

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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As we celebrate 10 years in existence, we can recall the many trials, tribulations and triumphs that has paved the road for Celebrate the Children during our long, memorable and successful voyage. Beginning our program in Byram and Stanhope, Celebrate the Children began its journey with only 3 students. Born out of a vision and passion for children with alternative learning styles,

Celebrate the Children is the only school of its kind in New Jersey, and one of a handful of schools in the entire country, to offer the Developmental, Individual-Difference, Relationship-Based Intervention approach developed by Drs. Stanley Greenspan and Serena Wieder. Families travel from across the country and abroad to attend the school because of its innovative programs, well-trained staff, and love and care showered on all students.

As the latest research identifies specific neurological and motor challenges that underlie the developmental weaknesses of individuals with ASD and related disorders, more and more families and school districts are recognizing CTC's developmental approach as essential in supporting the unique needs of ASD individuals. The response to the program at CTC that has resulted in Celebrate the Children's quick growth and need for frequent expansions. Today, we proudly serve over 115 students from over 70 different school districts.

Celebrate the Children is happy to rejoin their schools and plant its roots in their new 70,000 square foot building in Denville, New Jersey. The building, which was occupied by the New Jersey Foundation for the Blind, has been completely transformed into a state-of-the-art learning facility, raising the bar for our program, yet again. Together, we will have the ability to share important resources, and provide our population with space needed to expand on educational programs and meet the diverse needs of our students.

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The renovation process was not an easy one. There was so much to do and so little time to do it! Staff members, construction crews and moving team members worked tirelessly over the course of a few short months as well as over winter break. Students and other staff members made frequent trips to the site and offered their support and opinion of the renovations.

With A LOT of time and MUCH effort, the renovations were completed and **voila!** The building is amazing!

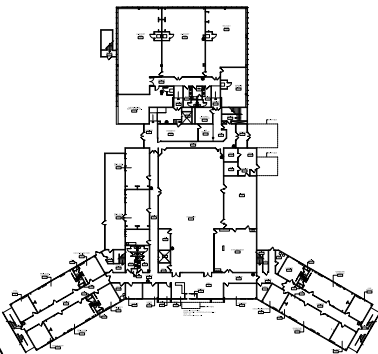


Construction at the Derrville building is currently underway. It currently looks like a warzone with wires strewn about but it will soon be filled with our signature CTC spirit. A lake sits outside but, sadly, we can't fish or swim in it and it's blocked off by a fence. 😞 Inside, however, are some facilities we hope we can keep. There are multiple kitchens and a laundry room. We also found "The Hunger Games" storage room. A large set of tools that we probably won't keep. Related Services and Music will get huge rooms while the Art Room will be better than ever and (hopefully) have a kiln (which we didn't see). The main room near the entrance lobby (which I have dubbed "The Grand Hall") is empty now but will eventually house our stage. The move may be scary to some people but there's no better building to serve as our permanent home.



THE NEW SCHOOL

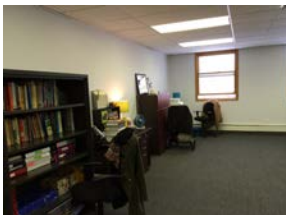
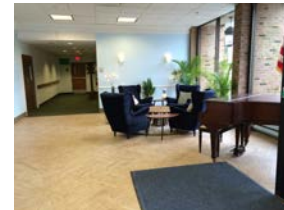
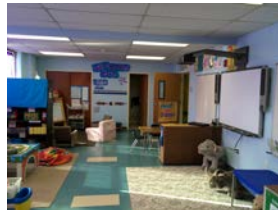
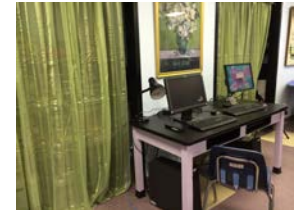
I was an advocate going to the new school. I had a great time going to the new school. I like the new school. I think I'm going to have a good time there.



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The new campus is divided into five large wings: Preschool/Elementary, Middle School, Arts and Enrichment, High School and Related Services. There is also a separate building for the adult program, including 2 apartments on-site. In addition to classroom space we have multiple sensory rooms and gyms, dedicated Floortime™ rooms, quiet work rooms, multiple life-skills training environments and so much more.

Celebrate the Children is looking forward to becoming a part of the Denville community. A very special thank you to the Denville Township Council and residents for their support and welcoming CTC students, staff and families into their community. Most of all, a very special thank you to our staff, students and families for their constant support, dedication and continuing to grow with us.



Please visit our website,
www.celebratethechildren.org
 to view more photos!.

CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN ANNUAL BENEFIT

Celebrating 10 Years

Annual Benefit
March 14, 2013
Meadow Wood Manor
Randolph, New Jersey

It was born out of a vision and passion for children with alternative learning styles with 4 students in a small center. Now, we celebrate 10 years of excellence and passion with almost 120 students from over 70 school districts. Join us as we remember our journey and celebrate the past, present and future of Celebrate the Children at our annual benefit! Visit our website TODAY for more information, sponsorship opportunities or to reserve your tickets!

WHY ARE WE USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND WHY SHOULD YOU FOLLOW US?

Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States and now affects 1 in 50 children. More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, Diabetes and Cancer combined.

We are at an important time in the field of special needs intervention as many people are beginning to recognize the need for approaches that look at the overall development of a child and target areas such as abstract thinking, problem solving, independence, self-esteem, emotions, language, and social interactions in a natural and supportive setting. At this time, the demand for this type of intervention is much greater than what clinicians and educators are able to supply. Therefore, it is crucial that we share the amazing programs we have to offer and the "how to" with others.

To fulfill our mission, we need your help and ask you to participate with us in the development of work, in the sharing and building of materials, and in the structure and growth of our organizations: Celebrate the Children and Profectum. Like us on Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter and spread awareness of progressive programs that support families and help individuals reach their highest potential and find success in society.

Please share our pages and posts with your family and friends! ☺



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20th
School Open

February 17th -20th
Winter Break

March 14th
Annual Benefit
Celebrating 10 Years!

February 3rd
After School Program Begins

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