including a set of foldable parallel bars, a washer and dryer for teaching life skills, and a mirror with an attached bar for helping students independently complete various self-care activities. All gifts received during this portion of the evening were doubled through a matching grant funded by CLC families and friends – raising over \$17,000 and emphasizing that when we work together, we can truly make dreams become a reality.



Scott Breslin, Public Affairs Associate

State of Michigan Invests in Students with Motor Disabilities

We would like to thank Senators Dave Hildenbrand and Peter MacGregor and Representative Chris Afendoulis for showing their support of the Conductive Learning Center by attending our Evening of Celebration and for continuing to be strong advocates for conductive education within our State government. This important support not only raises awareness of conductive education, but also ensures that we can continue to provide intensive education-based rehabilitation services for families that are raising children with motor disabilities. For more information about ways that you can get involved in our mission, visit:

<https://conductivelearningcenter.org/get-involved/>.



CLC parents and friends enjoy the event.



Robert Diamond and Sheila Kinney,
Event Committee Chairs

Following dinner, guests heard from CLC leadership who reflected on the last 20 years of serving students with motor challenges and then enjoyed a special presentation of thanks to Senator Dave Hildenbrand, Senator Peter MacGregor, and Representative Chris Afendoulis for advocating for conductive education at the State level. The program then included a live auction featuring exclusive packages and a “Dream Makers” drive to directly support the needs of the school. The night closed as CLC students rose from their seats to share their personal dreams for the future. The students felt the support of all in the room as they received a standing ovation to conclude the evening.

joining us, for believing in our students, and for being a part of their journey. Thank you for standing with us and making it possible for students from near and far to feel the life-changing impacts of conductive education right here in West Michigan. In short, thank you for helping to make our students’ dreams come true for the last 20 years – we certainly couldn’t do it without you.

If you weren’t able to be a part of the event this year, make sure to check out our Facebook page to see photos and videos from the evening, and stay tuned for information about upcoming ways to get involved with CLC’s mission of transforming the lives of individuals with motor impairments.

For those of you who were able to be a part of this year’s event, thank you for

A Million Dreams, A Million Thanks

We would like to extend our gratitude to all that worked to guarantee that this year’s Evening of Celebration would be a success.

To our Board of Directors, thank you for your vision, guidance, and leadership.

To our Event Committee, chaired by Sheila Kinney and Robert Diamond, thank you for tirelessly working behind the scenes to ensure that the evening would run smoothly.

For our staff and volunteers, thank you for enthusiastically sharing your time and talents with our organization.

Finally, a special thank you to CLC Ambassador, Cathy Boyer, for continuing to be a steadfast advocate for our program within the Grand Rapids community.



Guests from Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital show their support for Conductive Learning Center.



Cathy Boyer, CLC Ambassador
with CLC student Dakota



Harry J. Knopke, Ph.D. raises his glass in support of conductive education.

Reflections on 20 Years of Serving Students

It was so reaffirming to see many of you at our Evening of Celebration. We, in turn, celebrate the support you have given the school over the years, support which has enabled us to grow and develop into such a significant entity.

Twenty years ago, we didn't envision that an evening such as this would have become a wonderful annual happening. Indeed, there was a great deal of struggle involved in getting both the concept and the practice of conductive education established in West Michigan, much less accepted. Taking a quick trip down memory lane, our first location was in one room at St Stephen's parish. We moved to a larger room in an Aquinas building, then two rooms, and then to the Lake Michigan Academy building where we have resided for a number of years.

Now, we are the only conductive education school in North America with a formal, multi-level relationship with Semmelweis University – what was formally known as the International Pető Institute in Budapest. And, in concert with Aquinas, we are also the only program engaged in training conductor-teachers who also obtain POHI certification, enabling them to teach in any school. With all this and more, we are actively seeking a new, larger facility, one which will support our program and service expansion plans. Please stay tuned for an exciting announcement to come!

Harry J. Knopke, Ph.D.
CLC Board Vice President

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Participants raised
a total of

\$253,127

All of the proceeds
from this event will go directly
to support the
conductive education programs
we provide for children with
physical disabilities.



CLC students share their dreams for the future with guests at the event.