



CCC Newsletter

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The mission of Concord Children's Center is to cultivate an intimate, welcoming community where children develop respectful relationships and inquisitive minds, build confidence in their individual gifts, and are engaged, prepared and inspired to learn

News & Updates from CCC

Supporting the Gender-Expansive Child at CCC

CCC teachers enjoyed a workshop earlier this month with **Gina Forbes** of [ReWeave](#) around *Moving Toward a Culture of Belonging for Gender Expansive Children and their Families*. ReWeave is an education and consulting business that aims to center LGBTQ+ inclusive, liberation-oriented resources for parents from conception through age 8 and the professionals who work with them.

Gina is committed to holistic education in support of love-based social change toward a more just world. With a background in reproductive health, early childhood development, trauma-informed practices, arts-based community education and non-profit administration, they bring a wealth of experience to the field of early childhood and beyond.

Gina and our teachers discussed and did exercises around:

- Basic language and terminology around LGBTQ+ identities, with a focus on gender identity,
- Gender identity development in young children,
- The importance of pronouns and how to use them in gender affirming ways,
- How to engage in conversations with families around topics related to supporting LGBTQ+ youth and families,
- Creating inclusive and affirming curriculum and classroom practices to support transgender and gender expansive children, and
- How to Identify tools and resources for ongoing learning.



Gina Forbes of Reweave



CCC Enrollment Coordinator Candice Campbell and Gina, her college roommate, before the workshop.



250 Old Bedford Road Updates

Construction

The interior walls are going up and the exterior framing for the first floor is almost completed at our new site at **250 Old Bedford Road**. At this point, we remain on schedule to be in our new home for the start of the 23-24 school year.

Looking Toward Next Year

We have spent a good deal of time on the parking for 250 Old Bedford Road to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Town. We will be introducing staggered drop-off and pick-up times for our East Concord families, and more information on this will be coming soon. We appreciate everyone's understanding and flexibility as we move forward with our move and restructuring to a two-site model.

For more information about *CCC Reimagined*, visit the [project page](#) on the CCC website.



Putting the panels that will hold the walls in place.



Inside the Barn addition.



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Some of the completed exterior framing on the Barn.

The Start of 2023 at CCC

The first weeks of 2023 have been busy around CCC ... celebrating Chinese New Year, classroom art

and construction projects, and playing in the snow (finally!).



Advancement Updates

2022-2023 Fund for CCC Update

The Fund for CCC started 2023 with wonderful news -- passing the \$100,000 donation milestone! To date, we have received **over \$101,000** in donations to this year's Fund for CCC from current and past parents and staff, grandparents and special friends, and corporations. Each donation makes a difference for our children and our school, and we hope that all of our community members will consider supporting CCC at this exciting time as we launch *CCC Reimagined*, our strategic project to restructure CCC into a two-site model. [Make your donation today!](#)



Save the Date for Celebrate Concord Children's Center

After an unexpected three-year hiatus, the CCC spring event is back, and it's going to be a big one this year, because we have a lot to celebrate:

- our first spring event since 2019!
- [CCC Reimagined](#)
- CCC's 45th + two-year anniversary
- The next 45 years of CCC
- Executive Director **Pat Nelson**'s almost 20 years at CCC as she prepares to retire this

summer.

Save the evening of **Saturday, March 25**, to acknowledge all this and more at **Celebrate Concord Children's Center**, our spring soirée at the [Nashawtuc Country Club](#)!

Invitations will be mailed the week of February 13. If you have moved or want to be sure we have your correct address, please send your contact information to CCC Development Coordinator [Jennifer Saxe](#). And it's not too soon to book your babysitter ... contact [Jennifer](#) as well if you'd like the CCC list of local high school students available for babysitting.

We will be sharing lots of information about the event over the next few weeks, but in the meantime, visit the [Celebrate Concord Children's Center page](#) on the CCC website to learn more about the event and get your questions answered. Please also feel free to reach out to [Jennifer Saxe](#) with questions.

CCC Alumni News

Former CCC students **Henry Johnstone** and **Sydney Mullaney** competed this month in the [Winter World University Games](#) in Lake Placid -- Sydney is a member of the USA women's curling national team and Henry is part of the USA men's nordic combined team. CCC teacher **JC Conti** and his family traveled to Lake Placid to cheer on Sydney and Henry in their competitions.



Henry Johnstone and JC Conti



Sydney Mullaney, center, with JC Conti and his family.



For Your Calendar

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, February 15: CCC Board meeting
Monday, February 20: Presidents' Day, CCC closed
Tuesday, February 21-Friday, February 24: February optional week
Friday, March 10: Professional day, CCC closed
Saturday, March 25: **Celebrate Concord Children's Center**, our spring community soirée

Subscribe to the CCC Calendar

Stay current on events at CCC by subscribing to the [on-line calendar](#). Select which events you want to be kept informed about and stay up to date!

CCC Board Updates

As a non-profit, CCC is governed by a board of directors that is primarily responsible for the Center's financial and organizational oversight. Board meetings are held every other month and are open to all families. Please contact [CCC Executive Director Pat Nelson](#) for the link to any meeting. Please also contact Pat if you are interested in getting involved with the work of the Board or its committees (Advancement, Finance, Long-Range Planning, Nominating, and Personnel).

2022-23 Board Members

Thomas Doherty, Chair (Ripley)
Shannon Sweeney, Vice-Chair (West Concord)
Stephan Bader, Treasurer (Alumni)
Jay Abelowitz (West Concord)
Christina Anderson (West Concord)
Meg Ansara (Alumni)
Phil Barr (West Concord)
Eric Boisvert (Emerson)
Katie Carr (Ripley)
JC Conti (CCC staff rep, West Concord)
Jackie Fishbein (West Concord)
Katherine Manning (Ripley)
Yumi Suarez (Alumni)

Community News

S'Mores and More Family Event at Nashoba Brooks This Saturday!

The [Nashoba Brooks School](#) is hosting a free indoor/outdoor event this **Saturday, January 28**, from 10 am-11:30 am, including s'mores making, crafts and other fun activities for the whole family! Everyone is welcome!

