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Happy New Year!

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Deborah Hayes, Ph.D.,

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

I always enjoy the start of a new year. I anticipate revitalizing all those projects that languished in the past year and look forward to starting new ones. The days are getting longer, and spring is on the horizon. Fresh starts and brighter days...

Almost one year ago, I announced my intention to retire (after 40 years as an audiologist and 30 years working with the Scottish Rite Foundation!) as soon as a suitable transition to a new Chair could occur. So ... why am I still here? I thought you'd appreciate learning about the nuances of the search for the new Chair.

The Chair position is a faculty position at the *University of Colorado, School of Medicine*. To meet the University's requirements, a search committee was formed consisting of School of Medicine faculty as well as relevant hospital administrators and community leaders, in this case, the Board of Trustees of the *Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado* represented by Vernon Ingraham, Executive Secretary. The position was posted within the University system as well as advertised nationally on the *American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)* and the *American Academy of Audiology (AAA)* websites.

By August 2013, three candidates who met the minimal requirements of a doctoral degree in either audiology or speech-language pathology had applied. One candidate was ruled out due to limited pediatric experience and one candidate withdrew and to accept a promotion at his current employment setting. The third candidate visited Children's and the University in a two-day interview process which included a presentation of her research/clinical interests to hospital staff, Scottish Rite Foundation representatives, and interested faculty. This candidate was not offered the position so the search continues.

In January, two candidates were interviewed for the position. If one of these candidates is "the right one", then the transition in leadership will begin as soon as that individual can relocate to the position. I am committed to staying briefly to orient the new Chair to the Scottish Rite Foundation, the Children's Hospital, and the University of Colorado, School of Medicine. If we are not successful in recruiting either of these candidates, then the search will continue until the right person is found.

In the interim, please be assured that I am committed to the Scottish Rite Foundation and our RiteCare Programs throughout the state to ensure our continued success in 2014!



**Congratulations to the
University of Colorado – Boulder!**
They took the calendar cover photo for 2014!

Holiday Happiness Around Colorado!

Thanksgiving Celebration-Pueblo!



Thank you handprint tree for SRF from Pueblo!



Santa (Kerry Hart) with friend at Pueblo Holiday Party.



Children receive a new book during the week of Christmas at Children's Speech and Reading Center in Ft. Collins!



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO THANKS STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO – BOULDER



Katie Braun
 Nina De La Rosa
 Nina Harris
 Colleen O'Connor
 Marissa Hill
 Rachel Fugler
 Charlene Parle
 Sarah Gyory
 Rachel Hawkins
 Allina Robertson
 Kelsey Novak
 Kerri Mullen
 Aijiana Zanders

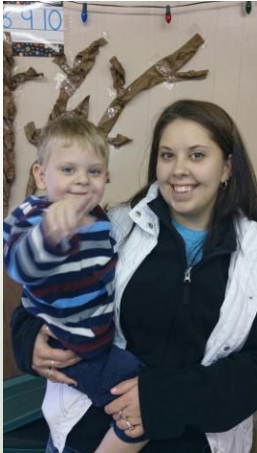
On December 4, 2013 many children and their families braved the cold to join us at the Denver Consistory for a fun-filled Holiday Celebration with the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. Activities included cookie decorating, arts and crafts, holiday songs, and even a visit with Santa!

In addition to our valuable staff, thirteen talented volunteers (named left), from *The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA)* group from the *University of Colorado – Boulder*, joined us to spend the morning with the children and families.

Their time, participation, and **energy** is greatly appreciated! Volunteer coordinator Katie Braun said, "It was a blast!" and they look forward to NSSLHA participating again in 2014!

NSSLHA is a pre-professional membership association for students interested in the study of communication sciences and disorders. The NSSLHA is an association for students managed by students.

Changing Lives



Dear Scottish Rite Foundation,

Bryce is a bright, enthusiastic, energetic 3 year old boy diagnosed with Autism. Thanks to you, the Scottish Rite Foundation, he gets to play with a new Treasure Chest Tub every month full of new puzzles, games and books. He does not talk as of yet, but he sure looks like he wants too. We believe that everything that he plays with in the Treasure Chest helps him get a little closer to talking. Your organization has also made it possible for Bryce to attend speech therapy once a week. We are so very thankful for all that you have done for us and we cannot wait to see all of the progress Bryce will make with all of your help.

Thank you so much,
 Jessica & Kevin- Bryce's parents

Submitted by Carmen Marsh, Treasure Chest Coordinator-Grand Junction

Montrose Memorial Hospital

Our Santa's breakfast this year was celebrated at the Masonic Lodge with families, Masons, and *Mountain View Therapy* (MVT) staff. The group gathered to celebrate the 15th year of partnership between the *Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado* and MVT. Amid the activities and giddy children were the parents, perhaps those most appreciative, that their children are overcoming their speech and language barriers.



Lisa brings her young son Masen to the clinic weekly. "The program has been essential to Masen's speech development. Without the support (of the SRF) he would have never been able to seek the help he needed."



Justine's daughter Maya began therapy at early age. "When my daughter turned 3 they (insurance) limited her visits to 30 per year and I had to split that between three disciplines. With the help of SRF, Maya continued her visits. Without the support Maya would still not probably be talking."



Priscilla's son David began therapy when he was 4 years old. Prior to that David was struggling to communicate and was becoming frustrated when he could not express himself. "He's gotten better. He can communicate with his fellow classmates, he's not getting angry anymore, he's more confident, he's just a more happy kid."

Announcements!



Children's Hospital Colorado

Therapy Care Center Pueblo



Hello...my name is **Kristine Spinuzzi** and I am eager to introduce myself!

"I am a Pueblo native and have taught for Pueblo City Schools for 12 years. I graduated from University of Southern Colorado and received my Masters through Adams State College.

My experiences are with elementary students, from teaching 1st thru 4th grade to facilitating and teaching small group reading. I am currently the Response to Intervention Coordinator at Bradford Elementary School.

My outside interests include any outdoor activity including running, biking and swimming. Children's Hospital Colorado has been an amazing journey so far, and I am looking forward to the future with this dynamic hospital."



Banner Health
Sterling Regional
MedCenter

Meryl Stern announced her retirement in December 2013 from *Sterling Regional MedCenter*. We would like to thank her for the many years she dedicated to serving the children and families in northeast Colorado through the RiteCare program partnership.

Her personal comments:

"I have truly appreciated my association with the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. It is with much deep appreciation...that I say thank-you to everyone and Scottish Rite".

Save the Date!

Annual Conference on Language and Learning
**School-Age Stuttering:
 A Practical Approach**

Keynote Speaker: J. Scott Yaruss, PhD, CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow

April 25, 2014

Children's Hospital Colorado: Conference and Education Center

Video conferencing sites: Durango, Ft. Collins, Grand Junction, Montrose and Pueblo

Registration before 4/4/14	Registration after 4/4/14
\$150	\$175
\$100	\$125

Please visit the following website to obtain an e-registration form or to learn more about this conference:
childrenscolorado.org/events, search language.

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