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Deborah Hayes

As much as I enjoy summer in Colorado, autumn is a special season for me. Perhaps it is the childhood memories of returning to school or of eating fresh, crisp apples right off my grandmother's tree, but I have always enjoyed autumn as a season of growth and reward ~ growth in learning during the new school year, and reward in the harvest of good things planted in the spring. In a way, our RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs stimulate growth and reward each autumn. As you enroll new children in your RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs this fall, you stimulate growth in learning for these youngsters, and reward their families as they achieve their goals.

Thank you to each Program Director for taking time to welcome me and Valerie to your program on our summer visits. I find these visits amazingly inspiring. Meeting with the Scottish Rite Masons who serve on your appraisal committees is also special. By engaging these committed Masons in our work, we strengthen the bonds between Masons and their philanthropy, and Masons and their communities. Please continue to engage these outstanding men (and their wives) whenever possible, and recognize their contributions; we all benefit by working closely with the men who make our work possible.

By now, you have all seen the new RiteCare film, "Masons Helping Colorado's Children;" it can be viewed at the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado website:

[http://www.scottishritefoundation.org/FI\\_Videos.html](http://www.scottishritefoundation.org/FI_Videos.html) . Thank you to all Colorado Masons, clinicians, families, and children who participated in making this film. We hope that it will be useful to you in the coming years in educating program administrators, community Masons and leaders, and families about the Foundation and their good work.

I look forward to "meeting" with program directors on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm for the Annual RiteCare Program Directors' Meeting. Remember to notify Valerie of your preferred teleconference location ~ The Children's Hospital, Children's Therapy Center – Pueblo, St. Mary's – Grand Junction, or University of Northern Colorado – Greeley. We would appreciate any agenda items that you would like to discuss ~ please send those to Valerie as well. Vern will be present to discuss the new "Architects of Care Campaign" and to share any budget projects; Valerie and I will remind you of upcoming dates and deadlines.

## Treasure Chest Program - Cortez

The Treasure Chest Program, an early childhood literacy program funded by the Scottish Rite Foundation in collaboration with The Piñon Project Family Resource Center in Cortez, Colorado, has a new program coordinator, Karen Winchester. Karen has enthusiastically accepted the program torch from previous coordinator Kathi Sutton who has entered a graduate program in art therapy in Boulder. We wish Kathi all the best for her new adventures in graduate school, with gratitude for her past contribution to the development and quality of the Treasure Chest Program in the Cortez area. We want to maintain the quality of the program's services and materials which are theme tubs of developmentally appropriate books and materials for preschoolers and infants/toddlers to support early literacy and school readiness skills, emphasizing parent engagement with their children on a daily basis through use of the materials. We hope to expand the level of and means of parent instruction and support in use of the theme tub materials to enrich the parents' engagement and bonding with their children. A home visit component is being further developed to complement the program's service delivery at area preschools and libraries. We also hope to further extend services to more infants/toddlers and provide enhanced services to special needs children and their parents.

*Submitted by: Karen Winchester, Treasure Chest Coordinator, The Piñon Project - Cortez*



## Treasure Chest Program - Grand Junction

**Dear Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado,**

*I just wanted to write a brief letter regarding the Treasure Chest Program. I think this is an ideal program for parents to share with their children who are attending HeadStart. I am a single and struggling parent who is working full-time. I have limited time to gather information and resources for my child. So, this was a great opportunity for me to try the Treasure Chest and work with my son. We had a great time learning and reading. My son, Giovanni loved the puzzles, he really enjoyed reading the books and creating projects afterwards. Giovanni also was trying to teach his 2 year old sister how to string wooded beads and color coordinate in sequence, I thought that was real nice. I was surprised he had patience with her. He would also read to her, his version of the book. Giovanni told me he wanted to be a teacher, how cute is that. This program is great for learning and most of all spending quality time with your child. In today's time, we tend to forget about the most important things, which our children. Ms. Carmen was great. She knew I was on a tight schedule, she worked with me and that helped me out a lot. Thank you so much for introducing me to the Treasure Chest. I hope it will be around when my daughter attends HeadStart.*

**Thank You, Sarah R. (Giovanni's mom)**



**Above: Giovanni at the HeadStart program in Grand Junction**

*Submitted by: Carmen Marsh, Treasure Chest Coordinator, Rocky Mountain SER Western Slope HeadStart - Grand Junction*

## Talking with Technology Camp

### Reaching a Family from Australia



#### A note from the family of Liam,

Thank you so much for allowing our boys to come along to camp. They absolutely loved being there and learnt so much. Every day they are doing some new thing that shows their increased self confidence and for Liam, his assertiveness in making sure he is heard! It is just brilliant. When I look at the photos the boys have of their time at camp I find it very hard not to cry because I really cannot believe that my kids are doing the things that they are.

Liam was at such a stage of withdrawal and self doubt with school before we left for camp that we had been looking at home schooling options for him. He has come back to school with a completely different attitude. He is obviously happy and he is getting himself involved in the classroom. His teacher is beside herself with the difference in him. (so am I!) Liam has continued to go ahead in leaps and bounds since returning to Australia. When we went and saw his "min-speak" therapist for the first time after camp she was just amazed at how his AAC language has improved. One creative thing that he communicated to her was about going up Pikes Peak in the tram. Liora asked him why he didn't like it. Liam replied - "//////// \\\\\\\\\\\\" which meant it went up and up and up and up and then down and down and down! We have really noticed that his ability to create language to get his message across has improved, out of sight.

Even for Ryan (brother) we have continued to see huge improvements. He went on his school camp for 2 nights last week. At the beginning of the year we were thinking that Ben or I would have to go on camp with him, but instead he was able to go by himself. He said *'if I went on camp in America, I can go on camp in Australia'*.

It had not even entered my head that we would consider coming back to camp again next year, but we definitely are considering it. The difference it has made for our boys certainly warrants it!

I hope I have at least expressed a part of how much the camp has meant to us.

Thank you, Kara (Liam's mom)

**Talking with Technology (TWT) Camp** is a weeklong program developed by The Children's Hospital for young people ages 6 to 21 that use speech output augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices. The Children's Hospital contracts with the Colorado Easter Seal Society for this week to be held each summer at its camp facility, Rocky Mountain Village in Empire, Colorado.

A unique aspect of TWT Camp is that the "camper", the child who uses the augmentative communication system, often attends with a professional who knows them. If a professional does not attend with the camper a University of Colorado graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology, who has completed course work in the area of AAC, attends with a camper and provides the individual instruction needed. Brothers and sisters are also take part in the program. That's what makes this one week such an intensive learning experience for everyone. Because this camp gives children the opportunity to develop increased independence and the experience of "going away to camp", parents do not attend.

Children and families as well as staff, professionals and students would like to personally **thank** the **Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado** and the **Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation** for their sustaining support of this extraordinary camp program, that touches the lives of so many.

## Preschool Spanish Language Group



The children are making vegetable soup after reading the story, "Cultivamos sopa de verduras" (Growing Vegetable Soup)

The Spanish Preschool Speech-Language Group at The Children's Hospital in Aurora is a program designed to foster language development in preschool-aged children with speech-language delays or disorders.

The program is lead by two Spanish-speaking speech-language pathologists. Group sessions are typically held weekly for 8-12 weeks and are run year-round in order to address the needs of Denver's diverse population.

The improvement of children's speech-language skills is targeted through the use of play, art activities, snacks, and songs that are all centered on story books in Spanish. Parent collaboration and education is an integral component of the group program. Parents are strongly encouraged to observe each therapy session and are provided with suggestions for activities and strategies to continue to facilitate language learning at home. On questionnaires completed at the end of group sessions, parents have expressed that "the group was a great support for improving their child's language skills" and that they have also "learned how to work with their child at home."

*Submitted by: Kristin Satzger & Michele Martinez-Chadrom, Speech-Language Pathologists at The Children's Hospital – Colorado*

## A Pueblo Summer Celebration



Above the Cunningham family enjoys their picnic.

Right Skylar Finds her luck with the Piñata!



The annual Scottish Rite picnic at the zoo was held September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Pueblo Zoo.

Over 270 children, families and Masons enjoyed teriyaki chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, fresh fruit, ice cream and cotton candy made to order! All food was donated and prepared by the Colorado Masons and their families.

The weather was great and all the children enjoyed the candy and money filled piñata so generously donated by the Scottish Rite Masons. What a great picnic! The staff and families at *The Children's Hospital Therapy Center, Pueblo* greatly appreciate the Colorado Masons and all they do for us and our families!

*Submitted by: Kathryn Duren, Speech-Language Pathologist at The Children's Hospital Therapy Center – Pueblo*

### "R" Really Rocks!

This summer at The Children's Hospital Therapy Center, Pueblo, our kids learned that "R really rocks!" Three children that participated in R summer group with therapist Kathryn Duren created R rocks to remind them to use their /r/ sound. The kids really enjoyed working on their rocks throughout the summer and now have a nice reminder to maintain that sound.

Below:  
The kids show off their "decorated rocks"



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**Vernon B. Ingraham, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Grand Cross  
 Executive Secretary  
 Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado**

The annual Scholarship Awards Program was held at Denver Consistory on September 20, 2010. This year, in addition to the four scholarships awarded annually in Colorado (Hamilton Scholarship and the Benevolent Fund Scholarship), we were pleased to recognize two Colorado graduate students who received scholarships awarded by the Scottish Rite headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Dwight A. Hamilton/Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarship in Speech Language Pathology is a one-time \$5,000 scholarship created by the Scottish Rite Foundation in 2005 in honor of Dwight A. Hamilton, the former Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado. The 2010 recipients are two CU-Boulder graduate students: Rebecca McNeil and Hannah Shippey.

The Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology, also a one-time \$5,000 scholarship, was created by the Association in 2003 for graduate students at UNC. The 2010 recipients are two UNC graduate students: Natasha Maria and Elisabeth Robertson.

The Sam and Millie Hilburn Scholarships in the Field of Childhood Language Disorders was created in 1999 by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite (our national governing body) with an endowment from Sam and Millie Hilburn of Texas. The Hilburn scholarship is open to all graduate students in speech-language pathology throughout the United States for study at schools within the country. Scholarships are offered at \$5,000 per year for a maximum of two years of graduate study. In 2010, there were 58 applicants for this scholarship, five of whom were selected for this honor. Since 1999, four Colorado graduate students have received this scholarship. The 2010 Colorado recipients are two CU graduate students: Rebecca McNeil and Christina Wilkins.



**LEFT TO RIGHT**  
**Top Row: Vern Ingraham, Gerry Ford, Rick Frohlick, Dick Sater, Dave Powell, and Steve Munsinger**  
**Middle Row: Natasha Maria (UNC), Susan Moore, Kathy Fahey, Claud Dutro, and David Naiman**  
**Bottom Row: Elisabeth Robertson (UNC), Deborah Hayes, Rebecca McNeil (CU), Christina Wilkins (CU), Hannah Shippey (CU), and Bob Bartholic**

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado's scholarship initiative is one important way in which we encourage students to enter the field of speech-language pathology.

To date, a total of 32 scholarships have been awarded to graduate students in Colorado totaling \$165,000.



## The pediatric program at Montrose Memorial Hospital has moved!

**Photo Left to Right:** Christi Merritt, Melody Searle, Audrey Serazio, Patti Anderson, Deborah Hayes, Otsie Stowell, Paul McCabe, Jeneine Stevenson and Jack Ward

Montrose Memorial Hospital now has pediatric speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy together in a child friendly building a few blocks from the main hospital. It is great to have all therapies under the same roof! The families may who have multiple therapies for their children, are enjoying the convenience of not running from one building to another. This set-up has encouraged more co-treatments and networking between the various disciplines.



We had a VERY successful open house in August. We were pleased that Dr. Deborah Hayes was able to come to this special celebration. We also had our RiteCare Appraisal committee members, hospital administration, the hospital board, community leaders and our families and children in attendance. Montrose Memorial Hospital provided hamburgers and hotdogs with 'the trimmings' for all in attendance. We had around 150 people visiting our new clinical space. Games were provided for the children as well as prizes and balloons. If you find yourself in Montrose, please stop by for a visit!



*Submitted by: Jeneine Stevenson & Patti Anderson, RiteCare Program Co-Directors, Montrose Memorial Hospital*

### Children's Speech and Reading Center Ft. Collins Submitted by: Elise Tobler, RiteCare Program Director



*Thank you to Friends of the Center-You make a big difference! We have really enjoyed our experiences with the Children's Speech and Reading Center. We received Scottish Rite Funding which made this possible. We couldn't be more thankful for the ability to take advantage of such amazing therapists. We have seen so much progress over the two years we've been coming here. We highly recommend this program to all of our friends! THANK YOU SO MUCH!! Joel, Laura & Trist*

## Memorial Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation – Colorado Springs

### Hanen© Language Groups

Memorial Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation speech-language therapists are excited to jumpstart their Hanen Language Groups once again in October 2010. The Hanen program is designed to provide parents with one-on-one education regarding language development in a structured format with specific home programming tasks introduced during language group.

The group will include four to six same-age peers who demonstrate receptive and expressive language delays. The structure of this program allows the children to interact with peers with structure language stimulation while parents can interact with one another to discuss language development with a skilled therapist. Both families and therapists are looking forward to this new learning opportunity!

### Augmentative Communication Group

Another new group opportunity has presented itself at Memorial Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation. Augmentative Communication group has been designed to incorporate learning and use of core vocabulary on speech generative devices during social interactions. Core vocabulary is a set of vocabulary words that occur most frequently during typical conversation. During this group, the patients learn the meaning and use of particular core vocabulary words to facilitate social conversation to include greetings, asking questions of peers and answering social questions appropriately. Scottish Rite funding has provided this opportunity for at least one patient, in particular, who has grown to new levels in just eight short weeks.

## Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation Gains Therapy Dog



**Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation** is excited to welcome a new member of their staff – **Chance**, the therapy dog. Chance, a miniature pincer-Chihuahua mix, was rescued by occupational therapist Amanda DeLizzio in September 2009. Amanda soon saw what potential Change had for working with children with disabilities. She has since trained him to become a certified therapy dog, and Chance will working at Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation beginning in October 2010.

Chance has been trained to complete a variety of tasks and tricks to engage the children during their occupation, physical, and speech therapies including riding a scooter board, jumping through hoops and over obstacles, and climbing and sliding down slides.

### Thank you Scottish Rite!



*Submitted by: Ericka Wendorf, RiteCare Co-Director, Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation in Colorado Springs  
 We also welcome Laura Moody into her new role as RiteCare co-director with Ericka this fall.*



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