

# CONDUCTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

Fall 2019



*"Where children with motor disorders gain independence and confidence"*

## Director's Column: Growing Together and Thriving

For 21 years, we have been teaching our students to take steps towards independence. Each small step leads to the next, and this is how we see growth within our classrooms. This also rings true for us as an organization. Years of consistent progress are highlighted by defining moments that forever impact our future. CLC is moving forward, and this fall, we are taking some of the biggest steps in our history. Perhaps our most significant step forward, can be seen in our new home. We are so excited for the possibilities this brings and what the future can hold for our students and families.

We are also stepping forward in our cooperation with Aquinas College and Semmelweis University András Pető Faculty in training future conductive education professionals.

Since 1999, our relationship has continued to grow, and we are excited that recruitment for the next cohort of students is underway.

Finally, we are moving forward with our community partnerships like never before. We were thrilled to once again be selected as an official Charity Partner for the annual Amway River Bank Run where we will bolster community support for our 'Champion A Child Scholarship Fund'. We are thankful to our many community partners who support our mission. And to each of you, who have helped us along the way, we are forever grateful for your role in helping us transform the lives of individuals living with motor challenges. We are moving forward together.

Andrea Benyovszky, Ph.D.

## Meet Hailey...

My name is Hailey, and I have been going to CLC since I was 3 years old. My family and I moved from Boston so that I could go to CLC more often. CLC has helped me in so many different ways. It has helped me make my bed faster. It has helped me walk with a walker and stand by myself. It has taught me to feed myself and say a few words. I am so blessed to be able to do these things thanks to CLC.

But CLC is more than just a place to learn how to move better. I am so happy to be able to have friends from all over the country that are just like me. Seeing all of my friends work so hard pushes me to try even harder.

CLC is helping me reach my goals of one day walking and talking. I know I am stronger because of it, and I am thankful for CLC and all its conductors for everything they have done and for all that they continue to do.

*~ Hailey Harrold, CLC student since 2011*



## Summer Camp 2019—A Session to Treasure



This year, 39 students from 15 different states participated in CLC's 21st annual summer camp. Eleven conductor-teachers and three graduating POHI students joined forces to design and implement the four-week session which was filled with individualized growth, fun, and treasure hunting! During these four-weeks, students enjoyed participating in programs that were designed to help them achieve goals in all aspects of their daily lives, including social skills, gross and fine motor skills, and skills related to self-care activities.

The school-wide theme of "Treasure" added a fun and interesting topic for all

groups to explore at their own level each day. Throughout the four-weeks, we were amazed to see each student's development. We witnessed incredible achievements in our classrooms. We saw motor skills improve—students learning to roll over in order to get to a favorite toy independently or stand up from the floor without holding onto support or take independent steps for the very first time. We saw self-care skills improve—students learning to take their first bites of food by mouth or mastering elements of independent meal preparation including planning, shopping, and cooking. It was such a privilege to be a part of these successes each and every day.





## Sponsor a Child Today!

There are many families hoping their children can take advantage of the services Conductive Learning Center of North America has to offer, but need financial support.

Please consider sponsoring a child today!

Visit our website to learn more about how you can help transform the life of a child at CLC.

[www.conductivelearningcenter.org/sponsor-a-child](http://www.conductivelearningcenter.org/sponsor-a-child)

As the session came to an end, each group showcased skills they learned by putting on a short performance for friends and family on the last day. The summer camp concluded with memories shared from parents, students, and staff as we said goodbye to our Burton street location.

We're so proud of how we're Moving Mountains together.



**“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” *Walt Disney***



## New Name, New Logo—Same Mission

We are excited to release an updated brand identity, including a new official name: Conductive Learning Center of North America (CLC). This change reflects our role as a North American leader in the field of conductive education. Our new corresponding logo continues to represent our heritage by utilizing the colors reflective of both Institutions from which CLC took root—Simmelweis University András Pető Faculty (formerly known as the International Pető Institute) and Aquinas College. It exhibits the permanent cooperation between the three institutions over the past two decades. This relationship, which began in 1999, still remains unique in the international field of conductive education and conductor-teacher training 21 years later.

Conductive Learning Center of North America provides opportunities through conductive education (a comprehensive educational, holistic and child-centered approach) for individuals with motor challenges. Students suffering from complications of premature birth, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida or traumatic brain injury are given the opportunity to achieve optimal physical, cognitive and social independence through the application and promotion of conductive education principles.

Conductive Learning Center of North America's attendance statistics have demonstrated over 50% of our students are from out-of-state, reflecting the widespread demand indicated by the organization's new brand.

We believe our new name, logo and identity accurately capture the growth in the scope of our impact since our founding in 1999.



## CLC—Moving Forward to a New Space

Plans were drawn, permits were granted, demolition began, and construction started ...and, in these final weeks, the contractors at DAR construction worked tirelessly to have the space ready for the 2019-2020 school year to begin. CLC has been moving forward into this new space with hopes to increase capacity and create more opportunities to serve a larger population of those living with motor challenges.

On September 9th, the first students walked through the doors of CLC's new home. The excitement could be seen on the faces of every student, family, and staff member that will be impacted by the learning that takes place within the walls of this special place. We are thrilled that for

the first time in our history, we will be able to offer programming in a space that was specifically designed with the needs of our students in mind. We are especially excited that this new environment will include increased access to specially equipped bathrooms and also a life skills learning lab which will support student development related to activities of daily living.

While community support is still needed to bring the full project to completion, we are beyond thankful for the contributions that have gotten us this far. Without the leadership and financial commitment of the CLC Board of Directors and our community, this project would not be possible. We are so excited to now be able

to support our families and their dreams of maximum achievement and independence in our new facility.

We can't wait for all of our friends and supporters to join us for our official Grand Opening Celebration on October 9th, 2019 at 11:00 am. Stay tuned on our Facebook and website for more updates about this special event!

For more information about supporting this project or to learn how you can get involved, please contact us at [adminservices@conductivelearningcenter.org](mailto:adminservices@conductivelearningcenter.org)



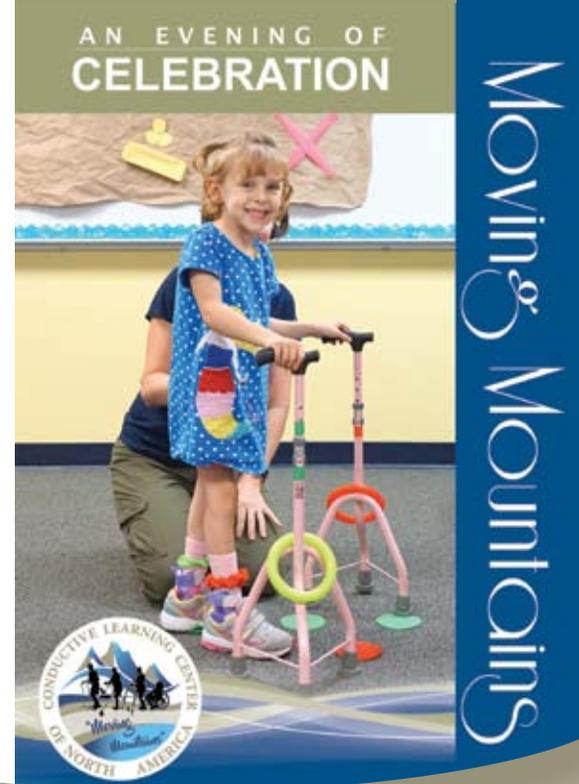
# Evening of Celebration 2019

## Moving Mountains Together

This year's Evening of Celebration is just around the corner on Tuesday, October 8th and is sure to be a moving experience for all attendees. We are excited to announce a new venue for this annual event and are so thankful to our lead sponsor, JW Marriott, for their support in making their beautiful space and services a possibility for our special evening.

In celebration of our recent move to a new location, this year's theme, "Moving Mountains" highlights our organization's past and present while showcasing our future aspirations. The event will feature exciting new auction packages as well as a lively "Auction with a Twist" where we will all work together to fund items needed to transform our new school space into the best learning environment possible for our students and families.

There are many ways to get involved in this year's event. For more information about sponsorship, to purchase tickets, or to view auction items, make sure to visit our website at: [conductivelearningcenter.org/get-involved/evening-of-celebration](http://conductivelearningcenter.org/get-involved/evening-of-celebration)



## Mission Statement

*To provide opportunities for individuals with motor challenges to achieve optimal physical, cognitive and social independence through the application and promotion of conductive education principles.*

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