



## *A letter from the Chair...*

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I look forward with great hope for the new year. We can be grateful to our dedicated Scottish Rite Masons whose vision of help for all Colorado's children has not dimmed despite the current economic turmoil. Although we will not receive and increase in Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) support in 2009, the Board of Trustees is working very hard to minimize reductions that may be needed in light of the Foundation's portfolio valuation. I appreciate your patience while the Board of Trustees, Vern, and I work to achieve an equitable programmatic budget for the Foundation. I am confident that our SRF Program Directors throughout the state will continue to provide creative and effective treatment programs while stretching their SRF budget as far as possible.



Deborah Hayes receives the *Honors of the Foundation* from the Scottish Rite Foundation Board of Trustees. She takes a photo here with spouse James Martin, SRF Board of Trustees and Executive Secretary of Scottish Rite Foundation

Back left to right; John Groves, Jim Nunn, Gerry Ford, Richard Frohlick, Vernon Ingraham, Steve Munsinger. Front left to right; Lee Schlessman, Deborah Hayes, James Martin and Tom Magnuson.



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## A note from the desk of Vern ...



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I would like to thank all our RiteCare partners for your work in 2008 and the professionalism you are known for in providing high-quality services to your RiteCare kids and their families. The Board of Trustees and I are committed to supporting you to the maximum extent possible. We greatly appreciate the work you do with the children who have or are at-risk for language disorders.

While the past year has been especially challenging for all not-for-profit organizations - as well as practically everyone else - the Scottish Rite Foundation has sought to minimize the depressed market's impact on our investments. We are blessed with having a very astute and committed Board of Trustees led by The Honorable Stephen M. Munsinger and a Finance Committee led by the Foundation's Treasurer and Trustee, Lee E. Schlessman. This committee actively monitors the Foundation's investments and works closely with its investment advisors to produce the most optimal results possible.

In addition to this hands-on management of our investments, we continue to place strong emphasis on fundraising. In 2008 the Foundation received more than \$753,000 in cash gifts. Sixty-five percent came from estate bequests and the balance resulted from various fund raising activities.

At the September 15, 2008, annual program for the Scottish Rite Foundation at Denver Consistory, the four 2008 graduate scholarship recipients were presented with scholarship certificates. In addition, we were pleased to present RiteCare Partner Awards to our eleven care-giving partners in recognition of their work in serving Colorado's children and their families. The Board of Trustees also honored Norm and Juanita Hoff for their faithful service to the Foundation by presenting them with the Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.

The last item of business during the September program came with the assembling of the seven Foundation Trustees on stage to recognize Deborah Hayes' 25 years of service to the Foundation. Deborah was joined on stage by her husband, Jim Martin. Board President Steve Munsinger presented her with the Foundation's highest award, the Honors of the Foundation. I had the pleasure of reading a Letter of Commendation signed by Governor Bill Ritter. This was followed by a special choral presentation from the cast of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Degree of the Scottish Rite and a final vocal number "sung" by Valerie Hernandez and myself entitled "Thanks for the Memories."

Finally, I would like you to know that one of our seven trustees, James L. Nunn, recently retired from the Board of Trustees. We presented Jim with our Distinguished Service Award at the September meeting. In December the Board unanimously elected Karl J. Hinkle to take Jim's place on the Board. Karl is a Scottish Rite Mason in Colorado Springs. He is a Certified Public Accountant and the Director of Finance for a manufacturing company in Colorado Springs. We look forward to his participation as a Trustee. You can meet him at February's annual luncheon at The Children's Hospital.

As always, I look forward to working with you in 2009 and wish you every success in your work and life.

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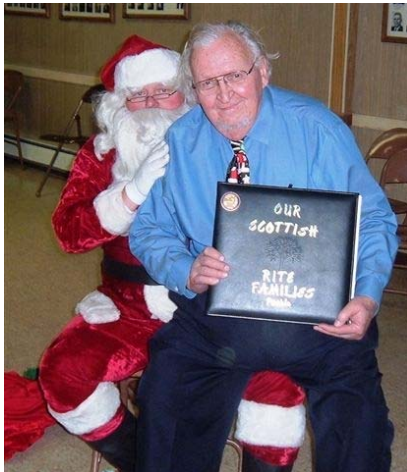
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## Care by The Children's Hospital – Pueblo

**Submitted by: Martha Drake**  
**Scottish Rite Program Director**  
**Care by The Children's Hospital – Pueblo**



The Children's Hospital



(Above) Jack Woodman proudly displays the scrapbook while posing with Santa!

The Scottish Rite Foundation Christmas party in Pueblo was extra special this year. Phyllis Sanders, Patient Services Coordinator at the Care by The Children's Hospital – Pueblo, designed a scrapbook of thank you letters from the children and families enrolled in the program. It included delightful pictures of children and special events at the clinic, as well as a memorial to John Ladd. John was very instrumental in starting the program in Pueblo in 1987.

Jack Woodman and a group of Masons accepted the scrapbook at the party after a touching testimonial from a parent. Look for the scrapbook at the Annual Scottish Rite Foundation Luncheon in February.

### ***The Children's Hospital-Colorado: 25 years of Leadership Recognized***

***Submitted by: Valerie Hernandez, Scottish Rite Program Assistant***

For over 55 years, The Children's Hospital and the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) of Colorado not only have a very special relationship; *they have a treasure.*

Deborah Hayes, Ph.D., *Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders* (The Children's Hospital) received special recognition in 2008 for her 25 years of dedicated leadership. The SRF celebrated Deborah's anniversary with bestowing upon her the *Honors of the Foundation* (the Foundation's highest award) along with a Letter of Commendation signed by Governor Bill Ritter.

An evening to remember was held at the Denver Consistory on Monday, September 15, 2008 with a special program and acknowledgement to Deborah for her commitment and adoration of the work she does with the SRF and the Colorado RiteCare programs.

Congratulations Deborah!



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## *Memorial Hospital for Children – Colorado Springs Fall and Winter Activities*



### **Harvest Festival**

Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation hosted an annual Harvest Festival on October 29, 2008. Families look forward to this annual event as an opportunity to interact with clinicians and other children during a variety of exciting activities.

This year children receiving services and their siblings came dressed in costumes to enjoy an afternoon of fun. Children were given opportunities to follow funny directions and receive prizes, dig into pumpkins full of “goo” and try their hands at pumpkin bowling, and complete an obstacle course in the sensory gym.

*Submitted by: Cara Hofeldt  
Scottish Rite Foundation Program Co-Director  
Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation Services*

### **Santa Claus visits Pediatric Rehabilitation Services**



December 10, 2008, a cold but sunny day in Colorado Springs. The children attending therapies at Memorial Hospital have a special treat waiting for them. Santa Claus is seated in the Parent Resource Room which has been transformed into a room full of garland, tinsel, ornaments and goodies.

We were very fortunate to welcome Jim Stivers, who served as a Scottish Rite Foundation Appraisal Committee member a few years ago. Jim is a delightful Santa Claus who welcomes each and every child into his lap. We were able to provide the children with cookies and toys donated by a Denver church this year. Each child was able to select a book, stuffed animal or a puzzle to take home and enjoy. Parents were treated to a photograph of Santa Claus with their child/children.

This event has been transformed into a tradition here at Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation Services. Jim has volunteered his unique services for over 5 years.

### **Mr. Biggs Speech/language Screenings**

In able to address the needs of many of the children and families in our community, Speech Therapists at Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation Services have scheduled their time to offer free speech and hearing screenings. These screenings have become a yearly tradition, helping to identify those children in need of speech and language services.

This year screenings were held December 23 at a local amusement facility, *Mr. Biggs*. An additional screening was held on December 30<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation.





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## Montrose Memorial Hospital

Here at Montrose Memorial Hospital we have had a busy and fun fall and winter of 2008!

We were honored to have Vern Ingraham and Dr. Deborah Hayes come to help us with the Lunch and Learn presentation to our community. We had over 35 people in attendance, representing the physicians, public health, infant-through-3-year-old community program, the school district, and our hospital administration. Because of this program we have been invited to share our Power Point presentation on what the Scottish Rite Clinic does with two community groups.



On December 13<sup>th</sup> we had our first ever “Breakfast with Santa”. WOW! What a huge success! Our Masonic gentlemen prepared pancakes and sausage while Santa was available for pictures and gifts.

When we ‘counted all the heads’ we ended up with ~ 120 hungry, but happy people. Many stopped by prior to doing their Christmas shopping. A wonderful Shriner Clown came to entertain the children for this event!

We received a kind donation of \$50.00 from Wal-Mart for the purchase of books. Scholastic Book Club also provided us a discount on books that we purchased from them for this event.



*(left- Jeneine and Samuel check the list, twice!)*

This brings us to a new program that we have been developing for 2009. We are looking forward to beginning a literacy program with Melody Searle. She has recently retired from the local school district and is excited to join our team on a part-time basis.

We have also said good-bye to Kimry Gemmell and have added KOLEEN TELECKY to our team. KOLEEN TELECKY has come to us from Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins.

Our best to each of you and the Rite Care programs as we begin this New Year!

*Submitted by: Jeneine Stevenson, Scottish Rite Program Co-Director, Montrose Memorial Hospital*



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## SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual Advances in Children’s Hearing Lecture

*Ways with Words: Optimizing Word Learning in Infants with Hearing Loss*

**Guest Lecturer:**

**Mary Pat Moeller, Ph.D.**

**(Center for Children’s Deafness at Boys Town National Research Hospital)**

**Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2009

**Location:** The Children’s Hospital – Colorado  
Mt. Oxford Auditorium – Conference Center

### Annual Conference on Language and Learning

*Understanding, Assessing, and Treating Communication Challenges in Youth with Developmental Disabilities, emphasizing Fragile X and Down Syndrome*

**Speakers:**

**Len Abbeduto** (UW-Madison)

**Karen Riley** (DU; The Children’s Hospital)

**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2009

**Location:** The Children’s Hospital-Colorado  
Mt. Oxford Auditorium – Conference Center\*

*\*Video conferencing sites in Pueblo, Grand Junction, Greeley, Montrose and Ft. Collins, CO*

### May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Each May, since around 1927 programs around the nation acknowledge what is known as “Better Hearing and Speech Month”.

During this month programs across the nation focus to increasing awareness in hearing loss and speech-language disorders. Many organizations will team up to get the word out! Some may provide free or reduced hearing and/or speech screening within their communities, while others may have activities or seminars to provide facts and information.

Across our Colorado RiteCare programs we emphasize the importance of early identification and management for hearing loss and/or speech-language disorders.

Please look for the annual “Special Edition” in Early May when we share what each of our programs across the state are planning during this exciting month!



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## Colorado RiteCare Programs

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