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Fall Message



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Summer left and autumn arrived in a blaze of glorious color in the mountains throughout our state. In a short trip to Kenosha Pass to enjoy the reds and golds of the changing season, I was awed by the splendor in nature. We are so fortunate to live in this land with beauty in every season!



RiteCare Conference Participants

We are also fortunate to work in a state where we can partner with Scottish Rite Masons in our passion for service to children and families. This issue of *RiteView* shows how the Masons have made a difference in the lives of children throughout Colorado ~ from the Western Slope to the Eastern Plains. We were able to celebrate our state's accomplishments this September at the Biennial RiteCare Conference held in St. Louis (*photo above*). I enjoyed participating in the conference with our colleagues from Montrose Memorial Hospital (Jeneine Stevenson and Patti Anderson) and St. Mary's Life Center (Amy Neilsen) as well as more than 150 other participants from throughout the country. I always leave these conferences with a sense of deep gratitude for the relationship we enjoy with the Masons in Colorado.

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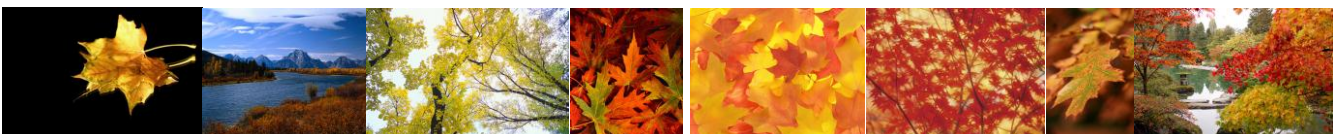
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Within the next few months, the Scottish Rite Foundation will ramp up the new fundraising campaign, *Promise to Care*. The goal of this campaign is to raise \$1.0 million dollars to benefit RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs in Colorado through increased scholarships, expanded telepractice, and additional financial support. The Foundation will be presenting a number of informational sessions to Masons in your community and may ask you to invite a family to describe their experience with speech therapy for their child. Please participate in any way possible to help the Foundation make this a successful campaign!





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Submitted by: Jeneine Stevenson & Patti Anderson,
RiteCare Co-Directors,
Mountain View Therapy – Montrose Memorial Hospital

The Montrose clinic received a \$3000 grant from the San Juan Health Care Foundation and a matching grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation. We were able to purchase two new iPads® and several applications to use in therapy. We would like to thank both foundations for their generous donations.



This year we are experiencing lots of new and exciting events at our clinic. Our summer program is over and was a great success. We served 125 children in our two clinic locations. Our Picnic in the Park was another success thanks to our Scottish Rite Foundation Appraisal Committee, who prepared the food and the Kalif-Clowns who did face-painting and made balloon creations.

Christi Merritt, one of our long-term speech pathologists, has left our program to return to the public school setting. We miss her expertise and caring personality but wish her well in her new adventures. On a high note, we have been fortunate to hire two new grads from the CU program. Terri Kusick and Erin McMahon have both stepped into their new roles with ease. Terri is concentrating her efforts in the adult program and Erin is filling the gap in the pediatric program. Kudos to the graduate program at CU; these ladies have been well trained and are extremely competent. We hope they like it here as much as we like having them.

The biennial *RiteCare Conference* in St. Louis was informative and, as always, lots of fun. It is good to touch base with old acquaintances and make new friends. Thank you, Scottish Rite Foundation, for helping to fund the trip. We appreciate your continued support. After visiting with folks from the other national programs, we still feel Colorado's program is the best. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a program.

The University of Northern Colorado Welcomes Dr. Robyn Ziolkowski



Robyn Ziolkowski is an Assistant Professor in the department of *Audiology and Speech Language Pathology* in the College of Natural and Health Sciences at University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She completed her MA in Audiology and Speech Language Sciences at the University Northern Colorado in 1994 and her PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Florida State University in 2004. Dr. Ziolkowski's research and clinical expertise focuses on enhancing language and literacy development of preschool children who are at high risk for language and reading disabilities, speech sound development and disorders in children, assessment and curriculum development in early intervention, and evidence based practice. She has served as the project coordinator and curriculum development specialist for The Ohio State University site for the *Center for Early Childhood Response to Intervention (CRTIEC)* and is eager to begin working with the early childhood community here in Colorado.

Being a UNC alumnus and growing up in southern Colorado, Dr. Ziolkowski is very happy to be home! In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her triplet nephews, reading, and hiking/trail running.



Children's Hospital Colorado

Submitted by Ericka Wendorf, RiteCare Co-Coordinator,
 Therapy Care at Printers Park, Colorado Springs



Talking the Talk!

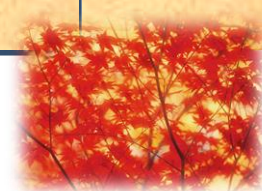
Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs is excited to offer early language therapy for young children in a variety of different services models. As always, individual therapy with a speech language pathologist is one option for our birth to three population to receive early language intervention. We are happy to announce two alternative service models for early language intervention have been re-instituted in the last several months at our Colorado Springs locations. Children may participate in a language therapy group, which focuses on language development in the context of age-appropriate play activities with a group of age- and skill-match peers, which allows for both social and language development.

Families may also receive early language intervention services through participation in The Hanen It Takes Two to Talk® program. It Takes Two to Talk® is a program specifically geared toward parent education so that they may implement language stimulation strategies at home and in the community, thereby increasing the impact of speech therapy and/or reducing the amount of time that speech therapy is needed for their child. Children may participate in one of these service models, or if needed, a combination of these therapy programs, based on their needs and skill level. Scottish Rite Foundation funding is an integral part of ensuring that children with language delays and their families have access to these wonderful programs! Thank you for investing in our families and communities!

Pikes Peak Challenge

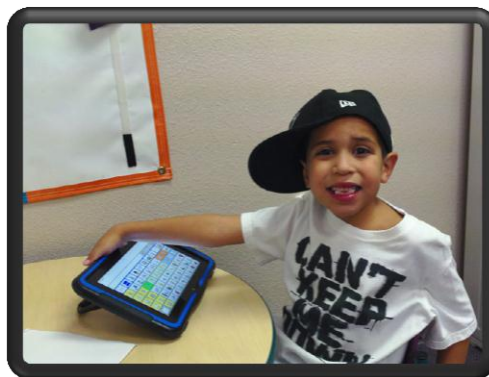
On September 6, several therapists from Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs participated in the Pikes Peak Challenge, a unique fundraising event that benefits the Brian Injury Alliance of Colorado. During this event, participants are challenged to hike to the top of Pikes Peak in order to raise money that will be used to improve the quality of life for people with brain injuries. This was a heart-warming and heart-pounding event, as participants, including occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists from Colorado Springs (*photo right*), hiked above the clouds to the summit!





Children's Hospital Colorado

Submitted by: Kathryn Duren, Clinical Coordinator
 Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care Center, Pueblo

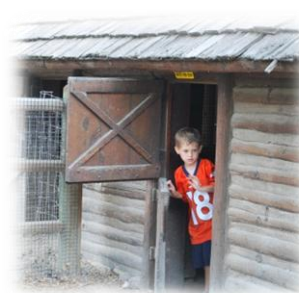


AAC THERAPY: BECAUSE COMMUNICATION IS MORE THAN JUST SPEAKING

Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) encompasses all forms of communicating other than verbal speech. When individuals have severe speech and language problems and are not able to speak at a level where they are able to effectively communicate and be understood, they may benefit from augmentative alternative communication strategies. This can include using pictures or symbols, communication boards and electronic speech generating devices. Over the years, these speech generating devices have advanced along with technology and now many are the size of an iPad, are lightweight and durable and have real-sounding voices. The use of AAC helps patients with their school and social interactions. Here at Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo we offer AAC diagnostic therapy to help determine appropriate strategies and make device recommendations as appropriate. We also assist with setup and implementation of their recommended AAC intervention and provide on-going AAC therapy. In addition to individual therapy we also offer small group therapy. This gives our AAC users the opportunity to practice social and academic interactions with peers in a small structured setting and allows them to interact with other device users.

Summer Celebration Picnic

Submitted by: Jaclyn Mutz, Speech-Language Pathologist
 Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care Center, Pueblo



The Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Masons hosted their annual end of summer celebration at the Pueblo Zoo on September 21st. There were 228 individuals who enjoyed the festivities; from the many babies to the young at heart. The celebration included a delicious lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, beans, chips, watermelon, ice cream bars and the unforgettable cotton candy. The children had a wonderful time hitting and eating all of the goodies from the *Monster's Inc.*™ piñata. Families walked the zoo and enjoyed seeing the otters, penguins, zebras, and monkeys. We truly would like to thank the Scottish Rite Masons for their continued support of communication disorders for children in our community!



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Six Speech-Language Scholarships Awarded for 2014

At the September meeting of Denver Consistory six graduate students were recognized as the 2014 recipients of the \$5,000 *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology*. We have increased this year's award level from four to six scholarships with special thanks for a generous gift from Ill. Bro. Robert W. Gregory, 33rd.

This scholarship is awarded to second-year graduate students at the University of Colorado - Boulder and the University of Northern Colorado. These are the two universities in the state which have masters' degree programs in speech-language pathology. This degree is one of the requirements leading to certification as a speech-language pathologist. Since the Foundation scholarship program began in 2005, 46 students have been recipients. A total \$230,000 has been awarded over this 10-year period.

The six 2014 scholarship recipients are as follows:

Caroline Conner
CU-Boulder



Molly Fieder
CU-Boulder



Rachel Pattermann
CU-Boulder



Cassie Meyer
UNC-Greeley



Amber Rea
UNC-Greeley



Julie Werner
UNC-Greeley



Read the full article and personal statements of each student in the on-line publication of *RiteWorks* following the link below:

<http://c296220.r20.cfi.rackcdn.com/riteWorkso709.pdf>
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THE PIÑON PROJECT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER CORTEZ – TREASURE CHEST

By: Karen Winchester, Program Coordinator, Treasure Chest Coordinator



A new school year is underway and that means "The Treasure Chest Lady" [that's me, Karen Winchester] is delivering new Treasure Chests to local preschools, the library, and programs at the Piñon Project Family Resource Center! I have the great pleasure of bringing Treasure Chests to many new children, as well as to children who have enjoyed them already and who look forward to new themes. One new chest theme that is really popular with parents and kids right now is "Yoga and Movement". It includes great age appropriate books such as "Little Yoga" and "Dogie is a Yogi" (a dog who does yoga poses), a video "Cosmic Kids Yoga", a practice mat and a book for parents, "Itty Bitty Yoga". I really appreciate being able to provide this multiple learning mode type of literacy chest that includes the physical activities and videos to encourage language and literacy development.

One mom, Brittany, is a great example of the ways that families can instill in their children a life-long love for reading and learning starting in infancy. Her three year old daughter Khloe was read to from birth onward. Khloe started with The Treasure Chest Program at age six months. She now has a sister, BriNaya, sixteen months old. Khloe shares her books and toys with BriNaya (usually) and her mom is able to use the materials with both girls together and one-on-one. As a single parent on a tight budget, Brittany really appreciates having the books and toys available. The parent handouts about literacy skills and suggested parent-child activities are most helpful. Brittany was introduced to the program through The Piñon Project where she has access to a wide variety of programs for families.

The Piñon Project facilitates and collaborates with other programs in our family resource center, such as *Parents as Teachers*, *Successful Families*, and *The Incredible Years* parenting classes. This fall we will be joining in with these programs for monthly *Family Nights* as well as special events within each program. This is all made possible by the generous funding from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. Thank You... from our parents, children, and me.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEADSTART

GRAND JUNCTION – TREASURE CHEST PROGRAM

By: Carmen Marsh, Early Literacy Specialist, Treasure Chest Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Scottish Rite Foundation for the increase in the budget, which will allow the Treasure Chest Program to expand the support provided to the Spanish speaking population.

I also would like to welcome Amanda Perez (*right*), our new Bilingual Assistant to our Treasure Chest Program in Grand Junction, Colorado. Amanda will be working with our Spanish speaking families part-time providing them with supplies and materials for our home base education program. While Amanda's children were enrolled, she was a very active volunteer with the pre-school and the Treasure Chest program. In addition to her experience with Head Start, she has also worked at our local school district preschools, and is currently pursuing an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education at Colorado Mesa University.

Again, thank you and welcome aboard Amanda! We are very excited!



Gratitude is a small token that leaves a lasting impression.

Dear Scottish Rite Foundation,

My name is Sheri and I had the pleasure to be a part of the Treasure Chest Program. I am writing this letter to the Scottish Rite Foundation regarding my family's experience with the Treasure Chest Program (Grand Junction), and I would have to say it was awesome!

The Treasure Chest Program has done a great job meeting our expectations and needs when it comes to learning and fun activities. Even Caden, my son's grandmother, cousins, and friends would enjoy all of the activities when they would come to visit.

The Treasure Chest Program has helped our family become closer by helping us become involved in Caden's education. This program helps families get away from all the distractions like television, and phones and allows us to spend some real quality time together.

I have seen great improvements in my son's language and reading skills with this program. Caden has another year of pre-school and I would love to participate in the Treasure Chest Program again.

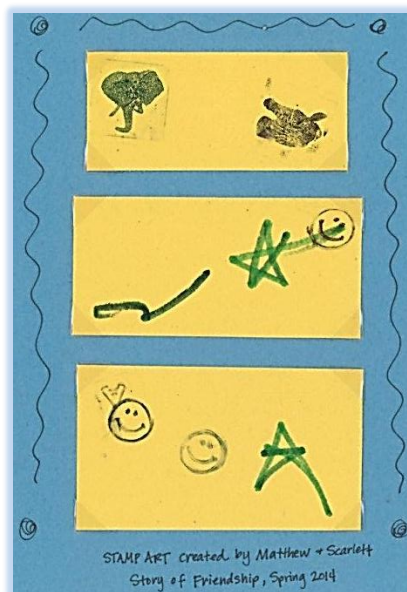
In conclusion this was a great experience and I would recommend this to other parents; I think this program should be in all schools and grades. So thank you again, the Treasure Chest Program is a great program. Sincerely, Sheri



Dear Stottish Rite,

I would like to take this time to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to be apart of speech therapy. What I've taken away from this experience is positive ways to deal with my stutter. I've progressed throughout this process by learning how to manage coping strategies to mae forward with my stuttering. Thank you for allowing me to be apart of speech therapy.

Sincerely, Jazlyne



Our son Matthew (art on left), has made amazing progress while attending CU-Boulder's Story of Friendship program and he couldn't have done it without you. You're amazing!

*Truly,
 Deborah & Kyle
 (parents of Matthew)*



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