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Fun!



Happy New Year!

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This issue of the RiteView reminds me of “benefits,” benefits that RiteCare and Treasure Chest Programs bring to their communities, and benefits that the Scottish Rite Foundation brings to us as clinicians. There are many exciting articles in this publication from RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs throughout our state, and each shows how our communities profit from our care of children and families. Note in particular the articles from the Treasure Chest Programs in Cortez and Grand Junction. In their articles, both Karen Winchester and Carmen Marsh show how families and communities respond to enrichment in children’s lives through Treasure Chests. Each of these Treasure Chest Programs attracted community-generated grant support in 2010

and received matching funds from the Scottish Rite Foundation. What a wonderful testament to the value that the Scottish Rite Foundation and Foundation-supported partners bring to their communities!

As a community of RiteCare Programs, we clinicians benefit from the Scottish Rite Foundation’s sustaining support of graduate student scholarships. I know that we are all committed to ensuring the future of our programs and care for children and families. The prudence of the Masons in establishing the Benevolent Fund Scholarship and the Scottish Rite Foundation in establishing the Dwight A. Hamilton Scholarship was evident at the September 2010 Denver Consistory Stated Meeting when the scholarship recipients received recognition. I was amazed at the poise, grace, and dedication that these young women showed in describing their career goals and aspirations. It was also exciting to note that two Colorado students received scholarships from Supreme Council ~ what wonderful national recognition for Colorado’s leading role in care for children with language disorders! We are indeed fortunate that Masons throughout Colorado and the nation share our vision that children today and tomorrow will have outstanding services from dedicated professionals.

Enjoy this issue...I know I did!

Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Programs 2011 Calendar



Congratulations to Memorial Hospital for Children in Colorado Springs!

Thank you to all of the RiteCare programs for submitting such a great collection of photos for the *Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Programs 2011 Calendar*.

Each month is such a joy to see!

Enjoy!



Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Programs
2011 Calendar

Photo Courtesy of: Memorial Hospital - Colorado Springs
 Scottish Rite Program Co-Directors: Ericka Wendor & Laura Moody

Treasure Chest Program - Cortez

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

It has been an exciting first half of the preschool year for Karen Winchester, the new program coordinator for The Treasure Chest Program with The Piñon Project in Cortez. Four new sites have been added to the program, including three preschools, an Early Head Start program and an additional public library site at Dolores Public Library, during Children's Story Time. A sixth site which is a Head Start preschool program, will begin receiving Treasure Chest theme tubs in late January. In addition, the Treasure Chest Program is connecting with new families receiving services through the Even Start and Parents As Teachers programs through the Piñon Project and with families participating in ongoing Incredible Years parenting classes. Since at least one third of the Incredible Years curriculum focuses on playing with and having positive quality interaction with one's child, Treasure Chest theme tubs are a wonderful fit as a resource for the enrolled parents. They provide a concrete tool for practicing play and positive interaction, establishing routines and other positive parenting practices. Feedback from parents and class facilitators has been very positive.

Another exciting event for The Treasure Chest Program in Cortez was the recent award of a \$500 grant from Kiwanis Club of Mesa Verde which qualified us for a matching grant which was approved by the Scottish Rite Foundation. This is greatly appreciated and will enable us to order additional materials for new theme tubs which are being put together with themes related to oceans and marine life and new seasonal theme tubs.



Rocky Mountain SER Western Slope Head Start Treasure Chest Program *Submitted by: Carmen Marsh*

Here is one of the many reasons the Treasure Chest Program is so important to our families. One parent shares her and her child's experience...

Dear Treasure Chest,

All of the materials provided have been GREAT for Nicole's development and growth. Nicole really looks forward to each time we work on an activity from the Treasure Chest and enjoys it. Nicole struggles with counting, so the book, "The Crayon Counting Book" was very helpful. Nicole put together the floor puzzle three times all by herself for about 45 minutes. I am glad that Nicole and I have had a chance to enjoy the materials in the Treasure Chest.

Thank You,
Treasure Chest Parent



(Above) One of the pictures Nicole and her mother worked on together. The theme was rhythm and rhyme and the activity was to draw a picture while listening to music. Nicole expressed what she felt when she drew this picture.

Happy New Year from Montrose Memorial Hospital!

We would like to take this opportunity to announce our new name. The Rehab Department at MMH will now be known as Mountain View Therapy at Montrose Memorial Hospital. We have added a new campus for our adult rehab programs and continue to maintain programs in the existing buildings; which puts our programs in six locations. The RiteCare program continues to be housed in our newly remodeled Pediatric Center.



Our RiteCare sponsored **Pancake Breakfast with Santa** was a big hit again this year! We want to thank our wonderful Appraisal Committee members for their hard work and dedication. Through their efforts they arranged for the **Shriner** clowns and the **Child Safety Identification Program**. The clowns created balloon toys which the children enjoyed. Also, the parents appreciated the opportunity to have their children's identification gathered in a location that has less waiting and confusion.

A BIG thank you to the Scottish Rite Foundation for their continued support of our speech-language programs. If the support was not available at both the local and the state level many children in our service area would not be receiving therapy. We wish the best to ALL involved in these programs throughout the state in 2011.

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



The Children's Hospital Therapy Center – Pueblo

Submitted by: *Martha Drake RiteCare Program Director in Pueblo*



I would like to thank the Scottish Rite Masons for the gift of books given to our children at the Christmas party. I saw a mother reading the book to her child during the party.

This year I read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" beautifully illustrated by Jan Brett to the children as they waited for Santa to arrive. Several children joined in on the familiar refrains.

At The Children's Hospital Therapy Center in Pueblo, we have a collection of 365 books that we use in therapy to teach a variety of concepts. Through the illustrations and words, children become hooked on language.

Thank you once again for this generous and educational gift!



(above) Jeffrey enjoys a fishing game at the annual Holiday Party with speech therapist Jaclyn

The Children's Hospital - Network of Care

By: *Beth Warren, Speech-Language Pathologist, The Children's Hospital Therapy Center – Parker*

Did you know that the generosity of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado has provided significant financial support for children and families to receive speech and language services in over 21 communities across Colorado?

RiteCare programs can be found in such diverse areas of the state as Cortez, Sterling, Montrose, and Pueblo. The area that was first to benefit from Scottish Rite funds was The Children's Hospital (TCH) in Denver in 1953 with a lone scholarship to a child in need of speech therapy. From one scholarship, and one location, a statewide program has developed and provided services to over 15,000 children. The dedication, vision and generous donations of Scottish Rite Masons around the state has made this vast expansion in Colorado possible.

Although the mention of receiving speech-language and learning therapy services at TCH generally brings to mind the beautiful new facility on the Anschutz Medical Campus, many families are often surprised and pleased to learn that they do not have to transport their child on a weekly basis to the main campus in Aurora. Families can now receive the same quality of therapy services in one of the *Network of Care* locations closer to their home.

In the Denver Metro Network there are **four** locations that provide speech-language and learning therapy services. These therapy care locations are in **Aurora, Westminster, Littleton** and **Parker**. Each of these locations provides the same TCH standard of innovative therapy, in kid-friendly environments, that are conveniently located for families to select from.

The Children's Hospital continues to strive to provide quality, comprehensive, pediatric therapy services and to keep those services as close to home as possible for all of our families. Through the generous donations of the Scottish Rite Foundation hundreds of children in the Denver area are able to benefit from these therapy services in their communities.

For more information about the *Network of Care* at *The Children's Hospital*, please visit their "Map of Locations" website at:

<http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/about/locations/index1.aspx>

Visit the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado website: www.scottishritefoundation.org



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Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

Here is an item of success you should know about. The Scottish Rite Foundation recently completed its annual fund raising campaign with more than \$50,000 received from more than 400 donors throughout Colorado. Scottish Rite Masons responded to this campaign (extending from November 15, 2010 to January 15, 2011) with individual donations ranging from \$5 to \$10,000. This outpouring of support confirms what we have always known – Masons deeply care about the RiteCare program.

We have been asked by several individuals as to what the Foundation does to manage its financial resources. That is what I want to share with you in this article. We've faced some stressful times in the past couple of years, but our trustees are proactively managing the Foundation's resources and making progress.

For example, our finance committee (consisting of three Foundation trustees who have financial management expertise) not only meets quarterly with our investment managers, but also reviews internally prepared monthly analyses. This information provides a current status of our investment activity, budget and expenditures, and long-term trends. This timely information makes it possible for the finance committee to make mid-course corrections as necessary.

We are also seeking support from other Foundations and non-profits. By the time you read this we will have an important grant request filed and an additional three will be filed during the first quarter of 2011.

We deeply understand that you, our RiteCare partners, have a key stake in our financial success. Our ability to be successful translates directly into more children receiving needed speech and related therapies – services provided by the RiteCare clinics and centers.

On this my 11th anniversary with the Foundation, I could not ask for a more satisfying and rewarding endeavor. Working with you in helping children is a joy which makes life very meaningful for you and for me. Thanks for being there for the kids and for the Masons.

The annual Holiday Party, held at the Denver Consistory the first Saturday in December was filled with music, games and activities as well as a visit from Santa.

A family shares their gratitude to the Scottish Rite Masons of Colorado by sharing this fun photo album. Follow the link to enjoy! <http://smilebox.com/playEmail/4d6a41344e7a67344f4452384e4455354f4463784e44493dodoa&sb=1>

Memorial Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation – Colorado Springs

Social Skills Group



Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation is proud to continue to offer “Friendship Clubs” to provide social skills therapy to children with a variety of diagnoses which involve social skills deficits. Groups consist of children ages five through twelve who are grouped by age and skill level. Applications are collected on an ongoing basis and new groups begin approximately every twelve weeks. Each group consists of four to six members and two to three therapists. The groups are structured with group goals designed to enhance the pragmatic language skills of all individual group members, including paying attention to others, establishing eye contact, turn taking, asking appropriate questions, and understanding compromise. Parent participation is an important component of the social skills 10.5

Fall Festival

Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation hosted its annual Fall Harvest Festival on October 27th. 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 patients and their siblings came dressed in costumes to enjoy an afternoon of fun. Children had the opportunity to have their picture taken with Chance the therapy dog (dressed as a ladybug), dig into pumpkins full of goo, try their hands at pumpkin bowling, decorate festive cookies, have their faces painted, participate in a candy bar walk, and complete an obstacle course in the sensory gym. Everyone had a spook-tastic time!



Santa Visits with Books

December 15th 2010 was a festive day in Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation, as Jim Stivers joined us once again as Santa Claus. Over fifty children enjoyed sitting with Santa for a picture and were able to select a book of their choice.

We want to give a huge thanks to Rite Care for providing the books available to the children this holiday season! This continues to be a highlight of winter activities for the children and their families who receive services from Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation!

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Colorado RiteCare Program Directory

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