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Reunited at Last

CFI helped bring Eva and her family together again after years of challenging setbacks that tore their family apart.*

Eva and her father enjoy spending time at the park and exploring nearby trails. They spend as much time outside as possible and always have fun together. The pair have come a long way since Eva's first year of life.

As a baby, Eva entered the world into a life filled with chaos and dysfunction. Her mother was in prison while her dad lived in transitional housing after completing an in-jail drug treatment program, leaving Eva to start life without her parents. She lived with her cousins until her father completed the 12 month transition program.

After his release, he enrolled Eva in Children & Families of Iowa's (CFI) Child Development Center, an affordable child care center close to their home. He found employment and set to work establishing a stable life for his daughter, desperate to turn his life around and be the one who could provide her with the support she deserved.



Though it seemed like Eva and her father had finally found a happy, stable life together, things took a tragic turn when her father relapsed a year later and Eva was placed in foster care. Even though her home life had changed drastically, her daily routine at the child development center remained comforting and constant.

Eva began meeting with CFI's pediatric mental health therapist, on-site at the center, to help her work through her trauma. Through pediatric counseling sessions and the stability of her classroom at the center, Eva was able to cope with her trauma and continue with her education. She no longer needs clinical assistance and is learning new skills every day.

Today, Eva is joined at the center by her two younger brothers. After years of heartbreak that tore their family apart, the three now spend their days happily learning and growing together. While their mother is still unable to care for them, their father has stayed sober for over three years and regained custody of his children. The family is also working with a CFI program that helps families address issues that put children at risk of being abused. Although Eva and her family still have a long road ahead of them, with the help from our community and CFI programs, they are now off to a positive start. ■

*Names have been changed to protect client confidentiality.

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Generous sponsors help support at-risk Iowans

Every year, the Foundation for Children & Families



of Iowa (CFI) raises thousands of dollars for children and families in need. Scheels All Sports has been a sponsor of Kidsfest and Tango, two of CFI's signature events, for the past two years. The company has also made several donations of sporting goods equipment to youth in CFI programs, whose families often cannot afford equipment of their own. "CFI is a community staple that benefits and supports children and families in our community, and Scheels is a company that is highly invested in the betterment of our community," says Christy Christensen, Events Coordinator at Scheels. "It's just a natural fit." ■

United Healthcare has been an exhibitor at



Kidsfest for the past four years and this past year, sponsored Kidsfest admission tickets for families served by CFI who would otherwise not be able to attend. "We are incredibly grateful for the support of sponsors like Scheels and United Healthcare," says Amy Stapp-Arpy, CFI's CDO/VP of Development and Communications. "Funding is critically needed to spread limited resources for thousands of at-risk children and families living throughout our state." ■

Group honors memory of friend through donation

Every month, 13 women who worked together at Dowling Catholic High School gather to catch up, laugh and share memories. But in January of 2013, tragedy swept through the group when one of the women, Jan Brubaker, a guidance counselor at Dowling Catholic for over 25 years, passed away from a heart attack.

"She was such an amazing woman. Everyone loved her," says group member Molly Schott. "So the month that Jan usually hosts, I decided to do something special in her honor. At first I wasn't sure what, but then one morning I woke up and it was like Jan was telling me what to do."

Molly asked the members of the group to find a purse they no longer used and fill it with personal care items to donate to clients of Children & Families of Iowa's Domestic Violence Services. In tribute to her friend, Molly named the bags "Bru bags." Word quickly spread, and soon Molly's donation of Bru bags totalled 92. "It is so great to be able to give back in Jan's memory because she did so much for so many people," Molly says. ■



Molly Schott organized a donation of over 90 purses for clients of CFI's Domestic Violence Services in honor of her late friend Jan Brubaker.

Volunteers

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Children & Families of Iowa's Tango Gala

July 31, 2015



Janice Lane, CFI CEO, and Ron Schroeder



Jed Jungmann and CFI Board Member Julie Jungmann



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Tango Honorary Chairs Connie Wimer and Frank Fogarty.

LEARN MORE

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Tango

Over \$127,000 was raised for the programs of CFI at the annual Tango gala, where 224 guests enjoyed friendship and restoring hope for at-risk families. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's Tango, which will be held in the summer of 2016!

Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament

The 15th annual ladies' tournament raised over \$11,000 for CFI programs!



Janet Shields, Hazel Giildenzopf, Susan Wright, and Bobbi Story enjoy a day on the course.

Family Tees Golf Tournament

Family and friends of all ages enjoyed an active day while raising over \$11,600 for CFI programs!



Jonathon Hummel helps Jackson Hummel line up a shot at Family Tees.

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Princess Party 

- Saturday, September 26th; 8-10 a.m.
- Jordan Creek Town Center Food Court
- Cost: Children ages 12 months to 16 years: \$18 per child. Adults ages 17 and older: \$18 per adult. Only individuals with a paid event ticket will be admitted to the event.
- All children are welcome and encouraged to dress in royal attire! Online registration will open at www.cfiowa.org on August 27.
- **Registration sells out, so be sure to register early!**

Treat your little royals to a morning full of princess activities including breakfast, games, princess photo opportunities and crafts. Additional activities available for purchase include: professional photos with featured princesses, children's spa treatments, and VIP packages.



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