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The program introduces various kinds of adaptive equipment, reviews commonly asked questions, provides disability awareness crossword puzzles and word searches, and interactive physical/sensory challenges! Schools, businesses, service clubs and organizations are invited to learn more about our vital services and experience the “hugging machine” through a personalized tour of the CP Center or a Celebrating All Abilities presentation.

In addition to learning more about the CP Center, individuals are always invited to become a valuable part of our mission and agency. We rely heavily on the support and generosity of our community to provide our services. Become further invested by incorporating a FUNDraising Project and help CP Make A Difference!

To learn more about this program or book a tour, please contact me at 920-337-1122 ext 1205 or amurphy@cp-center.org. Learn more about The Celebrating All Abilities program at www.cp-center.org.

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NOW - Sunday, December 14;
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Questions? Call (920) 835-TREE or visit www.whisperingpines TREEfarm.com

Feeding the Spirit Parent Support Group
Wednesday, Dec. 10; CP Center, Green Bay.

7th Annual Balloon Bash at the Bar
Thursday, Dec. 11; at the following locations:
The Bar Green Bay - Lime Kiln
The Bar Green Bay - Holmgren Way
The Bar Appleton - Avenue
The Bar Appleton - Lyndale
The Bar Oshkosh
The Bar Suamico

Triumph Relay for All Abilities, inspired by 34tunate
Saturday, December 13; St. Norbert College, De Pere

Cousins Subs Donation Days
Monday, January 5, 12, 19, & 26; 1905 S. Webster Ave. & 2983 W. Mason St.

Complete details about all upcoming events may be found online at www.cp-center.org/events.

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