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The Turn of a Decade



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It is hard to believe that 2010 is upon us already. It seems barely a few years ago that we were embroiled in the frenzy of 2000 ~ expecting the world to stop as the new century rolled over. Fortunately, the dire predictions of the new century did not come true. Perhaps this new decade will provide us with hopeful ~ rather than dire ~ predictions; predictions that the economy will improve, that our families will enjoy economic security if not prosperity, that children will receive the services they need to develop speech, language, and literacy skills.

We are blessed that the last prediction will come true. The Scottish Rite Foundation will be there now and for future generations to ensure that Colorado's children have access to speech and language services.

As I review your annual reports for the upcoming luncheon, I am once again impressed with the unselfish service each of you gives to the Scottish Rite Foundation. These caring Masons are partners in the best sense of the word ~ respectful and appreciative of the work that you and your colleagues do. In addition, these Masons gladly step forward to participate in clinic tasks and activities. Of the various philanthropies I work with, the Scottish Rite Foundation is unique in their sincere, heartfelt commitment to our programs in good as well as difficult times. Without a doubt, the model of this partnership is the Foundation's Executive Secretary, Vernon B. Ingraham, 33^o, Grand Cross. How appropriate that he received the highest honor from Supreme Council, the Grand Cross of the Court of Honour, this past fall. As stated by Supreme Council,

"...This is the highest individual honor that The Supreme Council bestows. It is voted very rarely to Thirty-third Degree Masons only for the most exceptional and extraordinary services. The Grand Cross cap is white with a blue band. On the front is a replica of the Grand Cross jewel, which is composed of a Teutonic Cross, with an embroidered crimson rose with green leaves at its center..."

Vern wears his new regalia with pride. I'm sure that we are all proud to be associated with this fine Scottish Rite Mason!



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Scottish Rite Christmas Party

The Pueblo Scottish Rite Christmas Party was held December 18, 2009 at the Masonic building in Pueblo. The party was enjoyed by children and adults with games, face painting, presents, snacks, singing of Christmas carols and a visit from Santa Claus. We would like to thank all of the Scottish Rite men, therapists, and all the families who made the 2009 Christmas party a success. We would like to wish you all a wonderful new year!

Submitted by: Jaclyn Mutz, Speech Pathologist,
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A very special "thank you" to the family from University of Colorado for their beautiful photo! This photo won the front cover of the annual Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Programs 2010 calendar!



Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Programs
2010 Calendar

Photo Courtesy of: University of Colorado - Boulder
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The new and improved Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado website is now operational. It presents the Foundation and RiteCare program information in an organized, attractive, and easy to use format. It doesn't require a lot of clicks to get the information. If you haven't visited the new site since it was uploaded January 9, 2010, please take a moment and do so.

Go to: www.scottishritefoundation.org

The site is best viewed using Google Chrome as the application viewing software. Internet Explorer will work, but Google Chrome is better and it is downloadable from Google free of charge.

Jim Martin III, Ph.D., made the new site a reality and did all the coding and uploading of the web pages. But he did much more than this by adding real value to the utility of the site including a new location mapping strategy for the RiteCare partner location maps, insertion of an email button on various key pages, and enhancing the site's color scheme and ease of navigation just to name several enhancements.

The home page is confined to a menu of main section page titles with links. This is in stark contrast to the former website which had a lot of imposing narrative on the home page. Our three mission components – speech therapy, treasure chest, and graduate scholarships – have separate and distinct pages. Each of these pages is identified by title and a unique photo layout.

The website has a warm appearance in color scheme and ease of navigation. Being designed with our prime users in mind – the families of children with language disorders, graduate students at UNC and CU, and current and prospective donors – all information is presented and layered so as to minimize the number of times one must go from page to page in search of specific information. The website also provides for on-line donations using **PayPal**, a new addition not available on the former site.

By clicking on the RiteCare Partner Location Map (in either the Speech Therapy or Early Language pages) an interactive Google map is displayed with each RiteCare location highlighted by a blue pin symbol. The user can zoom in on a map location obtaining a good quality aerial view, see the location in a typical Google map format, or change to a topographic or even a street map. In fact, for most locations the user can also convert to a Google Earth street scene and see a 360 degree photo of your location. This is a dramatic improvement over the former site which only offered a static non-interactive map.

Finally, as you know I am preparing a narrative description of the work of each RiteCare partner. These narratives will be posted as PDF files and located with the respective RiteCare Partner's address and contact information. The PDF file for The Children's Hospital is now available and posted. The UNC PDF will be available shortly. Narratives for CU and St. Mary's are being reviewed by the respective RiteCare Directors and should be ready for website posting in the near future. In addition, this RiteView newsletter will be posted and available for viewing through the Foundation Information page.

This is enough of a teaser. See the website for yourself. And, if you have suggestions for further improvements, feel welcome to email me at ritecare@scottishritefoundation.org.



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RiteCare at Montrose Memorial Hospital

This year has been a busy one. It seems to have gone by very quickly. Our last big events were the RiteCare "Winter Language and Literacy Camp" (WL&L camp) and an Augmentative/Alternative Communication (AAC) camp. The WL&L camp was a four-hour adventure for our children during the school break between Christmas and New Year's Day. We held the camp to provide our children the opportunity to combine language and literacy skills in one program. "The Mitten" and "Building a Snowman" were the books we used for the groups. Along with reading the books, we acted out the stories and participated in sensory activities based on the themes of the books. The children worked on combining sounds into words. It was a great success for the children and therapists involved!



Above, children "build snowmen" at the Winter Language and Literacy Camp.



Our AAC camp provided campers who use augmentative devices the opportunity to come together for fun and functional practice with their devices. Both camps were sponsored by the Scottish Rite Foundation.

To the left RiteCare children participate in a fun program activity.

Below the children take time to visit with Santa.

Our "Breakfast with Santa" was a huge success. Families are beginning to look forward to this yearly event. Thanks so much to our Scottish Rite Masons who cook and serve the breakfast. This is truly becoming a great place for our families to network and meet the Masons and other families in the program.

Thanks so much for the support from the Scottish Rite Masons. We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful program.
Happy New Year to all!



Submitted: Patti Anderson, CCC-SLP Co-director of the RiteCare program at Montrose Memorial Hospital



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Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation

Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation was delighted to recently purchase the Visipitch, a computer program that allows for speech analysis and biofeedback, thanks to a generous grant from the Memorial Foundation. The program provides audio-visual feedback for patients focusing on speech acquisition, rate, and articulation. The Visipitch also allows therapists to gain objective data on voice parameters including pitch, volume, and clarity and includes several rewarding games to make speech and voice therapy fun and interactive for pediatric patients.

It was a wonderful day in Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation, as Jim Stivers joined us once again as Santa Claus. Children were able to visit with Santa and enjoy a variety of cookies and treats provided by Memorial Hospital. Children were given small gifts that had been donated to the clinic. Each child and their siblings were able to sit on Santa's lap for a picture. This continues to be a highlight of winter activities for the children and their families who receive services from Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation.

We are sad to announce that this is the end of the three year term on our appraisal committee for Tom Holmes. Tom has been an asset to our appraisal team. We wish him well on his new adventures and look forward to meeting our new committee member in the New Year.

Submitted: Cara Hofeldt, Co-director RiteCare Program at Memorial Hospital - Colorado Springs

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Annual Conference on Language and Learning Developmental Speech Disorders: A Neurological Perspective

Keynote Speaker: Ken Bleile, PhD

April 30, 2010

The Children's Hospital: Conference and Education Center

Video conferencing sites: Durango, Ft. Collins, Grand Junction, Greeley, Montrose and Pueblo

Early registration before April 9, 2010

On-site: \$100

Off-site: \$50

Late registration after April 9, 2010

On-site: \$125

Off-site: \$75

Please visit the following website to obtain an e-registration form or to learn more about this conference: www.thechildrenshospital.org/events, search language.

For further information, please e-mail LanguageLearningASL@tchden.org or call Valerie Hernandez at (720) 777-5801.

We look forward to your participation!



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