



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A GRAND CHEF'S TASTING  
TO BENEFIT COOKE SCHOOL AND INSTITUTE

2023

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**Cooke Co-Founder, Chair Emeritus  
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We honor Karen with gratitude for her  
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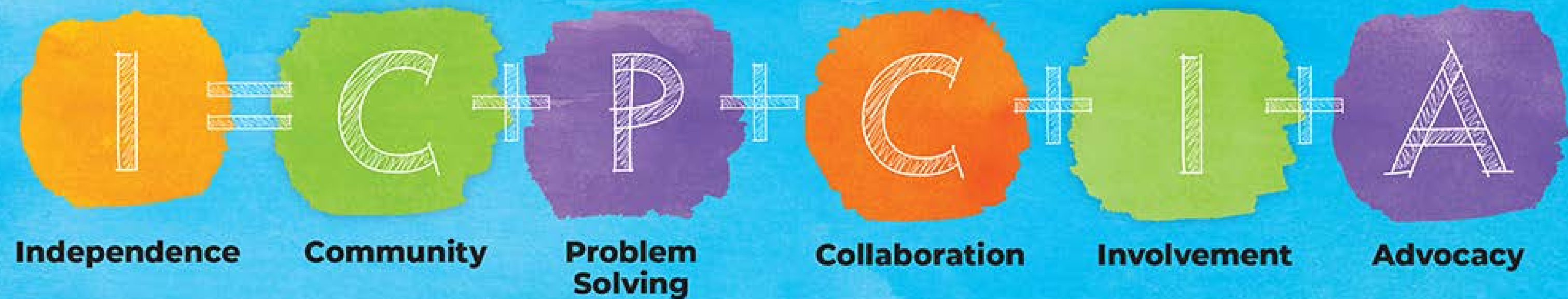
# MISSION

Cooke envisions a world in which all people with disabilities are included as valued members of their communities, leading independent and purposeful lives.



## COOKE'S EQUATION FOR

# INDEPENDENCE



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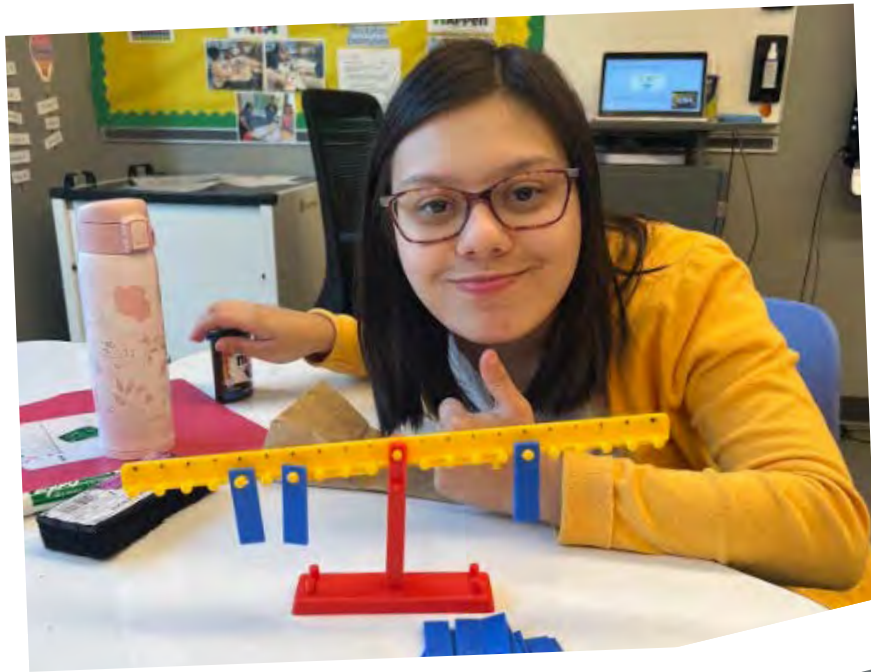






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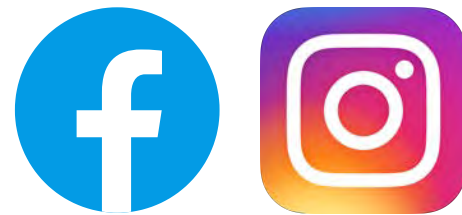


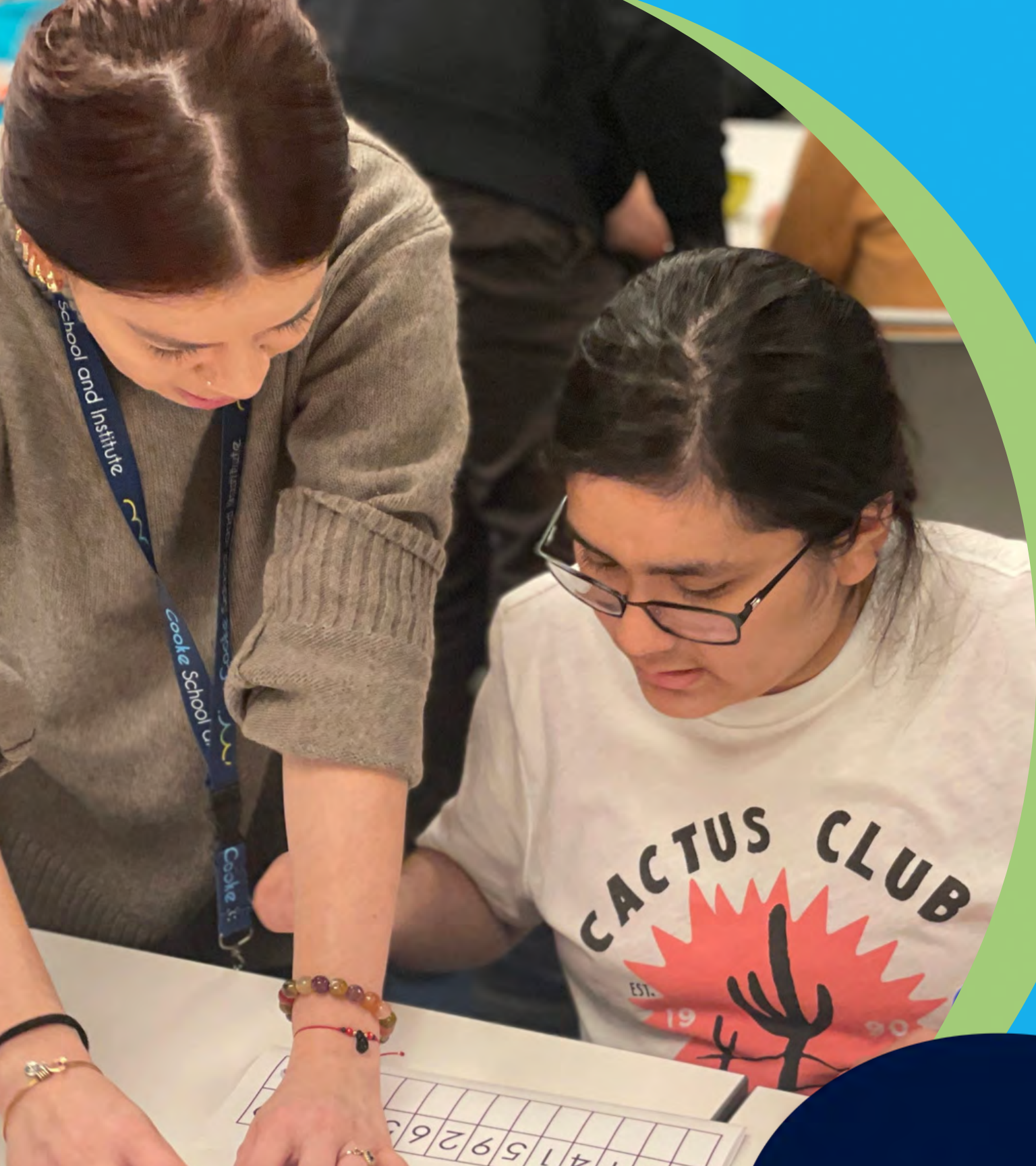
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# LEARNING

# Celebrating your tireless **COMMITMENT TO OTHERS.**



*We are pleased to support Cooke School and Institute.*

Every day, you help make our community a better place to live. We do our best to support you, your organization and the people you serve. We're always proud to help our neighbors.

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## A Life Changing Experience!

- Fun traditional summer camp activities
- Academics
- Speech and language therapy
- Daily living skills
- Teenage campers enjoy social dancing every week with an end-of-summer "Prom"
- Optional trips during the summer
- Exceptional facilities featuring air conditioned bunks and buildings
- Junior Olympic heated pool
- Caring Nurturing Staff

- Lee Mar LIFE (Living Independently Functional Education) Program. The unique feature of our LIFE Program is that it incorporates everyday living skills into a personalized daily program. We have a fully functional apartment specifically for this program with a large kitchen, washer and dryer, two bathrooms, a living room and bedroom.

Please visit us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

On YouTube you can view parents and campers talking about their experiences at Camp Lee Mar.




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Season!**

**2023 Dates: June 24 – August 7**  
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# Cheers



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# NURTURING



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A GRAND CHEFS TASTING

**May 24, 2023 | 6:30 PM**

The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers, NYC





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# HONORING



**KAREN ROBARDS**

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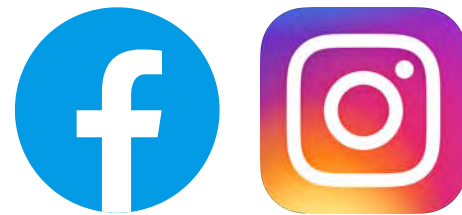


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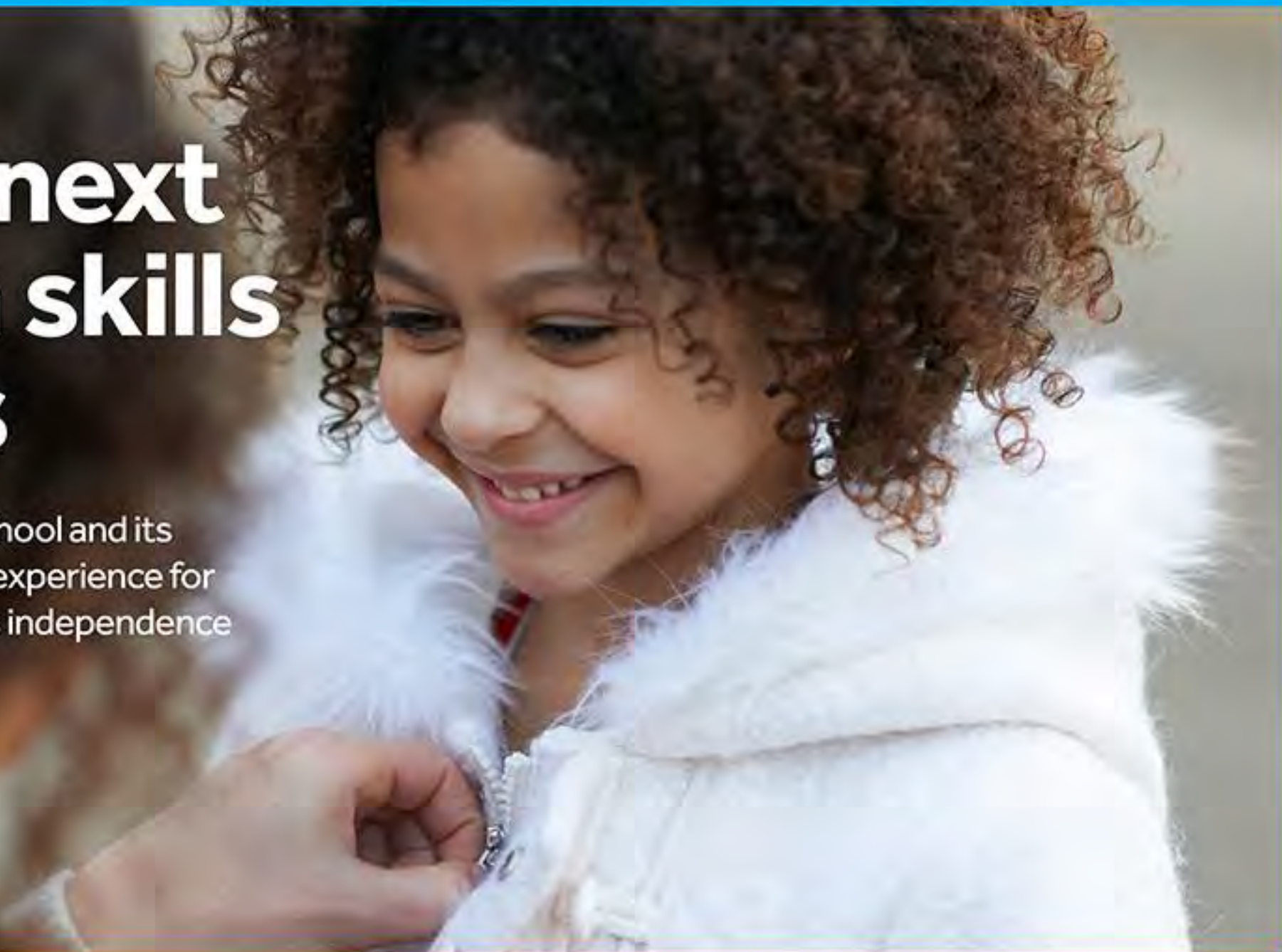






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for her years of generosity and dedicated service to  
Cooke School and Institute.**

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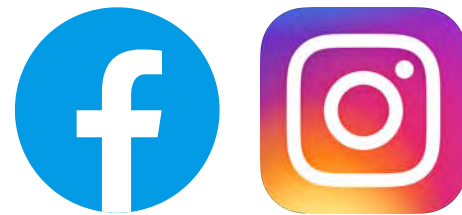


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**Congratulations to  
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on another wonderful year!**







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Thank you so much to  
all of the Cooke School  
teachers, staff and  
administration!!  
We truly appreciate  
all you do!!

**The Feller Family**





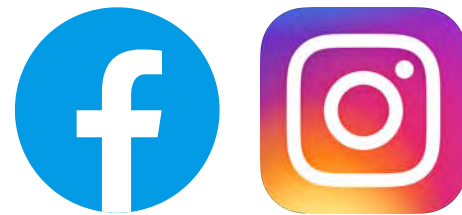


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Our child wouldn't be where he is now without the support and dedication of the team at Cooke.

We are eternally grateful for your commitment to our child and all the wonderful children who depend on Cooke every day. We can't thank you enough!

**The Kloper Family**





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*Thank you*

**Karen Robards for all you have done!**

*Congrats*

**to**  **Cooke** **on a fantastic night!**  
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For more than a decade, we have been honored to partner with Cooke, placing alumni like Jake in meaningful jobs so they can live productive, fulfilling, and connected lives.



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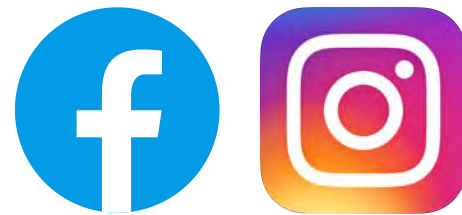


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We salute Karen Robards for her leadership and commitment to Cooke School.

Thank you for creating a community for our Maddie to thrive within.

**Diane and Todd Restivo**







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