

**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
2014 ANNUAL REPORT
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO**



STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 258 children receive speech, language, and learning services at Children's Hospital Colorado (metro Denver area; see separate Annual Reports from Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs and Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care in Pueblo). The table below shows the contributions by Scottish Rite Foundation and *Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation* to evaluation, therapy, camp, and parent education programs in 2014. The overall average cost per child for services at Children's Hospital Colorado (metro Denver area) was \$ 1,135, a decrease of more than \$200 per child relative to 2013, and a remarkably small investment for a lifetime of communication and learning.

Program (# Children)	Scottish Rite Foundation or <i>Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation</i> contribution	Average Cost per Child
Individual Therapy (134)	\$ 181,633	\$ 1,050
Group Therapy (35)	\$ 32,635	\$ 932
Parent Education (2)	\$ 1,594	\$ 797
Individual Telepractice (4)	\$ 4,414	\$ 1,104
Cleft Palate Clinic (41)	\$ 2,956	\$ 72
*Talking with Technology Camp (29)	\$ 54,763	\$ 1,888
<i>First Steps Camp (13**)</i> <i>Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation</i>	\$ 14,759	\$ 1,135
TOTAL (258)	\$ 292,754	\$1,135

*Does not include \$13,240 donation from the *Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation* to support sibling, trainer, and personal care attendant programs at camp.

**Includes support for 20 siblings and 19 parents

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The department offers a wide variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of children with speech, language, learning, and communication disorders. Services are provided in locations convenient to the families' homes at Children's Hospital Main Campus (Aurora) and community-based Network of Care sites (Broomfield, Littleton, and Parker). Youngsters who receive services at Children's Hospital Colorado include children with autism spectrum disorder, apraxia of speech, augmentative/alternative communication needs, cleft lip and palate, developmental delay, dysfluency, head injury and stroke, learning disabilities, sensory dysfunction such as deafness, and voice disorders.

Currently, more than 80 speech-language pathologists, 20 audiologists, 10 learning disabilities specialists, a clinical social worker, deaf educator, and family consultant provide care to children

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and their families through the Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services at Children's Hospital Colorado (metro Denver Area). Our services are the program of choice for families seeking speech-language, learning, and hearing services outside the educational system for their child.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Children's Hospital Colorado documents the effectiveness of treatment through validated, standardized clinical measures, and parent survey. To contribute to the statewide database documenting treatment effectiveness in all RiteCare[®] Programs, families complete the Child Development Inventory, a 360-item questionnaire probing developmental domains of social communication skills, language comprehension, expressive language, fine and gross motor, and general development, upon their child's entry to therapy and at six months intervals thereafter. Summary tables from this database consistently show rapid increase in children's social communication skills and slower, but persistent, gains in language development in the first two years of therapy. We continue to analyze results for children with specific diagnoses such as apraxia of speech, articulation disorders, and autism spectrum disorder. This analysis allows us to confirm specific developmental needs of these youngsters and tailor therapy programs to meet those needs.

TELEPRACTICE

The Department continues to take a leadership role in the hospital in telepractice, that is, delivery of evaluation and treatment services over the internet to families in remote, rural, or underserved communities. In 2014, the department provided speech-language therapy via internet videoconferencing to 22 children, more than doubling the number of youngster treated by this method in 2013. Nineteen Colorado children and one child each from Montana, Nebraska, and Kansas were treated by this technique. Colorado communities served by telepractice included: Beulah, Ignacio, Olathe, Whitewater, Thornton, Winter Park, Cortez, Hugo, Lamar, Granby, Canon City, Las Animas, Craig, Brush, and Dolores. To serve families without access to internet services in their homes, The Piñon Project in Cortez serves as a telepractice site for Children's Hospital Colorado.

In addition to providing direct services by telepractice, staff in the department presented the results of our program at national and international conferences, including the Biennial National RiteCare Conference in St. Louis in 2014. In addition, we served as consultants to the Kansas RiteCare program in developing telepractice in that state.

REPORT FROM THE ENDOWED CHAIR

The Scottish Rite Foundation's gift of the *Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Endowed Chair in Childhood Language Disorders* in 2003 affords program improvements for services to children with language disorders throughout the state. This support enables program innovation, development, expansion, and monitoring; staff education; outcomes



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assessment; leadership initiatives; Foundation recognition; and various other functions to enhance the Foundation, RiteCare, and Treasure Chest viability and visibility.

The income from the endowed chair supports Valerie Hernandez, Program Assistant to the *Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders*, in coordinating Scottish Rite Foundation patient databases, Children's Hospital Colorado Appraisal Committee Meetings, the Annual Luncheon and other special events (e.g., Denver Consistory Reunion Class Foundation-Focused Dinners), financial tracking for Children's Hospital RiteCare program, and financial tracking and billing approvals for statewide RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs. Valerie also initiates and designs the statewide publication, *RiteView*, a publication for and about Colorado's RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs.

Valerie's invaluable assistance makes it possible for the Chair Holder, Deborah Hayes, to devote her efforts for the Scottish Rite Foundation to program development and implementation, grant writing, and service evaluation.

In 2014, this support allowed Deborah Hayes to initiate support for a new Colorado RiteCare Program in Gunnison, collaborate in grant writing with Vernon Ingraham, Scottish Rite Foundation Executive Secretary, conduct annual visits to RiteCare and Treasure Chest Programs throughout the state, support RiteCare Program Directors to attend the Biennial National RiteCare Conference, present our telepractice program at that conference, consult with RiteCare programs in Kansas on telepractice, and in award and other programmatic initiatives.

In 2014, the income from the endowed chair funded, in part or total, the following:

- Salary support for Valerie Hernandez, Program Assistant
- Salary support for Deborah Hayes, Chair Holder
- Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Luncheon
- Scottish Rite Masons Denver Consistory Reunion Dinners
- Conference support for RiteCare Program Directors from Grand Junction and Montrose to attend the Biennial RiteCare Conference in St. Louis
- Chair Holder and Program Assistant travel to RiteCare and Treasure Chest Programs in Colorado including Pueblo, Boulder, Fort Collins, Greeley, Gunnison, Cortez, Montrose, and Grand Junction
- Coordination with Foundation Executive Secretary of the *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology* awards program
- Chair Holder presentations at national and international professional meetings
- Publication of the 2015 RiteCare Calendar
- Award to University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, for Cover Photo for 2015 RiteCare Calendar
- Holiday Celebration expenses for various RiteCare Programs
- Expense support for candidate recruitment for Chair



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- Support for Children's Hospital speech-language pathologists to visit The Piñon Project in Cortez to evaluate children for telepractice speech-language therapy services
- Support for Children's Hospital Learning Specialists to provide outreach to Grand Junction
- Coordination of the RiteCare Child Development Inventory Project to document effectiveness of speech-language therapy for children enrolled in RiteCare Programs throughout Colorado
- Volunteer recognition expenses
- External hard drive and software upgrades for program management

Children's Hospital Colorado and the Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services are indebted to the Kelley Family, Schlessman Family, and Scottish Rite Masons who made the endowed chair possible.

In the coming years, the financial support from the chair will permit development of new programs, enhancement of staff expertise, improved accountability to the Scottish Rite Foundation, and continued national leadership in treatment of children with language disorders. Per Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation's annual report to the Scottish Rite Foundation market value of the Endowed Chair on December 31, 2014 was approximately \$3,255,360. The anticipated 2015 annual distribution to Children's Hospital Colorado, Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services will be \$162,768.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Further development of the telepractice program in speech-language therapy, including national and international presentations on this initiative, was a highlight of 2014. We are honored to partner with the Scottish Rite Foundation in bringing therapy services and support for children with language disorders and their families throughout our state. In the years ahead, we will strive to meet the Foundation's vision that all children in Colorado, regardless of where they live, will have access to speech-language therapy services.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Hayes
Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons
Chair in Childhood Language Disorders



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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped 18 children throughout the Colorado Springs community receive therapy.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, <i>Individual</i>	15	\$ 10,894	\$ 726
Therapy, <i>Group*</i>	1	\$ 70	\$ 70
Parent Education	2	\$ 395	\$ 198
Total Children Served	18	\$ 11,359	\$ 631

*One child received both group and individual therapy; this child was only counted once in the total count of children served.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Children’s Hospital Colorado currently has three locations in Colorado Springs, including *Children’s Hospital Colorado Therapy Care at Printers Park* (Printers Park) in southern Colorado Springs, *Children’s Hospital Colorado Specialty Care at Briargate* (Briargate) in northern Colorado Springs, and inpatient care at *Children’s Hospital Colorado at Memorial*.

Our program in Colorado Springs increased the size of staff in 2014 to include 20 speech-language pathologists, 20 physical therapists, and 22 occupational therapists in inpatient and outpatient setting for children ranging in age from birth to 21 with a variety of diagnoses.

The Colorado Springs program offers a wide variety of evaluations and clinics, as well as several models of therapy, including group, individual, intensive, and consultative. Augmentative and alternative communication evaluations and treatment are also available to serve children who are unable to produce intelligible spoken language. Patients have access to hippo therapy services in cooperation with Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center. Briargate offers families access to specialty care clinics, including Autism and Developmental Disorders, Infant Developmental Assessment, Cleft Lip and Palate, Velopharyngeal Insufficiency, Swallow Disorders, and Rehabilitation clinics. In these clinics, patients are seen by a team of professionals, including physicians, clinical social workers, speech language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, and dieticians to address their complex needs.

Therapists at Briargate implemented several sessions of *Hanen It Takes Two To Talk*® in 2014. This program educates and empowers parents to use language stimulation strategies at home to improve language outcomes and decrease the length of speech language therapy services needed.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs is actively engaged in documenting outcomes through the Child Development Inventory project. A variety of baseline measurements and periodic re-evaluations are also completed to measure the patient's clinical outcomes in a given time frame and to monitor progress.

LEADERSHIP

Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs continues to bring courses to the community for the education of therapists both within the hospital system and other professionals within the community. This year our program brought the PROMPT course to train many of our speech language pathologists in this hands-on approach for treatment of apraxia of speech. Many of our therapists also expanded their knowledge of feeding difficulties in the infant population by attending the Fragile Infant Feeding Institute. This knowledge allows our therapists to provide specialized evidence-based intervention to fragile infant feeders and their families.

In 2014, Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs continued to collaborate with physicians both in the hospital and the community to offer multidisciplinary clinics that are not available elsewhere in southern Colorado. These clinics allow the families in our community to access high quality medical and developmental services which address the needs of their children with complex medical and developmental diagnoses.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With our growing services and clinics in southern Colorado, the SRF remains an important resource for families to ensure that their children receive high quality care necessary for appropriate growth and development. With the on-going changes in health care, including increased denial or restriction of speech therapy services covered, families continue to face challenges in accessing the care they need for their children with speech-language and feeding difficulties. Throughout those changes, the SRF has remained a consistent resource for speech therapy services that may not have otherwise been available to these patients. Although this rehabilitation facility did not require the full amount of the grant provided this year, we anticipate using a larger percentage of the grant in this upcoming year, due to the observed increases in deductible and co-pay amounts, changes in health care policies, and the expansion of parent education programs to better serve our community. We appreciate the unwavering support provided by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado for our patients and families.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scottish Rite Program Co-Coordinator

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Scottish Rite Program Co-Coordinator

**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO THERAPY CARE - PUEBLO**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 32 children receive individual therapy at Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo. The table below summarizes the type of services offered, number of children served, SRF contribution for each service, and average cost per child for these services.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, <i>Individual</i>	24	\$ 44,748	\$ 1,865
Therapy, <i>Group</i>	6	\$ 4,858	\$ 810
<i>Parent Education</i>	2	\$ 1,660	\$ 830
Total Children Served	32	\$ 51,266	\$ 1,602

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care - Pueblo continues to adapt to the ever changing needs of children and families in southern Colorado. In 2014, Jaclyn Mutz delivered speech-language therapy to a child in Cortez via the internet. Martha Drake and Kathryn Duren held a preschool group for children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing for the increasing number of children with cochlear implants. Kris Spinuzzi, learning specialist, doubled her units of service during the summer months for children needing reading therapy. And Becky Doidge took the lead in our feeding therapy program organizing a summer picnic at the park and a Thanksgiving feast.

The Scottish Rite Masons and therapy staff hosted another very successful Zoo Day in September and Christmas party in December.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Child Development Inventory (CDI) is used to measure clinical outcomes in speech-language therapy. Outcomes in learning therapy are measured by the Word Identification and Spelling Test (WIST). In addition, children in feeding therapy and augmentative and alternative communication therapy participate in outcome studies tailored to measure growth in very specific skills.

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The department of Audiology, Speech and Learning began competency testing in critical skill areas. The Pueblo staff completed their competencies in multicultural intervention, deaf and hard of hearing, and augmentative and alternative communication in 2014.

Families coming to our clinic for the first time for their child's speech-language evaluation are often overwhelmed. It is essential that they have important information such as recommendations, next steps and contact information in writing when they leave. We have started to measure compliance with "after visit summaries" following evaluations.

LEADERSHIP

Deluvina Marmolejo continues to serve as Scottish Rite Support for Southern Colorado families. She is invaluable to both the Colorado Springs and Pueblo programs in organizing appraisal committee meetings, interacting with families, and tracking charges.

Martha Drake serves on the board of Soaring Eagles Center for Autism. She participated in the organization's annual comedy night and silent auction.

Kathryn Duren participated in Talking with Technology Camp, a week long experience interacting with children with devices and training students and professionals.

Stacey Bernal serves as the department's Stuttering Team Lead. She is often called upon by co-workers in Denver and Colorado Springs to assist with patients who have this very challenging communication impairment.

We have developed a relationship with the Foundation and Association of Volunteers in Colorado Springs and hope to be working together in 2015 on various fund raisers and community events to benefit families in southern Colorado.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committed, kind, generous, humble....these are only a few adjectives that describe the wonderful Scottish Rite Masons we work with year round. Thank you Ben, Les, Tony, and Bill for your partnership and friendship. You are very much appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Drake, MA, CCC – SLP
Scottish Rite Program Director - Pueblo



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CHILDREN'S SPEECH AND READING CENTER**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 115 children receive services through the Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC). The table below summarizes the type of services offered, number of children served, SRF contribution for each service, and average cost per child for these services.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	51	\$69,736	\$ 1,367
Early Literacy	64	\$10,045	\$ 156
TOTAL	115	\$79,781	\$ 694

A \$5,000 matching grant from the SRF assisted CSRC in continuing to provide free speech-language and reading screens. In 2014, CSRC conducted 175 free speech-language screens at the Center and an additional 337 at local pre-schools.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

CSRC provides professional and affordable diagnostic and treatment services to Northern Colorado children with speech, language or reading delays, engaging families and community resources in the development of communication skills that are critical to academic performance, social development and life success. The Center continues to provide valuable pre-literacy therapy to the children in three area preschools (preschools serving low income families) who exhibit delayed pre-literacy skills.

ACCOUNTABILITY

CSRC continues to participate in the Scottish Rite Foundation accountability project for child outcomes by administering the Child Development Inventory. Individual assessments of each child's progress toward treatment plan goals and objectives, including standardized measures, are completed at six month intervals during the child's services. Also, in the Center's satisfaction survey, parents rate the quality of service and their child's progress. In 2014, results of the survey indicated a 97.3% overall approval rating.



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LEADERSHIP

In 2014, Children's Speech and Reading Center staff participated in five community events including children's fairs and school district events. These events gave the Center the opportunity to educate families and professionals on the importance of early identification and treatment of communication disorders.

As experts in speech-language development, the Center's staff continues to be an active partner in a county-wide school readiness campaign called *Be Ready*. This campaign aims to educate families about the importance of supporting children's development needs from birth.

In 2013, CSRC's Director, Kathy Mason, was asked to represent the Center on a standing task force of the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County and facilitated by *Assuring Better Child Health and Development*. The task force is examining how childhood screenings are conducted in Larimer County with the goal of ensuring that every child receives any screenings, evaluations and services he or she needs in all developmental areas.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CSRC's Board of Directors, the staff and families are incredibly grateful for the financial support the Scottish Rite Foundation provides. CSRC has a unique role as the only free-standing, not for profit agency providing speech-language therapy to children in Northern Colorado. The Scottish Rite Foundation's commitment to this effort is unmatched. The annual funding provided by the Foundation enables CSRC to promote the importance of diagnosis and treatment of childhood communication disorders and helps ensure that services are available to all children regardless of their family's income level.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Mason
Executive Director
Children's Speech and Reading Center



**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO
2014 ANNUAL REPORT
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO – BOULDER**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 59 different children receive therapy at the RiteCare Center (RiteCare) at the University of Colorado (CU), Boulder. The table below summarizes the type of services offered, number of children served, SRF contribution for each service, and average cost per child for these services.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	10	\$ 10,448	\$1,045
Therapy , Group	49*	\$ 19,608	\$ 400
TOTAL	59	\$ 30,056	\$ 509

* Some children received both group and individual therapy; these children were only counted once in the total count of children served.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The University of Colorado Speech Language and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) Center continues to offer a variety of individual and group programs for children with communication challenges and their families. The Child Learning Center (CLC) offers toddler, preschool and parent education programs on campus and *El Grupo de Familias* and *Early Circles* (for parents of children with Down Syndrome) at the Wilderness Early Learning Center in north. Boulder. The RiteCare program provides much needed scholarship funding for both individual and group programs for children whose families could not otherwise access these needed services and supports. Scholarships awarded to six children, transitioning from Head Start to kindergarten funded an intensive three week summer language and literacy (“*Get Ready for Kindergarten*”) program with a parent education and support component in Spanish at the Wilderness Center. SRF funding also supports *Perspectives*, a school-based integrated program serving young adolescents with autism, and a program for younger children with autism and typically developing peers called *A Story of Friendship*.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Graduate students and clinical faculty are actively engaged in documenting child outcomes through the Child Development Inventory project specifically for the SRF as well as individualized measures for each child seen in the CLC or other programs. Treatment plans, progress notes, and final reports or re-assessments document progress of each child toward goals and objectives and results are used to refine programs, as well as document progress and growth.

LEADERSHIP

Faculty and students continue to participate actively in local, regional, national, and international events. In 2014, the SLHS department had over 10 presentations at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Convention, including seminars, research papers, and posters. Presentations by graduate students involved in program evaluation and research were also included. The SLHS department is nationally recognized in the professions for excellence in research, teaching and service.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of CU in Boulder, our departmental faculty, graduate students, children and families in Boulder County, we would like to again acknowledge and thank the SRF for their continued generosity in providing scholarship funding to children and families in need of services and supports. This funding is integral to providing excellence in service.

We also would like to acknowledge the SRF highly valued scholarship funding to three CU graduate students this year. Continuation of this support for highly qualified graduate students in speech language pathology significantly contributes to the future of the professions and the quality of services for young children with language challenges and their families in Colorado.

Faculty, graduate students, children and their families value and appreciate the SRF support provided to our RiteCare Center. We especially appreciate the additional support provided through the “matching grant” program. This gift of \$5,000 will help support out “listos summer program” for Spanish speaking children and their families transitioning to kindergarten.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Moore
RiteCare Program Director (2014)
University of Colorado, Boulder



**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO
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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped 10 children receive speech, language, and literacy services at the University of Northern Colorado Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Clinic. The table below shows the contributions by the Scottish Rite Foundation to assessment, therapy, and parent education programs at our clinic.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	5	\$ 5,744	\$ 1,149
Talking and Listening Preschool (TALP)	5	\$ 4,508	\$ 902
TOTAL	10	\$10,252	\$ 1,025

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The University of Northern Colorado (UNC) Audiology and Speech Language Sciences Program provides educational opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students. Our Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Clinic offers diagnostic and intervention services across the age span to individuals with communication needs. Preschool children who have speech, language, and hearing disorders receive intervention services through the generous support of the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) of Colorado. Our focus is to identify and serve preschoolers in Northeast Colorado who may not otherwise receive speech and language therapy due to a lack of service availability or the absence of funding.

The Talking and Listening for Preschoolers (TALP) program has been ongoing since 2007. Currently, the program is an interactive group that meets two times per week for a one hour group session and a 30 minute individual session, resulting in about 50 hours of direct intervention per semester. TALP is a literature-based program designed to support speech, language, social communication, and early literacy skills for preschool-aged students. The parents of enrolled children meet with our speech-language pathologist and graduate student clinicians to share information and learn about language development strategies.

This year, half of our children supported by the SRF were enrolled in the TALP program and therefore received both individual therapy and group services. The speech-language program for each child is created specific to the needs of the child. We served children with a wide range of speech, language, and hearing disorders.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

The UNC Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Clinic professionals and their students monitor the progress of each child receiving speech-language intervention services. Prior to each semester (12-14 week sessions, 3 times per year), each child receives a pre-therapy file review, assessments as needed, and new goals and objectives are developed in consultation with the child's family. Progress is monitored and documented routinely and a detailed progress report is shared with the family at the conclusion of each semester.

Professional relationships were maintained in 2014 with Weld School District 6, Thompson Valley R2J, the Centennial BOCES, and the Poudre R1 School District, as well as the medical community. The successful collaborative efforts between UNC and public schools and medical professionals help to promote the availability of SRF funding in our community. In addition, such collaboration provides valuable insight into the needs of families seeking services for their children.

The participation of graduate students to provide services to children enables these future professionals to develop skills necessary to become leaders in their own communities. Supervisors provide detailed feedback to graduate students during their clinical sessions and evaluate their clinical competencies at the end of the semester. By educating the graduate clinicians about the SRF and the role of community service, we increase the likelihood that these students will be comfortable in similar roles in the future.

LEADERSHIP

Three of UNC's outstanding graduate students, Cassie Meyer, Amber Rea, and Julie Werner received the *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Student Scholarship*. Each of these students along with UNC Faculty mentors including Kim Murza, Julie Hanks, Lynne Jackowiak, and Patty Walton attended the award ceremony. Dr. Kim Murza, the UNC Scottish Rite Director, continued to work closely with community organizations to discuss the opportunities provided at the UNC clinic through the generous support of the SRF.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The SRF has significantly improved opportunities for many children and their families in Northern Colorado. The support from the SRF has also provided many of our graduate students the opportunity to work in the TALP program; a program that likely would not be sustainable without support. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Murza, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
UNC RiteCare Program Director

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MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – MOUNTAIN VIEW THERAPY**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014 the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 59 children receive speech-language therapy and/or literacy at Mountain View Therapy (MVT) – Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH). The table below is a summary of services:

Program	Number Served	SRF Contribution	Average Cost Per Child
Therapy, Individual	29	\$65,527	\$ 2,259
Therapy, Group*	13	\$14,500	\$ 1,115
Total Speech	42	\$80,027	\$ 1,905
Literacy	17	\$10,022	\$ 589
TOTAL Speech and Literacy	59	\$90,000**	\$ 1,526

*Children who received both individual and group therapy were counted only once.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

MVT provides speech and language services in a five county area with clinics located in Delta and Montrose. We continued with a comprehensive summer program in both locations for school-aged children, preschoolers and toddlers. The Montrose site also provides literacy-language services for preschool through second grade with children who receive speech-language therapy and demonstrate literacy deficits.

During 2014 we were able to expand our services with the addition of two speech-language pathologists (SLP), one who speaks Spanish. We have also extended our hours until 6:00 p.m.

ACCOUNTABILITY

In 2014 MVT continued to participate in the Child Development Inventory statewide project, conducted monthly SRF appraisal committee meetings, provided test results and updates to referring physicians (based on standardized testing and observation), and educated families in home program activities.

MMH received two National Patient Satisfaction Awards from Avatar Solutions. In addition, MMH was honored as a Community Value 5-Star Hospital; one of only two hospitals receiving this distinction in Colorado.

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LEADERSHIP

We were the recipient of a \$3,000 grant from the San Juan Health Care Foundation and a matching grant from the SRF. Our local newspaper and magazine provided coverage for both of these grants. Both donations were used to purchase *iPad*® Airs, materials for the clinic and education for our SLP's. We are so grateful!

We remain active participants in conferences and community educational opportunities. The annual Health Fair attracted 1200 people and we highlighted our programs. We were a host site for three teleconferences both in April and October with Children's Hospital Colorado (CHCO) and the Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association. CHCO provided an outreach clinic for learning evaluations in Montrose. The Saltillo Corporation educated our staff on the newest augmentative devices from their company. Our co-directors participated in the RiteCare Conference in St. Louis where they increased their knowledge of evidence based clinical methods.

In 2014 we welcomed a new member to our SRF appraisal committee, hosted three family activities (a picnic in July, Breakfast with Santa, Pumpkin Patch) and participated in the Child Identification program. Our families look forward to these times when they can thank our local Masons and visit with other families. Santa posed for pictures with families and distributed 170 children's books that were donated by the *Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Endowed Chair* at Children's Hospital Colorado. Our local SR Masons cooked for the events and we received great support from the Masonic clowns.

Our program continues to support graduate students and Clinical Fellows in the field of communication disorders. We provide an array of therapy options, which allows them to participate in a multidisciplinary team approach to treatment. In addition, we have high school students rotate through our pediatric department to observe and explore careers as therapists.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are grateful for the on-going and committed support of the Scottish Rite Foundation to the children and families on the Western Slope. Thank you for your care of communities throughout our state.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Co-Director RiteCare Program

**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO
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ST. MARY'S LIFE CENTER**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

The Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) provided financial support for 81 children in 2014 for speech and language services at St Mary's Life Center (RiteCare program) in Grand Junction, CO. The table below summarizes the type of services provided and number of children served during 2014:

Program	Number Served	SRF Contribution	Average Cost per Visit
Individual Therapy Visits	918 Visits	\$138,172	\$ 151
Group Therapy Visits	721 Visits	\$ 38,971	\$ 54
			Average Cost per child
TOTAL CHILDREN	81	\$177,143	\$ 2,187

**Many of the children receive both group and individual therapy programs*

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In our RiteCare program for speech-language and literacy, we provided individual and group therapy services during 2014. Children ranging in age from 15 months through 7 years attended our programs. We also offered summer services for children up to 11 years of age. Our program is open weekdays 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. to accommodate family schedules. We have eight speech-language pathologists who are licensed and certified in their profession. We also have the support of a therapy assistant and two therapy aids.

Children who receive speech and language services in our RiteCare program have been diagnosed with wide variety of speech-language disorders due to autism, developmental delays, hearing loss, speech dysfluency, voice disorders, apraxia and other oral motor disabilities, cleft lip and palate, learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury/concussions, and cerebral palsy. We also support services for children who communicate through the use of an augmentative communication system. Patients attending our program also have the opportunity to access occupational therapy and physical therapy as needed.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Ensuring a quality program with positive outcomes is of utmost importance to St. Mary's Hospital. Our program continues to participate in the statewide accountability project, the Child Development Inventory (CDI). Through this project, parents are asked to complete the CDI upon entry to the program and every six months during enrollment. The CDI helps to assess the child's skills in the areas of social interaction, language comprehension, expressive language, and fine and gross motor and general development. The results of CDI combined with standardized testing and reevaluations are used to confirm ongoing skill development and to develop therapy goals, home programs, and to provide parent education.

LEADERSHIP

The speech-language department staff at St. Mary's have participated on both a local and state level with the following organizations: *Special Needs Advisory Committee* (and subcommittees), *Interagency Counsel for the Child*, *Colorado Discoverability*, *School District Child Find Assessment Team*, *Cleft Palate Team of Western Colorado*, *Children with Special Needs Task Force*, *Colorado Home Intervention Programs*, *Dyslexia Family Support Group*, *Mesa County Partnership for Children and Families*, *Early Childhood Leadership Commission*, and *The Colorado Speech and Hearing Association*. All of our speech-language pathologists are certified by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association.

We are fortunate to be a teleconference host site for educational opportunities offered through the Colorado Speech and Hearing Association and Children's Hospital Colorado. In 2014, we hosted an information table and presented at a local Autism conference.

During the past year our program staff collaborated with the other local children's agencies to develop a parent friendly brochure to help parents identify services and resources within the community. The brochure was provided to local physicians to help refer families to appropriate programs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The SRF has helped us help children in Grand Junction and surrounding communities for 28 years. Over those years, the SRF has contributed more than \$2.8 million dollars for us to treat approximately 2,120 youngsters. We are deeply grateful for the continued commitment of Colorado's Scottish Rite Masons in caring for children with speech, language, and literacy delays.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Brophy-Neilsen, M.S., -CCC-SLP
St. Mary's Hospital, Rite Care Program Director



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Deborah Hayes
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Dear Deborah and Scottish Rite Foundation

During 2014, no child enrolled in speech-language therapy at Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center received financial assistance from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. Although we continue to serve the children and families of the region with an active speech therapy practice, other funding sources supported these children's needs.

At Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center, we greatly appreciate being included in the Scottish Rite Foundation RiteCare program. We realize that our participation is small when compared to other programs, but having your scholarships available when needed is an important part of our pediatric speech-language pathology program. We appreciate being able to provide service to children who "fall through the cracks" and would not otherwise be able to receive treatment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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RiteCare Program Director
Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center





**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
2014 ANNUAL REPORT
Treasure Chest Program-The Piñon Project-Cortez**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014, (from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) The Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 162 children (121 families) access The Treasure Chest Program through The Piñon Project – Cortez. The table below summarizes the location of services and number of children served at each location. The SRF contributed \$52,500 for this program resulting in an average program cost of \$324.07 per child served.

Program	Number Served
Treasure Chest – Cortez Cortez Library	19
Pinon Project-Tree House, PAT/Successful Families, IY, MECC, Other)	74
Beech Street	4
Children’s Kiva	5
Treasure Chest – Dolores Teddy Bear Preschool	25
Dolores Library	9
Treasure Chest- Mancos Mancos Head Start	7
Treas.Chest Dove Creek Seventh St. Preschool	19
TOTAL	162

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Treasure Chest Program provides early literacy theme tubs of books and related materials at no cost to families with preschoolers, infants, and toddlers. Locations included: Dolores and Montezuma County children at the Cortez Library, Beech Street Preschool in Cortez, Montelores Early Childhood Council (MECC) family events, The Piñon Project’s Tree House Child Development Center, Successful Families and Incredible Years parenting classes and Parents As Teachers. Other sites served were Mancos Head Start, Teddy Bear Preschool in Dolores, Story Hour at The Dolores Library, and Dove Creek Seventh Street Preschool.

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The theme chests were used in trainings with preschool teachers at The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, CO by the school readiness coordinator with The Montelores Early Childhood Education Council. Treasure Chests materials have also been provided as needed for Children's Hospital Colorado's speech therapy telepractice services at The Piñon Project. For the 2014-2015 school year, theme chests have been made available to kindergarteners at Kemper Elementary School in Cortez to help facilitate children's transition to kindergarten.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Most of the children served by The Treasure Chest Program are enrolled in local preschool programs which provide developmental screening upon entry to preschool and at the end of the school year. The Tree House Child Development Center at The Piñon Project in Cortez uses Teaching Strategies Gold, from Creative Curriculum. This evaluation tool is used by most local preschool programs and school districts for follow up evaluation into early elementary school. Children enrolled at Tree House for the 2013/2014 school year who participated in the Treasure Chest Program experienced gains in language and literacy skills as in previous years. In addition to the developmental screening results, monthly parent surveys and teacher responses were again very positive and indicated that parents perceived the children's participation in the program as beneficial and facilitating increased parent- child engagement. Parents consistently praised the quality of the books and materials provided and their own as well as their children's enjoyment of their time together using the theme chests.

LEADERSHIP

Karen Winchester continues as Treasure Chest Program Coordinator, Kellie Willis is Executive Director of The Piñon Project and Program Director for Treasure Chest. The Piñon Project Family Resource Center collaborates with community partners to enhance early childhood services in Cortez and the surrounding communities.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Treasure Chest Program in Cortez is primarily funded by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. This continued support has made possible the program's scope, quality and ability to address local early childhood literacy and language development needs. We are most grateful for this generous support of The Treasure Chest Program to serve the children and families of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Winchester, Treasure Chest Program Coordinator
The Piñon Project Family Resource Center



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SER WESTERN SLOPE HEADSTART – TREASURE CHEST

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2014, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 67 families access the Treasure Chest Program through Rocky Mountain SER Head Start Program. The table below summarizes the number of children served, age range and number of families on the waiting list. The SRF contributed \$50,000 for this program as well as contributing an additional \$2,000 matching grant from Target. The SRF contributed a total of \$52,000 resulting in an average program cost of \$515.00 per child served.

Age Range (years)	Children Served	Families Waiting for Availability
0-2.5	28	
3-5	73	
Total	101	73

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

With support from the Scottish Rite Foundation, the Treasure Chest Program provides education and training for children and their families (siblings and parents) in a home based environment. The Treasure Chest Program provides early identification and intervention for children with possible developmental delays. The child’s development is screened and reviewed with parents. Additionally, school readiness is supported through early learning within the home.

The Treasure Chest Tubs are composed of developmentally appropriate materials that help strengthen every child’s growth and development. Each tub contains activities that are based on common themes.

Participation by the parents is an essential component of this program. The Early Literacy Coordinator will review the materials with the parents once a month, during their scheduled home visits. The parents then guide their children through these activities.

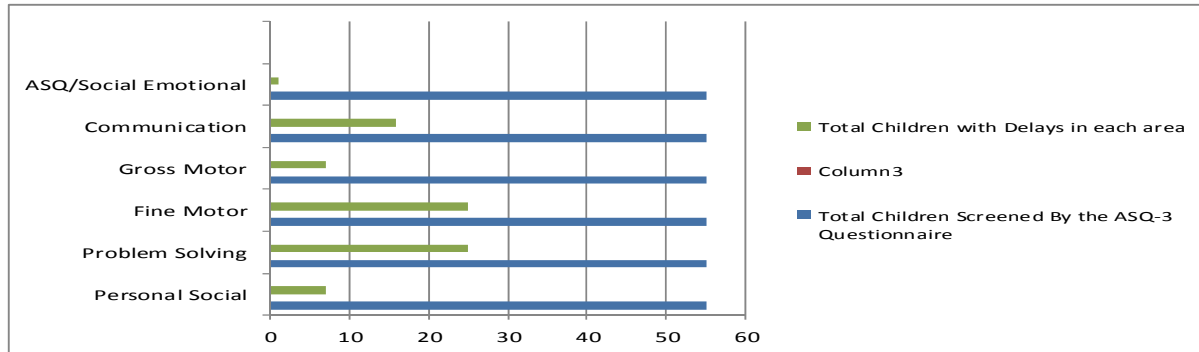
ACCOUNTABILITY

The ASQ-3 screening system is composed of 21 questionnaires designed to be completed by parents or other primary caregivers at any point for a child between 1 month and 5 ½ years of age. These questionnaires can accurately identify infants who are in need of further assessment to determine whether they are eligible for early intervention or early childhood special education services. Each questionnaire contains 30 developmental items that are written in simple, straight forward language. The items are organized into five areas: Communication, Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Problem Solving, and Personal-Social. In addition, there is a section that addresses general parental concerns.

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At the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year, the Treasure Chest Program enrolled 73 children who are between 3 and 5 years of age. Of these 73 children, 18 had previously been placed on an I.E.P by St. Mary’s Life Center Speech and Language Department and/or The Mesa County School District #51 Child Find. These 18 children with I.E.P’s are enrolled in the Treasure Chest Program. The remaining 55 children were screened, by The Treasure Chest Program, using the ASQ-3 Questionnaire (Pre-Assessment). The results of the ASQ-3 Questionnaire for the 55 children are shown below:

ASQ-3 QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS (PRE-SCREENING) 2014/2015



The graph shows multiple children are delayed in one or more of the five areas. This confirms the need for proactive support, not only for the 18 children with an I.E.P., but also for the other children with delays.

The on-going goal of the Treasure Chest Program is to provide support to all of our families in order to further and/or increase their child’s rate of learning. This is accomplished by providing the child with age appropriate educational materials and to educate the parent/guardian with the appropriate use of these materials.

LEADERSHIP

Thanks to the additional funding provided by Scottish Rite Foundation RMSER has hired an additional Early Literacy Program Assistant, Amanda Perez. Amanda has been working diligently and has added an additional 24 Spanish speaking families to the Treasure Chest Program. She is a great addition to our program! The Treasure Chest Program encourages our families who have children with speech and language delays to visit with Amy Brophy-Neilson, MSCCC-SLP with St. Mary’s Life Center, to receive additional speech services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The success of the Treasure Chest Program is due to the continued interest, funding and support from the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Carmen Marsh, Treasure Chest Program Coordinator