



A letter from the Chair...

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The second half of 2007 was a period of exciting change for our RiteCare programs. We welcomed a new partner, University of Colorado – Boulder, Department of Speech Language Hearing Sciences. With Scottish Rite Foundation support, CU – Boulder is serving children through their clinical training program and continuing the innovative “Story of Friendship” program for children with autism. It is also noteworthy that graduate students from both CU – Boulder, and our other university RiteCare program, University of Northern Colorado – Greeley, can apply for Scottish Rite Foundation and Colorado Mason Benevolent Fund graduate student scholarships to complete their graduate studies.

The BIG news for The Children's Hospital was the move to the new campus at the former Fitzsimons Medical Center in Aurora. The Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology and Learning Services moved into their new quarters at the end of September, and by the end of December, all “shake-out” issues were resolved!

Valerie, Vern and I hosted the RiteCare Program Directors at this beautiful new facility in October and the Program Directors and special friends of the foundation at the *Annual Report and Luncheon* in February, this year.

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I hope you will enjoy – especially Vern's article on his remarkable success in fundraising for the foundation. He reminds us about the \$5,000 incentive matching funds for any program that attracts external grant or foundation support. I hope each RiteCare partner will have the opportunity to receive a matching grant in 2008.



(Photo above, Deborah shares a “Moment in History” with guests at the luncheon in February).



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A note from the desk of Vernon B. Ingraham, 33rd Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado...

We had a very successful year in 2007. Total gifts and donations to the Foundation totaled \$937,000. This development work, in addition to our investment performance, resulted in the Foundation's end-of-year (2007) net asset base of \$29 million. This was achieved with an optimal utilization of Foundation resources at an overhead rate of just 1.7%.

Two aspects of funding are of paramount importance to our continued financial success and I would like to highlight these. First are bequests from estates including wills and trusts. Second are gifts from other not-for-profit organizations which I refer to as external agency fund raising.

Regarding the first type of funding support, we generate an average of about 40% of all donations from estates and trusts. In 2007 we exceeded the average, receiving \$557,000 from this source of giving. This is the most personal type of giving as it is most intimately associated with a donor's personal values and often results in substantial commitments to the long-term viability of a not-for-profit organization. In this regard, it is this aspect of funding development where you and your RiteCare team make the biggest impact upon the Foundation's long-term viability. The individuals who include the Foundation in their estate plans do so because they believe in the work you are doing and want to see this work continued after their passing.

Regarding the second type of funding support, our external agency fundraising efforts are of paramount importance to the Foundation's overall financial health and development. This development work takes us into the community working with other not-for-profit organizations in obtaining grants for our work.

Since the year 2000, the Foundation has received \$2.1 million from this source of support. In 2007, we generated \$135,000 from eight external agency organizations. It is this area of development where we have succeeded in forming multi-year partnerships with several organizations in supporting the work of the RiteCare Program. This is also an area where a number of our RiteCare Programs (e.g., Fort Collins, Montrose, Grand Junction, and Denver) have obtained additional financial support in the past. We continue to encourage you to explore this source of support and will reward you through our Incentive Grant Program by providing up to an additional \$5,000 in funds in recognition of your development work.

I look forward to visiting with many of you in 2008, especially in working with you through our "Lunch and Learn" outreach efforts. A big thank you for all your hard work in serving the children with speech-language disorders and their families as well as your local communities.

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Care by The Children's Hospital – Pueblo



Children gather around the piñata!

September 16, 2007 - A very hot day (96°) and a Bronco vs. Raiders game did not keep Scottish Rite Foundation members and families away from the Summer Celebration at the Pueblo Zoo. Three hundred and nineteen (319) people attended! Families enjoyed a picnic lunch, piñata and walk around the zoo.

Here are some comments from the children and parents:

Cody: *I liked the barbecued chicken and the monkeys.*

Bobbi Marie: *We got to see them feed the lions!*

Luke: *The cotton candy was the best part.*

Jordan's dad: *It was my birthday and I wanted to do something special with my boys. It was the perfect day.*

The event was organized by Mike McMillan. I would like to extend a big thank you to Mike and the following volunteers who made the celebration a success:

Merv Terrill – check-in

Terry Kershaw and family – food preparation and cotton candy

Dick Sater – assistant cook **Les Tedrow** – food table

Ben and Barbara Crossno, Jim Stivers – beverages

Chad Chaddick – watermelon **Ron Smith** – ice cream **Karl Hinkle** – piñata

Jack Woodman – publicity

December 21, 2007 – Approximately fifty children and their parents came to the Masonic Lodge in Pueblo, for the *Annual Scottish Rite Foundation Christmas* party. They enjoyed games, face painting, door prizes, story and sing-along, and a visit from Santa.

Isabella Hefty, Phyllis Sanders' grand daughter, helped Santa as the elf. The role of Santa was played by Kerry Hart. All children went home with an ornament from Santa, book from the staff and a smile on their face. Thank you once again Scottish Rite Masons of Pueblo for sponsoring this wonderful event.



Martha Drake, MA, CCC-SLP
Scottish Rite Foundation Director
Care by The Children's Hospital - Pueblo

Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing, The Children's Hospital, offers a wide-range of clinical outreach programs for professionals serving deaf and hard-of-hearing children and families. For more information about an outreach opportunity in your community, please contact **Marcia Taber, manager of deaf and hard-of-hearing services at 720-777-6531.**

Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation opens an Autism Diagnostic Clinic

In October 2007 Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation opened the Autism Diagnostic Clinic at the Printers Parkway facility. The clinic provides an interdisciplinary team approach, developed to diagnose children with developmental disorders including Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The primary population that this clinic will serve are children 18 months and older with concerns for development and ASD.



Left to right: Dr. Megan Berson, Sharon Rueter, M.S., CCC/SLP and Tana Boatright, OTR

The evaluation and diagnostic team consists of a Developmental Pediatrician, a Registered Occupational Therapist and a Speech-Language Pathologist. The evaluation includes standardized developmental testing which may include the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS). A separate follow-up appointment is scheduled within two weeks to discuss the results of the evaluation and treatment recommendations with the developmental pediatrician. In addition, referral to a parent liaison to assist with support, treatment options, and community resources will be made if appropriate.

This is a new and exciting addition to Pediatric Rehabilitation that will help children and families in the Pike Peak Region!

The Speech Team Supporting Child Development at Memorial Hospital's Kids Care

This coming year, the speech team at Pediatric Rehabilitation Services will develop a program to support Memorial Hospital's Kids Care. Kids Care is the hospital daycare facility located in near proximity to Memorial Hospital Central. This facility services the needs of children of Memorial Employees, ages six weeks to twelve years. The current plan is to develop short courses for the toddler and preschool staff on the development of Speech, Language and Feeding. We hope that providing support and education to this program will enhance the experience of the children served. Amy Mulligan and Suzanne Maestas, both Speech Language Pathologists, will be leading this effort. They hope to have the courses in progress starting spring of 2008.

**Submitted: Debra Blythe and Cara Hofeldt
Scottish Rite Program Co-Directors**



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University of Northern Colorado News

The Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) has a strong presence in the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC). On-going and new initiatives highlight the contributions and commitments that our partnership makes on behalf of children with communication disorders and university students in their quest for an SLP professional career.

The Talking and Listening for Preschoolers (TALP) intervention program is in its third semester. The facility renovation, thanks to the SRF gift, completed in June, 2008 and now reverberates with language with laughter during the 2 hour sessions twice weekly. We continue to advertise this program to our community to raise awareness and recruit more families. We hope to initiate other programs for toddlers and expand our Speaking and Signing Stories program.

On November 6, 2007 we offered our first "Breakfast & Learn" program. Forty participants from community agencies, UNC students, UNC faculty, and Foundation members learned about the mission and successes of the SRF. Information was shared about the Rite Care clinics across the state, UNC partnership to support student scholars and provide early language intervention to children as well as new initiatives at the UNC program. Guests also learned about new ideas for a cochlear implant troubleshooting lab and an assistive technology center. After the breakfast, our graduate student scholarship recipients and TALP clinicians led the group on a detailed tour of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Clinic. A special highlight was seeing our new room in action as a parent led students in discussion about her son's journey as a cochlear implant user. Follow-up letters sent to breakfast participants included an invitation to join me for coffee to establish new conversation and partnerships. I already have two coffee appointments on my calendar. I'd like to give special thanks to Mr. Vernon Ingraham who presented with me at the breakfast. As if that wasn't enough, he also spoke with my graduate Early Childhood Language Disorders class.

An initiative in recent months has been to obtain funding for another phase of our early language intervention program – the development of an assistive technology center. Grants from the *Williams Family Foundation*, the *Mabel Hughes Charitable Trust*, and *Wells Fargo Bank* will allow us to begin some activities. We forged a new partnership with Assistive Technology Partners (ATP) to begin the educational mission of this project. Once some communication technology is purchased and installed, we will be a link for ATP Learning Labs. These free monthly programs will be available to UNC students, UNC faculty, area professionals, and community members. We will be exploring additional educational avenues including *The Children's Hospital* and vendors of assistive technology.

Submitted: Kathleen Fahey, Ph.D., Scottish Rite Program Director

Montrose Memorial Hospital

The speech/language clinic at Montrose Memorial continues to be an active and growing practice. We have added two new therapists to our staff, Christi Merritt and Micah Magee. We are very pleased with the new ideas and energy they bring to the program.

The month of October was a busy one for us. In addition to the **5th Annual Pumpkin Patch** activity, we held a **"Lunch and Learn"** with Vernon Ingraham, Executive Secretary with the Scottish Rite Foundation. We also held two successful augmentative outreach clinics in 2007 with Dr. Tracy Kovach, from The Children's Hospital. Wrapping up October, Jeneine and Patti came home from the Scottish Rite Program Director Meeting, held at The "new" Children's Hospital in Aurora, with renewed energy and plans for our new programs at the clinic. It is always interesting to network with our co-directors from across the state.

In December our Christmas therapy session was held at the Masonic Lodge with Santa, several Masons and the Shriner clowns. It was fun for all.



That was followed up by a two-day AAC Camp attended by 8 school-aged children. It was an adventure!



We are saddened by the loss of Violet Stowell, the spouse of one of our long-standing Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee member, Otsie. The family requested that memorial donations be sent to the Montrose Memorial Hospital RiteCare program. We appreciate all the donations that we have received.

We look forward to 2008 with optimism and plans for expanding our programs! Thanks to the gentlemen on our Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee for their continued support.

Submitted by Patti Anderson, CCC-SLP, Co-Director of Rite Care Clinic in Montrose.

Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC) was excited to host the Hanen® certification workshop, "It Takes Two To Talk" from February 20-22nd this year. Fourteen speech-language pathologists from around the state, many from RiteCare programs were in attendance. Elise Kormas and Erin Lowe, from CSRC will be certified, and hope to run our first Hanen® parent program in the fall 2008.

Elise recently completed the LiPS training (Lindamood Phoneme Sequences) and has begun to implement the program with some of our kindergarten and 1st grade clients who are demonstrating early signs of reading delays. Planning for a summer program is underway. We hope to provide an intensive summer reading program, preschool language groups, kindergarten-readiness, and social skills groups.

Submitted by: Elise Kormas, M.A., CCC-SLP, Scottish Rite Program Director

Annual Conference on Language and Learning Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders – Early Communicators through Adolescents April 25, 2008

The Children's Hospital, the department of Audiology, Speech Pathology and Learning services will host their annual conference. In an effort to provide continuing education to speech-language pathologists throughout the state, this conference will be broadcast live via video link to the RiteCare programs in Grand Junction, Montrose and Pueblo.

This presentation will focus on planning and implementing effective intervention for early communicators through adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), including individual and group treatment strategies. Current 'best practice' in ASD will be reviewed. In addition, special topics regarding the use of augmentative/alternative communication strategies and feeding concerns with ASD will be addressed. Case studies and a panel discussion will help attendees apply what is known about best practices for these disorders to their own clinical settings.

For more information or to obtain the brochure with information pertaining to the registration for this conference, please follow the link:

<http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/pdf/2008%20Language%20Brochure%20final.pdf>

Annual Advances in Children's Hearing "Update on Cochlear Implants in Children" Dr. Richard R. Miyamoto April 17, 2008

The Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing will host the Third Annual Advances in Children's Hearing Lecture at The Children's Hospital. There is no charge to attend this event. Seating is on a first come basis and childcare will be offered for parents who would like to attend. For more information please follow this link:

<http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/news/events/calendardetail.aspx?setID=235>



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University of Colorado – Boulder

Story of Friendship:

An Inclusive program for Children with Autism: Department of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences Funded through the Scottish Rite Foundation

Story of Friendship is an intervention designed to support social communication between young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their typical peers. Since 2004, Story of Friendship had been held at the Speech Language Hearing Center at CU Boulder to promote social interaction between children within the context of play related to a familiar story. This program has recently become part of the RiteCare sponsored programs offered through the child learning center community outreach programs and is now hosted by a Boulder Valley School (Creekside Elementary).

Scottish Rite Foundation's generous funding of scholarships for each of our 5 families with children with Autism enrolled in the program has allowed the Speech Language Hearing Center to move Story of Friendship to the children's natural setting: the school. We are partnering with Creekside Elementary School at Martin Park, in Boulder to provide Story of Friendship as an "after school program" parallel to other programs currently offered to children at Creekside. Most, if not all, of our children enrolled in Story of Friendship would have needed significant support to enroll in these after school programs. Additionally, other after school programs have nominal fees that allow access to children of all socioeconomic backgrounds. However, high quality social communication intervention with high teacher to child ratios cannot be provided at the same cost as the other after school programs. Thus, Scottish Rite Foundation's support has allowed children with Autism access to after school programming at Creekside as well as the benefits of a program specifically designed to meet their social communication needs.

The Scottish Rite Foundation has made possible truly significant positive outcomes for our community, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, their families, children who are typically developing, the teachers and service providers at Creekside and our graduate student clinicians in Speech-Language Pathology from the Speech Language Hearing Center at CU Boulder.



For more information about Story of Friendship, or the full article, please contact:
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National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA)
CU- Boulder Chapter Volunteers

A warm thank you and acknowledgement for the outstanding volunteerism displayed by the NSSLHA group. These ladies donated time and energy to the Annual Scottish Rite Holiday Party held at the Denver Consistory in December 2007:

Amelia Faber Arwen Bruner Emily Raymonda Jennifer Leggette Jill Hoffer Lydia Sofia Delgado



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