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What a glorious fall! The colors in the mountains have been exceptionally brilliant this year ~ perhaps the best that I've seen in my almost 30 years in Colorado. I hope you have all had the opportunity to enjoy this lovely season with friends and loved ones.

The September Stated Meeting at Denver Consistory was also exceptionally special this year. The September meeting each year is devoted to the Scottish Rite Foundation. It provides the opportunity for Scottish Rite Masons and their wives to refresh their understanding of their foundation as well as to meet the four speech-language pathology graduate students who receive either the Colorado Masons Benevolent Fund or the Dwight A. Hamilton graduate student scholarships.

Be sure to read Vernon Ingraham's article in this edition of the *RiteView* to learn more about these deserving students. Each year, I am more impressed with the poise, confidence, enthusiasm, and gratitude that the students express in their brief statement after receiving recognition at this meeting. We are fortunate to have these "pre-professionals" dedicated to a career helping children with language disorders.

Be sure, too, to read about the two Treasure Chest Programs supported by the Scottish Rite Foundation, one in Cortez and one in Grand Junction. Karen Winchester (Cortez) and Carmen Marsh (Grand Junction) have submitted interesting articles about their respective programs. By reaching children and families in the early years of language development, these programs aim to enhance literacy development and prevent language and reading delays. Wouldn't it be wonderful to expand this program to all RiteCare communities throughout our state?

There are many events to look forward to ... publication of the annual calendar (who will win the coveted cover photo?!?), production of your annual reports, and the Annual Report and Luncheon at Children's Hospital Colorado on Friday, February 24, 2012. I happily anticipate seeing you all then!



Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado 2012 Annual Program Calendar

The annual program calendar is scheduled for printing early this year to ensure a more timely delivery to all programs before the end of the 2011 calendar year.

Please contact Valerie Hernandez with any questions regarding your submissions.

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Treasure Chest Program - Cortez

Submitted by: Karen Winchester,
Treasure Chest Coordinator at The Piñon Project

The Treasure Chest Program at the Piñon Project in Cortez is starting the new school year with the introduction of a really fun new theme treasure chest, "Wild at Night". There are wonderful books for preschoolers on wild and nocturnal animals, including a large pop-up book with actual sounds of wild creatures and some classics including, "Where the Wild Things Are", and Jan Brett's illustrated version of "The Owl and the Pussycat". To make it even more fun, there is a tube full of plastic wild animal figures for pretend play and several *Folkmanis* mini finger puppets (owls, raccoons, bobcats, jackrabbits, and chipmunks). This new theme chest is a great example of how the books and materials can help with language and early literacy skills, as the following feedback from a parent describes:

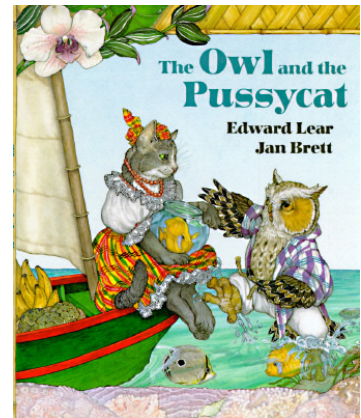
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/6/6f/Where_The_Wild_Things_Are.jpg

"Great concept and good teaching tools (she) really enjoyed it and we talked about all the nocturnal animals around our home. Fantastic job! And she does not want to give back the finger puppets. She has slept with them every night!"



<http://singbookswithemily.files.wordpress.com/2009/12/owl-and-the-pussycat-brett-2.jpg>

Because of the incredibly generous support of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado, I was able to purchase a large quantity of quality materials for this theme chest and will be able to distribute this theme chest at all the Treasure Chest sites right away. This theme chest, as well as other quality chests that we have used in the past, make it possible to engage parents and their children in a rich and fun way early on. It is also more likely they will want to continue to check out treasure chests as the school year continues. I have received great feedback from teachers about the books and materials as a resource for the classroom, which also benefits the families too. This year I am collaborating further with our "**Parents As Teachers**" (PAT), program to provide home visit support for parents who are also enrolled in the Treasure Chest program. PAT parents are very enthusiastic about the theme chests.

Another new utilization of the program will be starting this October when I will begin a weekly kindergarten parents' group at Kemper Elementary School. This program will focus on fun ways to read to children and build language and literacy skills. I will be sharing theme chests with parents to show them how the materials can be used to establish regular nightly routines that can promote literacy and enhance parent-child connections. The group is called: "*Bath, Book, Bed*", the title comes from the school faculty observation to focus on the children who are entering kindergarten. This group will provide support to parents with the "how-to" and benefit of a nightly routine with bathing and reading. The goal is to encourage parents to use this model of a bedtime ritual with their children. I am excited about the opportunity to share this with parents, as I know it can really add to a family quality of life.

I look forward to updating you on these and other Treasure Chest Program happenings in the next *RiteView* newsletter.

Thanks for all you do to enhance the lives of children and families!

Treasure Chest Program Grand Junction

Submitted by: Carmen Marsh,
Treasure Chest Coordinator at Rocky Mountain SER Head Start



Dear Scottish Rite Foundation,

My name is Jessica and my daughter attends Rocky Mountain SER HeadStart. I just wanted to let you know she loved being a part of the Treasure Chest Program. She had a chance to play many different games every month, not only were they fun they were also educational. My three-year-old son also had a chance to enjoy the puzzles, games and wonderful books. It gave them the opportunity to learn letters, numbers, and sounds in a different way. My daughter loves school and learning at a young age and I want it to always be like that. If it were not for the Treasure Chest Program we would not been able to afford or even think about the different ways there is for learning. The Treasure Chest coordinator also gave us some good ideas and was very helpful when it came to showing me and my daughter how to use the games and follow the lesson plans. This program was a great experience for my family and I hope it stays around so other families can benefit from it. Thank you for letting us be a part of this program.

Thank you,
Jessica, Jizelle, Josiah

Scottish Rite Zoo Day and Picnic

September 18, 2011 – Pueblo, CO.

Submitted by: Stacey J Bernal, SLP
Children's Hospital Colorado, Therapy Care, Pueblo

"Boy! It sure was fun at the zoo today! My speech teacher, Miss Marfa was there too! We had to stand in line to get our food, but it was worth the wait! I ate all my hotdog, chips and watermelon. But my favorite food was the cotton candy. There were a lot of people there. Miss Marfa said the Scottish Rite gentlemen counted 293 people! After we ate, one of the nice gentlemen said it was Piñata time. I got a lot of candy and some money too! I even gave some candy to my little brother.

Mommy and Daddy said it was a beautiful Sunday in September to come to the zoo. My little brother cried because he wanted to go see the animals. So, after waiting forever... mommy and daddy were finally ready to walk around the zoo! We saw big lions sitting on a HUGE rock. They looked like Simba and Nala from **The Lion King!** I liked the cute little monkeys with the funny faces and mommy liked the red pandas. I hope we get to go next year. Miss Marfa and the Scottish Rite Masons sure are nice."



Above: A family enjoys the meal provided by Scottish Rite Masons



Left to right: Terry Kershaw and Jim Eaches cook up a great meal for the children and families at the annual Zoo Day for the Pueblo RiteCare program.

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Four Speech-Language Scholarships Awarded for 2011

Four graduate students in speech-language pathology received scholarships this year and were recently recognized at the September meeting of Denver Consistory. The scholarships were awarded to second year graduate students attending the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU-B).

Jocelyn Essler (below) and Loriann Schwartz (right) are both graduate students at CU-B. They each received the \$5,000 *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology*.



**Vernon B. Ingraham, 33°, Grand Cross Executive Secretary
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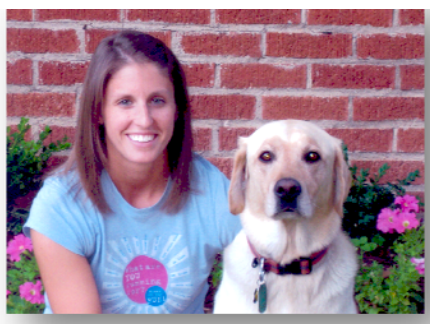
Upon graduation Jocelyn plans to work with children who require alternative and/or augmentative communication devices and Loriann plans to work with deaf and hard of hearing children, Spanish speaking populations, and children with Cleft Lip/Palate.



Since 2005 when the *Hamilton* scholarship was first given, 14 scholarships totaling \$70,000 have been awarded. The scholarship is named for Dwight A. Hamilton, former Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado (1994-2005) and president of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. Dwight passed away in 2005 and we are honored to conduct a scholarship program in his name.

Catherine Finkenstaedt (below) and Adriane Zachary (right), graduate students at UNC, each received the \$5,000 *Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology*.

Upon graduation Catherine plans to work with children in rural, western Colorado and Adriane plans to serve children in both medical and educational settings and eventually would like to open a non-profit speech and hearing clinic in a rural setting in Colorado – perhaps in her home town of Craig.



Since 2003 when the Benevolent Fund scholarship was first given, 18 scholarships totaling \$90,000 have been awarded. In 2007 the Benevolent Fund Association made a \$50,000 gift to the Foundation to support this scholarship through 2012.

University of Northern Colorado, Audiology & Speech-Language Sciences

Faculty is Awarded Grant to Extend Services for Children with Cochlear Implants

Drs. Julie Hanks and Tina Stoody received \$35,000 from the *Daniels Fund* to extend their work in providing services to children who have cochlear implants. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado awarded a matching grant of \$4,000 to specifically begin an FM lending bank and provide education to children and their families. Thank you SRF!

Distinguished Service Award

On September 19, 2011 at the stated meeting held at the Denver Consistory, Kathleen Fahey, Ph.D., Professor of Audiology and Speech-Language Services at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) received the Distinguished Service award from the Board of Trustees of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. This award was bestowed with this inscription: *"In recognition of your service as the UNC RiteCare Clinic Director and your leadership in designing and implementing the clinic's Early Language Intervention Program including Talking and Listening for Preschoolers and Speaking and Signing Stories"*



Research in RiteCare Centers in Colorado

Most students in graduate programs in speech-language pathology complete a rigorous two-year program of coursework, clinical practica, internships, and a set of activities that make up the comprehensive examination. A few students elect to also conduct research culminating in a thesis. I am pleased to announce that two of our UNC master's students, who graduated August 5th, 2011 completed research that directly involved RiteCare clinics.

- ❖ Shannon Morgan Robel, M.A.: The Speech-Language Pathologist's Role in Early Intervention: Parent and Speech-Language Pathologists' Perceptions
- ❖ Esther Klompmaker, M.A.: Factors Affecting parental Participation in Early Speech-Language Intervention

I conducted the overall project (Kathleen Fahey, Ph.D., RiteCare Director at UNC), to investigate parent and speech-language pathologists' perceptions of early intervention using a qualitative methodology. I wanted to hear directly from parents and practitioners what families need as they support their children's language growth. Several RiteCare clinics across the state participated in the study. Thank you to the RiteCare directors of the six participating clinics! (I am not at liberty to name the participants due to protection of human subject regulations.) They were all so welcoming and helpful in talking to me, my co-researcher, Kathy Boada, (Director of Audiology, Speech Pathology and Learning Services, Children's Hospital Colorado), and my student researchers.

I also wish to extend a public thank you to all 15 participating parents and grandparents. They not only gave us their time, but they provided insights, emotions, stories, advice, praise, and suggestions as they shared about their children. The 22 participating speech-language pathologists from RiteCare centers and attendees at a professional conference, all provided valuable perspectives on what they experience is helpful to families as they work together for the success of the children.

At the Intermountain Area Speech-Language and Hearing Conference on October 6-8, Kathleen Fahey and Kathy Boada will present some key findings and engage SLPs to apply the information to their practice.

Photo Left to Right: Steve Munsinger, Kathleen Fahey, Vernon Ingraham and Robert Gregory. The Distinguished Service Award is given by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Board of Trustees to "recognize individuals or groups who contribute time or talents to improving services in RiteCare programs." To learn more about the awards given by the Scottish Rite Foundation, please visit their website at: www.scottishritefoundation.org

Memorial Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation – Colorado Springs

New Speech Therapists at Memorial!



Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation is proud to welcome seven new speech therapists to their team within the last several months. Three of these therapists are recent graduates now working on completing their clinical fellowship. We are thrilled to have new ideas and perspectives from people recently joining the field! Another three of our therapists come with a wealth of knowledge from working with a variety of students in the school districts.

Finally, Deborah Camp comes to us from a private clinic with knowledge in feeding and augmentative communication, and will be taking on the role of our new Scottish Rite Program co-coordinator. All of our therapists are adapting well to their new positions, and we are excited to have them all as part of our team!

Summer Groups at Memorial!



Left: Children enjoy one of the many fun summer themes during a group therapy session at the Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation RiteCare clinic in Colorado Springs.

Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation has recently completed another round of our summer speech and language groups. Groups consisted of about four children each, with children being matched by age, skill level, and areas of concern.

One group targeted speech sound production through games, stories, and both structured and unstructured practice. Another group targeted language development and syntax through group activities and social games. The groups were a great success as the children improved their intelligibility and language production over the course of two months. We look forward to next year's groups!

New Program at Memorial!

Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation is proud to announce our new program for children with autism and other developmental disorders using the DIR® Floortime® approach. This approach focuses on helping children with autism progress through the functional emotional developmental milestones by recognizing the child's individual differences and building relationships. Through play, therapists help children build healthy foundations for social, emotional, and intellectual capacities by pulling them into meaningful social interactions with others. Currently the program is run by Floortime®-trained speech therapist and occupational therapist.



Above: RiteCare child and therapist interacting.

Montrose Memorial Hospital *Million Dollar Celebration*

By: Patti Anderson, Co-Director at Mountain View Therapy Pediatric RiteCare Program

On September 1, 2011, Mountain View Therapy-Pediatric program hosted a celebration in honor of the partnership between the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) and Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH). The celebration was to commemorate the achievement of receiving one million dollars from the SRF to benefit the children and families enrolled in the RiteCare therapy program at MMH.

The RiteCare therapy program started at MMH in 1998 under the clinical leadership of Beth Warren, M.S., CCC-SLP, and two dedicated Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee members, Larry Russell and Rodney Johnson. Mary Snyder, Chief Operations Officer at MMH, has also been supportive of this program since its inception.

At the September 1st celebration, the hospital provided light snacks prior to a short presentation of awards and plaques. Fellowship between children and families, Scottish Rite Foundation Board of Trustees, Masons and hospital personnel, was shared throughout the evening. The children were presented with colorful megaphones with the RiteCare and Mountain View Therapy logos on them.

In attendance were many special guests; Beth Warren, Rodney Johnson and Mary Snyder, as well as current members of the MMH Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee; Jack Ward, Tom Cox and Paul McCabe. John W. Groves (*photo below*), Vice President, SRF Board of Trustee, accepted the plaque from MMH in appreciation of the partnership and financial support from the SRF. We were also honored to have Richard Frohlick, Trustee from Denver at the event.



[Above: Mary Snyder, Chief Operations Officer at Montrose Memorial Hospital welcomes guests to the celebration event.]



[Above: Beth Warren accepts the "partnership award" on behalf of **Children's Hospital Colorado**, Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders.]



We are thankful for the generous and continued support of the Scottish Rite Masons in Colorado. Because of their vision more than 600 children have received speech-language and literacy services from Montrose Memorial Hospital and the satellite locations in Delta and Ridgway.

It is our goal to continue to provide families with the opportunity to participate in this extraordinary partnership between the hospital and Scottish Rite Masons.

We *heartily* thank the Foundation for all they do for our families!

Article of Interest

“Loneliness is the worst form of poverty”- Mother Theresa

By: Becky Doidge, M.S., CCC-SLP
Children’s Hospital Colorado,
Therapy Care, Pueblo

Loneliness came into a new light to me in 2009 while serving in Malaysia. My purpose for the trip was to inspire and educate churches on the topic of “Including special needs children into their congregations and programs”. Loneliness abounded in the families I encountered. Malaysia being a third world country, somewhat emergent in the larger cities, deals not only with material poverty but a severe lack of resources for any person that may have special needs (mild to severe). Buildings and transportation are not what we would call “ADA” accessible and educational accommodations in schools are very rare if not absent. Thus, families with special needs children are left with few opportunities for their child’s advancement or inclusion in society. This is where the churches of Malaysia are making a difference. They are opening their doors to families of all faiths. These churches are starting day programs to provide preschool and early intervention, as well as “alternate” schools programs for those children who are not welcome in the regular educational classroom setting. In a sense, the churches are adopting the “orphan” families of their communities.



Upon returning to the prosperous, religiously free, educationally advanced United States of America, I once again came across this same poverty of loneliness. I began encountering families disillusioned with their local house of worship. They are “free” to go, but not able to go. Having children with special needs, their children are often tagged as “too difficult”, “bad children”, or “too disruptive.” Many of us who attend a house of worship know how it provides a sense of community, a support system, joy for today, and hope for tomorrow. To make this support system available to all, I encourage my colleagues who work with children with special needs and their families to inspire and educate our area houses of worship on how they can reach out to “orphan” families in their communities. How can these churches, temples, and synagogues adapt what they are currently doing to be a light into a family, a marriage, a child? While attending your local house of worship, you may wish to take an inventory. Do you have any families with special needs children that regularly attend? If not, why not? If so, ask the family how the church can make coming to worship a better experience.



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