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Fall Days!

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With each publication of the *RiteView*, I look forward to learning about the new and exciting program developments at the Colorado RiteCare Clinics and Treasure Chest Programs. Reports from our colleagues in Gunnison, Montrose, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver-metro area, and Grand Junction demonstrate the impact our partnership with Scottish Rite Masons has on those communities. I am especially touched by the philanthropy of Charlene Gardner, wife of a Scottish Rite Mason in Pueblo. Through her passion for reading and her generosity to the RiteCare Clinic in that community, children can enjoy the gift of books and literacy. As I have learned from our colleagues at Children's Hospital Foundation, philanthropy begins with relationships. I think a special strength of our programs is the relationship that we build with the Masons in our communities through Appraisal Committees, Community Events, and family and staff thank you notes. In the more than three decades that I have enjoyed working with the Masons, I haven't met one who wasn't a friend.

Each fall, we celebrate the Scottish Rite Foundation's generosity and vision for the future by recognizing the second year speech pathology graduate students who receive the *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarship*. The awardees attend the September Stated Meeting at Denver Consistory each year to receive their recognition and I am always awed by their passion for their chosen profession as well as their poise and grace in accepting this honor. We are indeed fortunate that these individuals have chosen to pursue their graduate degree in Colorado, and perhaps make our beautiful state their permanent home. Over the years, the Foundation has contributed more than \$250,000 to deserving speech pathology graduate students in our state.



Fall Programs and Events!

Children’s Hospital Colorado

SUBMITTED BY: Kathryn Johansen, M.A. | Manager, Learning Services | Audiology, Speech Pathology and Learning Services

Parent Education Series

Learning Services is proud to present the first ever Parent Education Series titled, Understanding Dyslexia. These evening events, in a series of three sessions with different topics, are geared towards helping parents learn strategies, tool, techniques and advocacy as it relates to the treatment of their child with language based literacy challenges. The first of the series of three was held in September and was a huge success with 23 of our current families attending. Families were thrilled for the opportunity and provided positive feedback.

Montrose Memorial Hospital Submitted by Patti Anderson, Director of RiteCare Foundation

The Montrose clinic is off and running with our new fall schedule. We are seeing a number of school-aged children which makes those therapy times between 3 and 5 a premium. Thankfully our preschool children are more flexible with their schedule requests.

At the summer picnic in July our RiteCare Appraisal Committee honored Jeneine Stevenson, SLP, for her many years of dedication and service at Montrose Memorial Hospital to the children and families of RiteCare. John Groves, Vice President of the Scottish Rite Foundation, attended the picnic and made the presentation. Along with the presentation, our Appraisal Committee members and helpers prepared a delicious meal of hamburgers and hotdogs on the new grill that was donated by the Gunnison Valley Masonic Lodge # 39. Thank you so much for that. We are planning on many more uses of it. The Shrine Clowns were as busy as ever painting the children’s faces and making balloon animals. Our families look forward to this event each summer. We appreciate the ongoing support given to our program by the RiteCare Foundation and the Masons that support us. Our family-oriented activities are organized by the Appraisal Committee members, but a number of Masonic members attend to help in the preparation, presentation and clean-up.

We are so grateful for all you do. Thank you so much for your interest and support.





Gunnison Valley Hospital

Submitted by Jen Moore, RiteCare Program Director, Pediatric Rehabilitation

Ways to make work fun

Hospital opens rehab facility just for kids

Rehabilitating from an injury or any other form of disability, for that matter — is tough work. Kids need rehabilitative services too, but for them that work better look and feel like play, or it's not going to be very effective. Largely for this reason, Gunnison Valley Hospital dedicated a couple of rooms just for kids. This pediatric rehab wing was unveiled this past spring, and hospital officials are excited about the new level of specialized care this facility is helping them provide.

From physical injuries, to speech, sensory, motor skills and other learning-related issues, GVH's pediatric therapy services cover a broad spectrum. This rehabilitation is led by three individuals: Occupational therapists Nichole Baker and Stacey Cline; and speech therapist, Jen Moore.

"All therapies blend together to some extent, especially at the pediatric level," Baker said. "This space allows us to integrate so much. We can really provide robust intervention for children."

The facility itself is basically two modest rooms that were made available for repurposing after a laboratory was moved as part of the previous hospital expansion. There is a small gym area, with multiple swings, a slide and ball pit. Plus, there is a kid-sized rehab room, with age-appropriate furniture, toys and games.

But it's not the space as much as it is the work—or, rather, "play"—that goes on there that benefits children. GVH offers pediatric rehab therapy from birth to adult, augmenting existing services available in the Gunnison Valley—including a county-run early childhood intervention program and various learning disability assistance offered through the public schools.

"First and foremost, this is a safe space for kids," Baker said, noting that some of the therapy adults partake in at GVH's regular rehab facility can involve machines and other tools of the trade that could be dangerous to young ones.

The dedicated space helps keep kids motivated on the task of rehabilitating, whether they know it or not. "It's fun for them and fun for us," Cline added.

To learn more about GVH's pediatric rehab offerings, call 970.641.7248.



Six Speech-Language Scholarships Awarded for 2015

Vernon B. Ingraham, 33° Grand Cross

Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

At the September meeting of Denver Consistory six graduate students were recognized as the 2015 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, 33°.

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, 52 students have been recipients. The six 2015 recipients are as follows:

University of Colorado-Boulder



Jillian N. Laucius



Rachel Sauter



Toini Morgan

University Northern Colorado



Becca Ruske



Jenica Ward



Tammi Harnan

Rocky Mountain SER HeadStart, Treasure Chest

Submitted by Carmen Marsh, Treasure Chest Coordinator



Thanks for the Treasure Chest Box

Makhiya is a 3 year old little girl who has participated in the Treasure Chest Program this year. Her mother, Jennifer, has been a wonderful role model; she has dedicated her time to help Makhiya develop her education outside of the classroom. In this letter Makhiya has express her thoughts and feelings about her experience with the Treasure Chest Program.

Hi my name is Makhiya and I love having a Treasure Box. I really like the puzzles and matching games they are so much fun. I also really like the story books on tape or CD. My favorite books were the Little Red Hen and Everybody Cooks Rice; I keep calling it "everyone eats rice" because I really love rice.

I enjoy learning my letters and numbers but I get them mixed up a lot. My mommy says I will get if I practice. I like the balls too. I'm still learning to catch though! It's funny when I roll it to my cat Kya! I think she has fun too.

I really love playing Treasure Box with my mommy and big sister. I hope I get to have a Treasure Box again next year. Thank you to my teachers, who let me borrow them.

P.S. I forgot to tell you how much I love to cut paper. I make a big mess and my mamma lets me use the vacuum cleaner, it's a lot of fun!!!

*Thank you again,
You're Friend Makhiya*



Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs

Submitted By: Ericka Wendorf, RiteCare-Co-Coordinator

New Hanen[®] Parent Education Groups

Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs is beginning another round of the highly successful Hanen[®] parent education programs. Families who participated in the first implementations of the programs gave glowing reviews about the programs, which teach parents strategies to support communication development in their children at home and in the community. The Hanen[®] It Takes Two To Talk targets parents with children with early language delays, while the Hanen[®] More Than Words program helps parents of children with autism and other social communication disorders interact with their children in way that support communication development. We were able to expand our programs to include more than 12 families this round. A huge thank you to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado for their continued support of this amazing and family-empowering program!

Growth and New Employees

Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs is growing in leaps and bounds! We are happy to welcome a number of new speech language pathologists to our team. These new team members will help to decrease wait list times for families and offer a variety of backgrounds, specialties, and skills. We are especially excited to welcome a new bilingual therapist, who will help us better serve our Spanish-speaking families. We are so happy to add to our ever-growing team to bring high-quality speech and language therapy services to Southern Colorado!

Climb for Courage

The rehabilitation team from Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs had a blast climbing 2700 stairs at Falcon Air Force Stadium for a good cause in June! Nearly \$150,000 was raised to help support Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs. Families stayed to participate in the free Family Festival with games, vendors, food, and fun for all ages! Adaptive sports, including adaptive cycling, wheelchair basketball, obstacle course, and guided running were also available. Thanks to everyone who supported our team!



Children’s Hospital Therapy Care Center, Pueblo

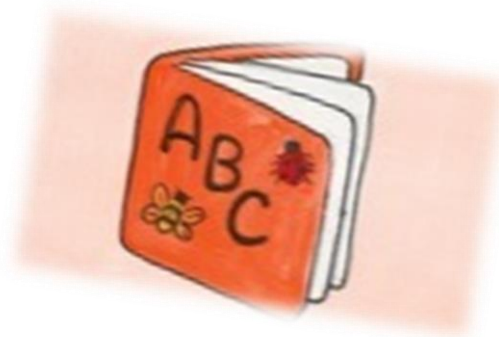
Submitted by Martha Drake, RiteCare Program Director,

One of Our Biggest Fans

Charlene Gardner (wife of Stan Gardner, Scottish Rite Mason, Blue Lodge Greenhorn Valley) believes in books. She was born and raised on the western slope, attending high school in Fruita, Colorado.

Her mother home-schooled her as a young child during the depression, teaching her how to read using the Montgomery Ward catalog. Charlene still has some of the books from her childhood.

Over the years, Charlene has donated many children’s books to Children’s Hospital Colorado Therapy Care in Pueblo. She worked as a Media Specialist at Hellbeck Elementary School in Pueblo for 25 years, retiring in 1994. “You don’t get far in life if you can’t read,” states Charlene. She is pictured here with her most recent donation, a 12 pack of Disney books. They will be a big hit with the children in our waiting room.



Welcome Back Amy!

Submitted by Martha Drake, RiteCare Program Director, Children’s Hospital Therapy Care Center, Pueblo

We are happy to welcome Amy Clark, MS, CCC-SLP, back to Children’s Hospital Colorado Therapy Care in Pueblo. Amy, Phyllis Sanders and Martha Drake opened the clinic in April of 2001. Amy worked for seven years then left when she started a family to work for Colorado Bluesky Enterprises. Bluesky is our Part C program providing therapy to infants and toddlers in the home. Amy returns to us with stronger skills in early language development, parent education and feeding therapy. Team Pueblo is lucky to have her!





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