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Fall Message



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The National RiteCare Clinic Conference in Dallas (Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children) was a rousing success! Excellent presentations and the warm Texas welcome encouraged camaraderie among the more than 200 participants from around the country. Colorado RiteCare Clinics were represented by Amy Thrasher (UC-Boulder), Kathy Boada, Stephanie Coe, Deborah Hayes, and Julie Law (Children's Hospital Colorado), Jeneine Stevenson and Patti Anderson (Montrose Memorial Hospital), Martha Drake (Children's Therapy Care Pueblo) and Amy Neilsen (St. Mary's Grand Junction). The National RiteCare Clinic Conference is held every two years. I hope all Colorado RiteCare programs can participate in 2014.

Scottish Rite Masons recognized the students who received either a *Dwight A. Hamilton Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology* or *Colorado Masons Benevolent Fund* scholarship at the Denver Consistory Stated Meeting on September 17th. The scholars received a certificate honoring their accomplishment and said a few words expressing their appreciation to the Masons for the award. This year, a Colorado student also received a Sam and Millie Hilburn scholarship from Supreme Council. We are so fortunate that Colorado Masons recognize the importance of the future workforce of the profession and such outstanding young people have embraced speech-language pathology as their chosen profession!



Children's Colorado enjoyed a Cornerstone Ceremony on Saturday, September 29th as The Masonic Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Colorado laid the cornerstone at our newest Network-of-Care site in Broomfield. **Photo above, Grand Master Karl A. Hinkle, 33^o** (also a Trustee of the Scottish Rite Foundation) led this meaningful ceremony as we dedicated the building our noble purpose in caring for children and families.

This beautiful new facility encompasses more than 20,000 square feet for therapies, concussion clinic, and psychology services.

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2013 Annual Program Calendar

The annual program calendar is scheduled for printing early this year to ensure timely delivery to all programs before the end of the 2012 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

Greetings from the Treasure Chest Program at the Piñon Project Family Resource Center in Cortez!

We have had a great start so far for the 2012-2013 school year with introducing Treasure Chest family literacy materials to parents attending both the *Montelores Early Childhood Council Family Night* (September), and the *Beech Street Preschool's Family Night and Book Fair* (October).



During the past summer months, I was able to introduce Treasure Chest theme tubs to some new parents through collaboration with The Piñon Project, *Parents As Teachers Program* at the first "Toddler Olympics". This program was held for 6 weeks to provide parents of children ages 2-3 and 3-5 with information and fun activities promoting fitness and nutrition skills. Some of the families participating were already Treasure Chest families who were able to share information and enthusiasm about the program with the new families. I will continue to coordinate with *Parents As Teachers* and other programs offered through The Piñon Project, including *The Incredible Years* (parenting classes) and the *Strengthening Families* and *Even Start* classes, to offer Treasure Chest materials. We also continue our relationship with the preschool and public library sites.

I am so grateful for the continued and incredibly generous support of the Masons through the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado and the leadership from Children's Hospital Colorado to be able to bring wonderful new theme chests to families. Support allows us to help promote early childhood literacy development and school readiness in a way that allows families to have access to quality books and materials. Parents and children can create their own unique and enjoyable family time.

It is a great pleasure to work with this program here in The Four Corners Region of Colorado where there is still great need, as well as great appreciation by parents and the community for this type of resource for families.

I'm looking forward to providing further updates in the next newsletter!



Children's Hospital Colorado
Therapy Center,
Pueblo



Children's Hospital Colorado
Outpatient Specialty Care,
Colorado Springs



My name is Nicole, and I am the mother of a five-year-old boy, who wears hearing aids; but thanks to the wonderful people at Children's Hospital, he is socially, educationally, and emotionally like all of his peers. Because Evan was born without his stapes bones, he has a moderate to severe hearing loss in both ears. He was fitted with hearing aids when he was three-years-old and began speech therapy through Children's Hospital with Kathryn Duren after his fourth birthday. The progress Evan has made is truly incredible. When Evan was in preschool, he was extremely shy and did not interact well with his peers. Because of all that Kathryn has done for Evan, he has made many friends, advocates for himself, asks questions to both adults and his peers, and just loves going to school because he enjoys the socialization! His self-confidence is apparent in everything he does. Someone asked him what was hard for him in school, and his reply was "nothing".

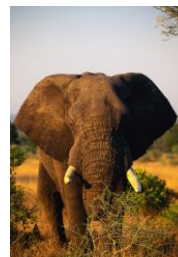
I truly believe that Kathryn also saved Evan's life. Last October, Evan ate a small piece of cake with pecans on it. He told me "his tongue hurt". I then took him to an allergist and found out that he has a severe allergy to all nuts. He never had the communication skills to tell me that before he started speech therapy.

Allison Cunningham is Evan's audiologist at Children's Hospital in Colorado Springs. She too has been such an asset in Evan's life. It is fantastic having such a knowledgeable person so close to home. At school, his teacher was wondering how Evan could use an iPad® with headphones like the other students. I called Allison, and she told me, that he could use a device called a "neck loop" for the iPad®. After watching Evan at school using the "neck loop", our school district audiologist is now going to order more for the other children in our district who wear hearing aids.

Through the help of a Scottish Rite Scholarship (for speech therapy) and Children's Hospital, Evan has been able to receive the services that he needs. I believe that because of the fantastic people helping him at his age now, Evan will grow up to be a successful adult. These people will always have a special place in my heart!

September 2012 - Another successful year at the Pueblo Zoo

This year, Southern Colorado Masons hosted over 350 people at their annual family day at the Pueblo Zoo! Attendees included children and families seen at both Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Center Pueblo and Memorial Hospital, Colorado Springs.



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Vernon B. Ingraham, 33^o, Grand Cross
 Executive Secretary
 Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

The *Hilburn* Scholarship was begun in 1999 with a generous gift to the Supreme Council by *Illustrious Brother Sam and Millie Hilburn*. Since then five Colorado students have received this scholarship with awards totaling \$30,000.

Congratulations to Melissa Klaer, graduate student from University of Colorado at Boulder, recipient of 2012 Hilburn scholarship.

The *Benevolent Fund* Scholarship was begun in 2003 in cooperation with the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. Since then twenty Colorado students have received this scholarship with awards totaling \$100,000.

Congratulations to Carrie Arensmeyer and Bethany Levin, graduate students from University of Northern Colorado, recipients of 2012 Benevolent Fund scholarship.

The *Hamilton* Scholarship was begun in 2005 in honor of the Orient's then recently retired SGIG, *Illustrious Brother Dwight A. Hamilton*. Since then 16 Colorado students have received this scholarship with awards totaling \$80,000.

Congratulations to Madison Atkins and Sheryl Schaller, graduate students from University of Colorado at Boulder, recipients of 2012 Hamilton scholarship.

Five Speech-Language Scholarships Awarded for 2012

On September 17, 2012, the Orient of Colorado recognized five graduate students who were recently awarded scholarships collectively totaling \$25,000 for graduate work leading to a Master's Degree in speech-language pathology and ultimately to certification as a speech-language pathologist. 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).



Colorado Scholarship Recipients and Hosts

Top Row (L to R) Vernon B. Ingraham, 33^o GC; Dr. Deborah Hayes – Kelley Family/Schlessman Scottish Rite Mason's Chair in Childhood Language Disorders, Children's Hospital Colorado; Melissa Klaer, *Hilburn* Scholarship Recipient; Gerald A. Ford, 33^o, Scottish Rite Foundation Trustee; Richard G. Frohlick, 33^o, Scottish Rite Foundation Trustee.

Bottom Row (L to R) Robert W. Gregory, 33^o, Trustee of the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association and Scottish Rite Foundation volunteer; Professor Kathleen Fahey, Ph.D., University of Northern Colorado; Carrie Arensmeyer, *Benevolent Fund* Scholarship Recipient; Bethany Levin, *Benevolent Fund* Scholarship Recipient; Madison Atkins, *Hamilton* Scholarship Recipient; Sheryl Schaller, *Hamilton* Scholarship Recipient; Professor Susan Moore, University of Colorado at Boulder.

University of Northern Colorado, Audiology & Speech-Language Sciences



By Nicole Reisfeld, Clinical Supervisor at UNC

Justin is a 3 year old with sensory integration issues, developmental delays, and possible autism. Justin's family was worried that he was behind in many areas including his ability to communicate, his ability to pay attention, and his ability to understand directions and questions. In addition, his communication and sensory problems were making it difficult for him to behave appropriately in many settings.

Though Justin's mom knew they needed some additional services for him, she was having difficulty finding options they could afford. Then she learned about the *Talking And Listening with Preschoolers* program (TALP). Justin began attending TALP during the summer semester (2012). When he first came into the program, he had difficulty sitting with the other children to listen to stories or participate in craft activities. When his sensory system was overloaded, he would go to another area of the room or hide under a table.

His limited communication skills made it difficult for him to understand what was expected or to let the student clinicians know what was wrong. Good teamwork was what Justin needed. His mother worked with the student clinicians to help them understand his sensory needs and the student clinicians demonstrated therapy techniques that would help Justin's communication skills.

We quickly began to see progress. Both at home and in the TALP program, Justin began using more words and phrases to make requests and to comment on what was happening during the class. He was able to sit longer during group activities and that gave him the chance to see how much fun we were having. Instead of leaving the group, he leans in eagerly to make sure he sees all of the pictures during story-time and talks about the pictures he sees. Justin is also using a picture schedule to help him attend to activities for longer periods of time. He is routinely making requests for snacks, craft materials, and activities.



Justin has made great strides over the past several months at the TALP program. And with the teamwork of his family and the graduate clinicians, he is sure to continue to learn and grow!



By Julie A. Hanks, Associate Professor, Audiology & Speech-Language Sciences at UNC



The ***Speaking and Signing Stories Group*** was held at UNC's Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Clinic in June and July to enhance spoken language, sign language and listening skills for young children who use cochlear implants and/or hearing aids and their siblings. During the summer of 2012 the group focused on **The Great Outdoors**. Each week a book was chosen to support the theme and children participated in story time, snacks, music, crafts and other activities to help develop listening skills and overall language growth. Stories were shared with children using spoken English and sign language. Six children regularly attended the sessions and they shared their learning with four graduate students in speech-language pathology. The children and graduate students had a great time with bugs, shells, sand, dirt and other things found in the Great Outdoors!

Children’s Hospital Colorado at Memorial, Colorado Springs

Memorial Pediatric Rehab Has Joined Children’s Hospital of Colorado!

Memorial Pediatric Rehab is excited to be the newest addition to the Children’s Hospital of Colorado network of care! In August 2012, the city of Colorado Springs overwhelmingly approved a measure to lease Memorial Health System to the University of Colorado Health System beginning October 1, 2012. Under this lease, all pediatric services will be sub-leased to Children’s Hospital of Colorado. While therapy continued as usual for our patients and families, we are very excited to continue working together to serve our community!

A New Addition to the Children’s Hospital of Colorado at Memorial Team



Children’s Hospital of Colorado at Memorial is excited to welcome their newest employee...Rocker the therapy dog! She is trained and certified by Therapy Dogs International.



She is working alongside of her owner, occupational therapist Andrea Stone, as well as a variety of other therapists to better serve our patients. Her special talents include pushing and pulling wheelchairs, jumping on the trampoline, riding in wagons, helping with bracing for standing, giving kisses, and keeping secrets (*as seen in the photos above*)!

Pueblo Zoo Event

Children’s Hospital of Colorado at Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation was excited to be invited to the Pueblo Zoo for the Scottish Rite annual picnic (*photo left*). Several families from our rehabilitation facility took part in the day, enjoying a delicious cookout and visiting with the animals. A big thank you for including us in this fun event!

Montrose Memorial Hospital

By: Jeneine Stevenson & Patti Anderson, Co-Directors at Mountain View Therapy Pediatric RiteCare Program

The summer program at Mountain View Rehab-Pediatrics was a great success. Our language focus was on Occupations and we learned about the many helpers in our community. We ended the program with a water day, always a big hit with the kids.



The Annual Picnic sponsored by our Appraisal committee was held in September this year. We had a great turnout of children and parents who enjoyed a meal of hamburgers and hotdogs. This event always gives our parents an opportunity to visit with the appraisal committee members. The addition of face painting and balloon making with the clowns was a big success.

Thanks to the Scottish Rite Masons for cooking!



We want to thank the Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders for their support with our recent attendance to the Directors Meeting in Dallas. It was informative and gave us an opportunity to network with directors from other programs across the nation. We continue to be amazed by the scope of programs sponsored by the Scottish Rite Masons. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a benevolent organization.

Plan Ahead for the next RiteView Publication!

RiteView article due dates:

- Winter: January 5th
- Spring: April 15th *"May is Better Hearing and Speech Month"*
- Fall: September 30th

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