

The Centerpiece

Country Childrens CenterSM



Little Steps...Big FeatsSM

Director's Desk

CCC at Bedford Hills celebrates its 10th anniversary.

The CCC program at Bedford Hills opened in September 1999. It seems like only yesterday we were opening our doors to our first families.

Since its opening this program has been a warm and nurturing home for hundreds of infants, toddlers and preschoolers each day.

The site has provided an important link to the Bedford Hills families who also have need for the after school program we have been operating at Bedford Hills Elementary School since 1991.

From its onset the site has enjoyed much diversity in its enrollment and staff. Teaching Spanish vocabulary, music and traditions have been a key part of the curriculum and continue to be today.

Additionally, the site is home to our special Art Barn where plays, puppet shows and children's performances can be done with a real stage. The Barn was renovated in 2004 to offer one more enhancement in the area of the arts to our well rounded curriculum.

We are very fortunate to have had the help of IBM for the original purchase and renovation of the house that was once home and office to Dr. Costa, a local pediatrician.

The history of the building seems fitting as we still provide a place where children come daily as we seek to keep them safe and healthy.

Many of the staff at the Bedford Hills site have been working there from our opening to the present. Among them are Benan

Ozkaynak, site director, Ivette Laguna, Pre K teacher and Jane Eiserman, preschool teacher and current art teacher for all of CCC. We are grateful for the commitment of these staff who have helped to build the reputation of the program and have given families the gift of continuity of care for their children.

On Saturday, September 19th, many families and staff reunited at Bedford Hills Memorial Park for a party/picnic to celebrate our 10th anniversary. The day was filled with smiling faces and warm greeting as old and new members from our BH site got together to reminisce and enjoy a gorgeous afternoon together.

Thanks to all who have made our site at Bedford Hills such a special place for children and such an important resource in our community.

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Fall 2009



CCC CITs having fun at our summer day camp

CCC Expands Its Collaborative Services with the Childrens School for Early Development

The CCC has expanded its long standing collaborative relationship with the Childrens School for Early Development in Hawthorne. In the summer of 2009, the CCC expanded on this collaboration and added its first summer inclusion program at the Farm. The inclusion classes include CCC enrolled children with children from The Childrens School along with their special education teachers. The inclusion model enables children with disabilities to model the speech and behavior patterns of typically developing children. The benefit is two-way, with typically developing children learning compassion, acceptance and the range of individual differences.

This fall we have further expanded these inclusion classrooms by providing one at the preschool class at

Bedford Hills and one at the Pre K class at the White House in Katonah.

These programs are beautiful examples of cooperation, collaboration and encouragement, benefiting all the children we serve.

Fran Porcaro, Executive Director of the Childrens School for Early Development, recently said "The Children's School and the Country Childrens Center have worked together for many years building one of the most collaborative partnerships in our inclusion network".

The CCC considers it an honor and privilege to partnering with the Childrens School and to be able to offer these programs to our community.

Teacher Feature

Jane Eiserman has been working for the CCC since 1991.

She began as the after school lead teacher for the Bedford Hills Elementary School in September 1991 when we opened that program. Jane continued in this role until we opened the preschool program at Bedford Hills in 1999. She was the preschool lead teacher there for 10 years.

Along the way, Jane also spent time working in the CCC summer camp and the CCC back up childcare program at the White House.

This year we are delighted to be finally capitalizing on Jane's artistic background and talent by making her the CCC Art teacher for all the preschools.

When she isn't creating with the children during "art classes" she is a floater at the Farm where she shares her experience and warmth with the lucky children there.

Jane will also be leading the art project for this year's Intergenerational Program each week with CCC 4th and 5th grade afterschoolers. Jane will be helping the children and seniors to create a mosaic called "Pieces of History" that will be exhibited in the spring at the Katonah Museum of Art.



The CCC is very fortunate to have talented staff such as Jane who have been with us for so long and have contributed so much to help create many of our wonderful programs.

**Thanks Jane,
and congratulations on
your new position!**



This year's summer camp CIT program was a great success. Most of the CITs had been campers at CCC and their involvement truly added to the camp experience. They worked hard, learned a lot, and became role models for the younger kids!

*The Country Childrens Center
Invites you to attend*

THE 1ST ANNUAL
COUNTRY CHILDRENS CENTER GOLF OUTING



MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
SALEM GOLF CLUB
18 BLOOMER ROAD
NORTH SALEM, NY 10560

SCHEDULE
Events of the Day

- 10:30 am Registration**
Driving Range, Putting Green and
Short Game Available
- 11:00 am BBQ Lunch**
In Awning Room
- 12:00 pm Shotgun Start**
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm Cocktails & Silent Auction**
- 6:00 pm Open Bar, Dinner Buffet
& Raffle in Main Dining Room**
- Tournament & Raffle Prizes:**
- 2 Pair Round Trip Jet Blue Tickets
 - 1 (3-day) Vacation getaway
at one of a dozen resorts
 - Mercury Luggage Sport Bags

PROCEEDS

Proceeds from this event will benefit:

The CCC Scholarship Fund
Helping working families in Northern Westchester
afford quality care.

Fees

Golf & Dinner	\$215
Golf Cart Sponsor	\$75
Tee Sponsor	\$100
Dinner Only	
(Based on Availability)	\$100

Other Contests:

- \$50,000 Hole in One Shoot out
- Longest Drive
- Straightest Drive
- Closet to the Pin

Don't Miss a Great Opportunity
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Please Consider Helping the CCC by
Advertising in the CCC Golf Outing Journal

JOURNAL AD RATES	
Whole page	\$150
½ page	\$75
Quarter page	\$35

We are also accepting donations of goods and services for the silent
auction that will be held at the event. For a donation valued at \$50 or more,
you will receive a complimentary 1/4 page ad.

All checks should be sent to CCC
Po Box 91, Katonah, NY 10536

Email the text for your Journal Ad to cflores@countrychildrenscenter.org

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914-763-7190

J.J. Middle School
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White House
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