



*Abby started conductive education shortly after her second birthday. At the time she couldn't pull herself up in her crib, climb up stairs, or navigate with a walker. She was happy, bright, strong, and determined but traditional therapy was not giving us the results we hoped for. We knew she could do more. A friend recommended that she participate in a four week summer program at The Center for Independence. We knew little about the program, but figured we would check it out for the summer. In four short weeks, Abby learned how to pull up in the crib and climb up stairs. We soon realized that conductive education was what we were looking for. At that point we committed to making conductive education and The Center for Independence a part of Abby's treatment year round. As a Special Education Teacher, I understand the benefits of an*

*"educational" approach to teaching children motor-function and daily living skills - all in an engaging group format.*

*She has grown leaps and bounds since that summer camp and it's due in large part to her participation at the Center for Independence. She is lucky enough to spend hours learning to be independent with an amazing support system of peers facing similar challenges. Traditional therapy does not allow for that bonding experience. It's absolutely amazing to see how hard she works, yet how much she loves being there. Her goal is to be independent and nothing will get in her way. When asked why she loves going, she says "It's fun because I stretch, work, play games, and work on my goals". She also says, "The conductive education teachers and therapists are helpful and nice and the kids are fun. It's so easy to make friends there".*

*As her parents, we feel blessed that the Center helps us navigate the complicated world of raising child with a disability. Abby's participation in conductive education, and the support provided to our entire family, makes the experience less isolating. We truly do not believe that Abby would be as independent as she is, if it weren't for the Center for Independence.*

Denise and Bob Scott