

**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
2016 ANNUAL REPORT
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO**



STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 228 children achieve their full potential in communication and learning at Children's Hospital Colorado Denver metro area through therapy, Cleft Palate Clinic, and/or Camp programs and parent education. The table below shows the contributions by Scottish Rite Foundation to therapy, Cleft Palate Clinic, parent education, and Talking with Technology Camp. A generous contribution from the *Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation* supported care for children and their families at First Steps Camps in 2016. The overall average cost per child for services at Children's Hospital Colorado metro Denver area was \$ 1,449, an increase of approximately \$88 per child relative to 2015, 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
Therapy, Cleft Palate Clinic, and Parent Education (186)	\$ 265,590	\$ 1,428
*Talking with Technology Camp (30)	\$ 53,178	\$ 1,772
<i>First Steps Camp (12**)</i> <i>Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation</i>	\$ 11,602	\$ 967
TOTAL (228)	\$ 330,370	\$1,449

*Does not include \$14,095 donation from the *Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation* to support sibling, trainer, and personal care attendant programs at camp.

**Includes support for 9 siblings and 16 parents

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The department offers a wide variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of children with speech, hearing, language, learning, and other 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, Highlands Ranch, and Parker). In addition, to meet the needs of families in rural/outlying communities, we offer speech-language and learning therapy by telepractice, that is, therapy by real-time videoconferencing over secure internet connectivity to families' homes. Youngsters who receive services through Children's Hospital Colorado include children with autism spectrum disorder, apraxia of speech, augmentative/alternative communication needs, cleft lip and palate, developmental delay, fluency disorder, head injury and/or stroke, hearing loss or deafness, learning disabilities, and voice disorders.

A highlight for therapy care in 2016 was relocation of services from an older, outgrown space in Littleton to a newly-designed, spacious facility in Highlands Ranch. The Highlands Ranch Therapy Center opened in April 2016 and was dedicated with a Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony in May 2016. This new center is within a short distance from Children's Hospital Colorado South Campus (Lucent

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Boulevard and C-225) and serves families in the south metro area from Monument through Littleton and South Denver. At this new location, we expanded hearing, speech-language, and learning services and coordinated care with other disciplines such as occupational and physical therapy and behavioral health. In addition to larger and better equipped individual and group therapy treatment rooms, the new center contains two telepractice suites with state-of-the art telecommunications technology furnished with a generous donation from the *Schlessman Family Foundation* to the *Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado*.

Currently, more than 90 speech-language pathologists, 30 audiologists, 12 learning disabilities specialists, a clinical social worker, deaf educator, and family consultant provide care to children 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.

2016 NATIONAL RITECARE CONFERENCE

We were honored to plan, organize, and execute the *2016 National RiteCare Conference* in Denver, October 13 – 15, 2016. The first national conference of Scottish Rite affiliated clinical programs was held in Denver in 1996. Twenty years later (2016), we celebrated a return to Denver of this important meeting. Almost 200 participants from RiteCare programs throughout Colorado and the United States attended the conference. Registrants from 28 states enjoyed presentations in speech-language services, dyslexia and learning disabilities topics, and clinic administration practices. In addition to the outstanding educational program provided by many Colorado RiteCare-affiliated clinicians and University faculty, a social program hosted by Denver Consistory enhanced the conference experience. Collaboration and investment by our state’s Scottish Rite Masons, Denver Consistory, Scottish Rite Foundation, and RiteCare programs were significant factors in the overwhelming success of the conference.

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; outcome evaluation; leadership initiatives; Foundation recognition; and various other functions to enhance the Foundation, and RiteCare Clinic and Treasure Chest Program viability and visibility.

The income from the endowed chair supports Jeannie O’Neil, 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, and financial tracking for Children’s Hospital RiteCare program. Jeannie also initiates and designs the statewide publication, *RiteView*, a publication for and about Colorado’s RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs.



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

In 2016, Deborah Hayes collaborated with Vernon Ingraham, Scottish Rite Foundation Executive Secretary, in grant writing, conducted annual visits to RiteCare programs as needed, and developed and executed the *2016 National RiteCare Conference* in Denver.

In 2016, the income from the endowed chair funded, in part or total, the following:

- Salary support for Program Assistant Jeannie O'Neil
- Salary support for Chair Holder Deborah Hayes
- Support for speakers at the 2016 National RiteCare Conference in Denver
- Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Luncheon
- Scottish Rite Masons Denver Consistory Reunion Dinners
- Chair Holder travel to RiteCare and Treasure Chest Programs throughout the state
- Coordination with Foundation Executive Secretary of the *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology* awards
- Publication and distribution of the *RiteView* tri-annual newsletter
- Chair Holder travel to and/or presentations at professional meetings
- Coordination of the RiteCare Child Development Inventory Project
- Volunteer recognition expenses
- Webmaster support for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado website
- Development of a new grant initiative for consideration by the Board of Trustees

Per Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation, market value of the Endowed Chair on December 31, 2016 was approximately **\$2,984,792**. The anticipated 2017 annual distribution to Children's Hospital Colorado, Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services will be **\$149,240**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 Colorado's children, regardless of where they live in this great state, will have access to speech-language and learning therapy services.

Respectfully submitted,



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



CHILDREN'S COLORADO – COLORADO SPRINGS 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped children 28 children receive speech-language therapy in Colorado Springs. The table below summarizes number of children served, the SRF contribution for this service, and average cost per child for these services.

Program	Number Served	SRF Contribution	Average Cost per Child
Speech-language therapy	28	\$39,984	\$1,428

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

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Children's Colorado currently has three locations in Colorado Springs. Speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy services are offered at Children's Colorado Printers Park in southern Colorado Springs, at Children's Colorado Briargate in northern Colorado Springs, and on the Pediatric, Pediatric Intensive Care, and Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Memorial Hospital. Each location provides speech-language and feeding therapy services to children ranging in age from birth to 21 with a variety of diagnoses.

Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs increased the size of their staff in 2016 to include 20 speech-language pathologists, 21 physical therapists, and 20 occupational therapists in inpatient and outpatient settings. The number of children seen for speech, language, and feeding therapy services by Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs continues to grow, with increased number of visits and children served each year.

Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs offers a variety of evaluations and specialty clinics that are not available elsewhere in southern Colorado. Our program works with colleagues in medicine, surgery, and other disciplines to provide care in specialty clinics, including Autism and Developmental Disorders Clinic, Infant Developmental Assessment Clinic, Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic, Velopharyngeal Insufficiency Clinic, Swallow Disorders Clinic, Hearing Clinic, Rehabilitation Clinic, and Muscle Clinic. In these clinics, patients are able to be seen by a variety of specialists including otolaryngologists, plastic surgeons, orthopedics, audiologists, clinical social workers, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, dieticians, and rehabilitation physicians. Augmentative and alternative communication evaluations are available to serve children in our community who are unable to produce intelligible spoken language.



Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs offered two 12-week sessions of the Hanen *It Takes Two To Talk*® parent education program and one 12-week Hanen *More Than Words*® program, a parent education program specifically designed to help parents and caregivers of children with autism and other social communication disorders learn to engage and communicate with their children. Parent feedback shows that these programs empower families to help their children communicate effectively within their play and daily routines.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Children's 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

This year, several therapists from Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs attended the *2016 National RiteCare Conference* in Denver, where they were able to network with professionals from across the nation and represented Children's Colorado at a variety of courses, forums, and meetings. Also at the RiteCare Conference, Kari Allgeier, M.A., CCC-SLP from Children's Colorado presented a poster presentation highlighting key strategies for teaching social skills in individual and group therapy, including strategies for improving self-awareness, body regulation, eye contact, and use of safe and specific feedback.

Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs highly values education of students and members of the community. Providing mentorship and observation opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students allows us to have a hand in training the next generation of therapists. Children's Colorado therapists were able to provide internship placements for three graduate students this year and plan to provide placements for several more graduate students in the upcoming year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With our growing services and clinics in southern Colorado, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado remains an important resource for families to ensure that their children receive high quality and evidence-based interventions necessary for appropriate development of speech, language, and feeding skills. Over the years, the Scottish Rite Foundation has remained a consistent resource for speech-language therapy services that may not have otherwise been available to these patients. 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,

Ericka Wendorf, M.S., CCC-SLP
Scottish Rite Coordinator





**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO
2016 ANNUAL REPORT
Children's Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped children 35 children receive speech-language therapy (18 children) or learning therapy (17 children) at Children's Colorado Therapy Care in Pueblo. The table below summarizes number of children served, the SRF contribution for this service, and average cost per child speech-language or learning therapy services.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Speech-language or learning therapy	35	\$49,980	\$1,428

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Children's Colorado Pueblo completed its 16th year of operation. It received a facelift in September with brightly colored paint, child-friendly art work, and new flooring. Currently, eight speech-language pathologists and one learning specialist provide services at Children's Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo.

Martha Drake and Patti Rose started a new kindergarten readiness group in the summer and continued this group year round. Kathryn Duren and Amy Clark ran a Hanen[®] parent education program, *It Takes Two to Talk*, in the summer.

Stacey Bernal attended FRIENDS, the national association for young people who stutter, conference in Boulder in October. She is currently working with Director of FRIENDS & CU Boulder professor to create a Stuttering Day Camp, "Colorado Speaks" for children who stutter and their families.

Martha Drake co-presented an in-service on childhood apraxia of speech at the Audiology, Speech and Learning (ASL) All Staff Meeting in December. Amy Clark completed the feeding competencies in 2016 and three staff (Kathryn Duren, Martha Drake, and Patti Rose) are in the process completing the deaf and hard of hearing competencies.



Four clinicians from Pueblo attended the *2016 National RiteCare Confernce* in Denver. This informative and well-organized event provided a well-received update on contemporary practices in speech-language pathology and dyslexia services.

The Scottish Rite Masons hosted another successful picnic at the Pueblo Zoo in September. In lieu of the Christmas party, a photo shoot with Santa was held in December. It was modeled after a similar event in Colorado Springs. This was well received by families and children alike.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Pueblo clinical staff contributed data to on-going departmental outcomes studies (Child Development Inventory, Augmentative and Alternative Communication, feeding, Word Identification and Spelling Test).

LEADERSHIP

Deluvina Marmolejo continues to serve as the Scottish Rite Support for Southern Colorado (Pueblo and Colorado Springs). Stacey Bernal serves as the ASL department Stuttering Team Lead. Martha Drake is a board member of the Soaring Eagles Center for Autism.

After serving as Scottish Rite Foundation Director for 29 years, Martha is transitioning out of her leadership role and into a full time clinical role. Stacey Bernal will take over these responsibilities in her new position as the Pueblo Associate Clinical Manager for Children's Hospital Therapy Care Center.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with mixed emotions that I step down as Scottish Rite Foundation Program Director in Pueblo. I have formed many fond relationships with the Scottish Rite Masons, especially my team in Pueblo. Your dedication and generosity is truly inspiring.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Drake, MA, CCC-SLP
Children's Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo



**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
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CHILDREN'S SPEECH AND READING CENTER**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) enabled 111 children to receive speech-language therapy and pre-literacy services through the Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC). The table below summarizes the services offered, number of children served, SRF contribution for each service, and average cost per child for these services.

Program	Number of children served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
One-on-One Therapy (Individual)	56	\$84,291	\$1,505
Early Pre-Literacy (group)	55	\$7,065	\$128
TOTAL	111	\$91,356	\$823

In 2016, CSRC conducted a total of 344 free speech-language screens, 161 in-house and an additional 183 screenings at ten (10) off site locations that included: local public and private pre-schools, faith-based pre-schools, and several non-profit organizations. The 56 children that were supported by the SRF received a total of 1,235 individual one-on-one speech-language therapy sessions at an average rate of \$68/session. An additional 51 children, four years of age that were identified as delayed in their pre-literacy and language development, received group therapy over a 6 – 8 month period.

A \$5,000 matching grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation assisted CSRC in continuing to provide screenings and free speech-language therapy to children in need. In addition, the matching grant also helped support the expansion of CSRC office at the HNS – Life Center in Loveland to better serve the most vulnerable children in that community.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC) is Northern Colorado's only 501(c)(3) non-profit that focuses on speech-language and reading therapy with these services:

- **Free screenings** of children to identify any speech-language and reading disorders
- **Individual speech-language and reading therapy** provided on a sliding scale fee structure with scholarships and other financial options, if needed by the family
- **Pre-Literacy programs** lasting 6 – 8 months, for children 4 & 5 years old to provide support in the areas of pre-literacy and language skill development

CSRC provides professional and affordable diagnostic and treatment services to Northern Colorado children with speech-language disorders and reading delays. We engage families and leverage community resources



in support of the child's development of communication skills. We have SLP's that are fully bilingual in Spanish and Sign Language.

CSRC continues to provide valuable pre-literacy group sessions to children in area preschools, who exhibit delays in pre-literacy skills. These locations include Teaching Tree Fort Collins and Teaching Tree Loveland (formerly United Way Day Care Centers) and Thompson Valley Preschool (Loveland).

ACCOUNTABILITY

CSRC continues to participate in the Scottish Rite Foundation accountability project for child outcomes by administering the Child Development Inventory. Individual assessments and standard measurements of each child's progress toward Care Plans and treatment goals and objectives are used at three to six month intervals during the child's services.

LEADERSHIP

CSRC sent eight (8) individuals (Executive Director, five Speech-Language Pathologists, and two Reading Therapists) to the 2016 RiteCare Conference in Denver. CSRC staff participates in many professional and community events that promote and educate the community and parents on the communication developmental needs of children. These include: Be Ready Fair, Loveland Children's Day, HNS Christmas Fair in which CSRC gave away over 800 books to young children, United Way, and SLP Goodies Day for Poudre, Thompson and Windsor School Districts, the county-wide school readiness campaign called Be Ready, and the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County. CSRC also conducts presentations to parent groups and non-profit organizations to further educate families and professionals on the importance of early identification and treatment of communication disorders and to promote the SRF's role in making this happen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CSRC's Board of Directors is incredibly grateful for the annual funding from the Scottish Rite Foundation which enables CSRC to continue to promote the importance of diagnosis and treatments of childhood communication disorders and helps to ensure that services are available to all children regardless of their family's income level. We will continue to strive to meet the Foundation's vision that all children in Colorado will have access to speech-language therapy services. On behalf of the children we serve -- many, many THANKS to the Scottish Rite Foundation and its Trustees for their on-going support and to Dr. Deborah Hayes for her commitment and guidance of the RiteCare programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Orrison MA; CCC-SLP
SRF Program Director

Dave Boon
Executive Director

**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO
2016 ANNUAL REPORT
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 29 children receive therapy at the RiteCare Center at the University of Colorado Boulder, and educated 16 parents in working with their child to support language, speech and literacy in the home. The table below summarizes the types of services offered, number of children served and the average cost per child for services rendered.

2016 SRF Funding for CU Boulder SLHC:	Number of Children Served	SRF Tuition Contribution	Average Cost per Child
Individual Therapy	9	\$ 10,974.50	\$ 1,219.39
Group Therapy	20	\$ 19,510.00	\$ 975.50

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In 2016, the University of Colorado Boulder’s SLHC received more complex referrals, and thus experienced a significant change in the number of children served and the cost per child for services, as our client base demonstrated greater comorbidities. We continue to offer a variety of individual and group programs that support children, ages 0 – 18, with identified speech, language and literacy needs and their families. In addition to the Child Learning Center (CLC), other programs that target early childhood development, including *Perspectives* (a group for children with ASD), *A Story of Friendship* (a group for younger children with ASD and typically developing peers), and *PAL* (an interdisciplinary assessment team for CLC toddlers and preschoolers) continue to be offered. Several after-school programs target speech, language and literacy needs of school-aged children as well. In addition, the SLHC has partnered with Boulder county Head Start, and Boulder daycares and preschools to offer speech, language and hearing screenings to children.

ACCOUNTABILITY

SLHC uses the most up-to-date evidence based evaluation and treatment tools to pre- and post-test all clients using many different measurements depending on the client’s age and needs. Our Child Learning Center (CLC) utilizes both the Child Development Inventory (CDI) as well as TS Gold in pre-and post-measurements. For all clients, individualized treatment plans, progress reports, and final reports and re-assessments that include many different measures, are utilized to document progress towards goals and objectives. We are working to determine standardized measures we may be able to use consistently on all ages to best report data in 2017.

LEADERSHIP

Our Department remains highly ranked as a top program in Speech, Language Pathology. Our clinical, research and translational work is highlighted by our faculty members and students at national and international conferences, including the American Speech Language Hearing Association's annual convention.

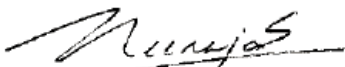
In 2016, five students from our Department were proud recipients of the *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Graduate Student Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology*. This prestigious scholarship has supported several of our graduate students over the years, providing the foundation for the dedication of their careers to serving children with speech and language disorders in Colorado.

Additionally, Dr. Neeraja Sadagopan and Rosemary McKnight (a student recipient of the Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Scholarship) were honored to present an invited talk at the *2016 National RiteCare Conference* in Denver, CO, entitled "Clinical Decision Making in Childhood Motor Speech Disorders: Evidence and Trends." This conference was attended by speech, language pathologists and Masons from around the country.

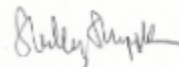
Outreach also occurred with Amy Thrasher, Clinical Assistant Professor, presenting to early childhood educators in the Adams 12 Five Star Schools, the "Storybook Journal" model used in CLC. She contributed professionally to over 100 early childhood educators and has been asked to repeat this training in 2017. Finally, SLHC's "free" speech and hearing screenings for local daycares/preschools has screened over 200 children, identifying 40+ children needing further evaluations. We are proud to be recognized in the profession as leaders in research, teaching, and service.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The University of Colorado Boulder's Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic and Department, our graduate students, and the children and families in Boulder County whom SRF supports, sincerely appreciate the generosity of the Scottish Rite Foundation. We thank the Foundation's Trustees for continued financial support in providing scholarship funding to children and families in need of speech and language services, many of whom would otherwise be unable to make avail of these program. The funding the Foundation provides is vital to providing excellent service to many children in the community and we are honored to serve as a RiteCare Center in Colorado, as we look forward to our continued partnership in 2017!



Neeraja Sadagopan, PhD, CCC-SLP
Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical SLP



Shelley Shepeck, MA
Director of Clinic Operations



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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped five 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. The overall average cost per child for services at UNC in 2016 was \$850.50

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	4	\$3,420.00	\$855.00
Talking and Listening Preschool (TALP)	1	\$832.50	\$832.50
TOTAL	5	\$4,252.50	\$850.50

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 of Colorado. Our focus is to identify and serve preschoolers in Northern Colorado who may not otherwise receive speech and language therapy due to a lack of service availability or the absence of funding. We have seen our numbers decrease over the last two years despite our work to get information about the Scottish Rite Scholarship opportunities to our community partners. We continue to brainstorm ways to more effectively reach both our Spanish-speaking Greeley community as well as children from lower socio-economic status homes.

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, only one of our children supported by the Scottish Rite Foundation was enrolled in the TALP program and therefore received both individual therapy and group services. The speech-language program



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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. We continue to work to recruit children in the community who could benefit from the TALP program and Scottish Rite funding.

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. 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 Scottish Rite Foundation and the role of community service, we increase the likelihood that these students will be comfortable in similar roles in the future.

LEADERSHIP

One of UNC's outstanding graduate students, Sai Rajopadhye received the *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Student Scholarship*. Sai attended the award ceremony with me this fall. As the UNC Scottish Rite Director, I continued to work closely with community organizations to discuss the opportunities provided at the UNC clinic through the generous support of the Scottish Rite Foundation. I continued to work to foster collaborations with community organizations. In 2016, I also presented at the *2016 National RiteCare Conference* along with Dr. Robyn Ziolkowski. It was the first time we had attended the National RiteCare Conference and found it to be an extremely well organized and well-attended event. We appreciate the opportunity to share our expertise with clinicians, students, and parents and enjoyed being a small part of the conference.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado has significantly improved opportunities for many children and their families in Northern Colorado. The support from the Scottish Rite Foundation 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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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped 2 children receive speech and language therapy at Gunnison Valley Hospital (GVH). The table below summarizes the services provided.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	2	\$200	\$100
TOTAL	2	\$200	\$100

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program at GVH is part of the outpatient rehabilitation clinic. Currently there is one speech-language pathologist who works full time at the Gunnison Valley Hospital. Our clinic is the only option for private speech-language services in Gunnison County. Children who receive services at Gunnison Valley Hospital include children with autism spectrum disorder, apraxia of speech, Down Syndrome, swallowing/feeding, augmentative/alternative communication needs, developmental delay and head injury. Our services are the only program of choice for families seeking speech-language, learning, and hearing services outside the educational system for their child.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Gunnison Valley Hospital 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. This analysis allows us to confirm specific developmental needs of these children and tailor therapy programs to meet those needs.

LEADERSHIP

The speech-language pathologist has initiated a program to help preschools who do not receive Part B services through public education in order for children to remain at their preschool/daycare without having to transition to a public preschool and then to the elementary school. The speech-language pathologist has offered free screenings for families at one preschool/daycare facility in Gunnison and one in Crested Butte. This has provided not only new referrals but for families to remain at their facility. The SLP also has volunteered her time by presenting developmental information on communication and information on Scottish Rite to all the family care doctors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are honored to partner with the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado RiteCare program provide therapy services and support for children with language disorders and their families





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here in Gunnison. In the years ahead, we will strive to meet the Foundation's vision that all children have access to speech-language therapy services.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Moore, MA, CCC-SLP
Scottish Rite Program Coordinator
Gunnison Valley Hospital



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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped children 31 children receive speech-language therapy through Mountain View Therapy (MVT) at Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH). The table below summarizes number of children served, the SRF contribution for this service, and average cost per child for these services.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	23	\$ 54,562	\$ 2,372
Therapy , Group*	8	\$ 16,035	\$ 2,004
TOTAL	31	\$ 70,597	\$ 2,277

*Many children receive both group and individual therapy; children were only counted once in the total count of children served. Children whose majority of service hours were individual were counted as individual; those with more group visits were counted as group.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

MVT provides speech and language service in a five county area with clinics located in Delta and Montrose. Again this year a comprehensive summer program for preschool through school-aged children was provided. Currently, there are three full-time and two part-time speech-language pathologists (SLP) who work in the pediatric programs. In addition to the typical speech/language services, we provide the following: bilingual support for families; literacy support for our children who demonstrate reading delays; and diagnosing and designing programs for children who may require augmentative communication devices. This year we added the Integrative Listening Program. Our program receives referrals from physicians for children who require speech/language/literacy services. Our speech/language/literacy program serves toddlers through high school-aged children.

ACCOUNTABILITY

In 2016 MVT participated in the Scottish Rite sponsored data collection program using the Child Development Inventory, conducted monthly appraisal committee meetings, provided test results and updates to the referring physicians, and educated families in home program activities. Our pediatric multidisciplinary team of occupational and physical therapists and SLPs meet

monthly with a representative from a local pediatric doctors' office to share information about children we serve.

LEADERSHIP

The SLPs at MVT continue to participate in conferences and community educational opportunities. This year, two team members attended the *2016 National RiteCare Conference* in Denver. While participating in the Community Resource Fair for families of children with special needs and MMH's annual Health Fair, we made contact with families to answer questions and network with other agencies. MMH was a video-conference host site for the Children's Hospital Colorado - Annual Conference on Language & Learning. The gentlemen of our Appraisal Committee hosted two family activities this year- the annual summer picnic in July and breakfast with Santa in December. The Masons prepared and served the food and joined in with the family fun. These events provide an opportunity for our families to express their appreciation and put faces to the men who help provide the funding they receive from the Scottish Rite Foundation. Our program continues to support graduate students and Clinical Fellows in the field of communication. We support high school students who are enrolled in classes that allow observation and participation with the different therapies as they explore career opportunities.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The RiteCare program in our communities are successful because of the commitment of the Masons, partnership with MMH and MVT, and the Speech-Language Pathologists in our department. The Scottish Rite Foundation allows us to offer a program of excellence for speech/language services to children in our areas. We are grateful to the members of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado for their continuing financial support, our local Appraisal Committee members for their participation in activities for our families, and Dr. Deborah Hayes for her unparalleled commitment to and guidance for the RiteCare programs throughout the state. Without the support of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado there would be numerous children who would not be able to receive needed speech/language/literacy services. Thank you so much from those families and our program.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Anderson- CCC-SLP
RiteCare Program Director



SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

The Scottish Rite Foundation, in 2016, provided financial support for 38 children to receive speech and language services at St Mary's Life Center in Grand Junction. The children were from the Grand Junction, Clifton, Palisade, Fruita, Glade Park and Parachute communities. The table below summarizes 2016 including: the type of services provided, number of children served, the number of individual therapy sessions, and the number of group therapy sessions provided, and the average cost for each of these sessions in 2016.

2016 Program	Number Served	Scottish Rite Foundation Contributions	Average Cost per child
Total	38*	\$119,139	\$3,135
Individual Therapy Visits	532 Visits	\$97,098	\$183 Per visit
Group Therapy Visits	309 Visits	\$22,041	\$71 Per visit

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

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The RiteCare Speech Language and Literacy Program at St. Mary's Life Center provided individual and group therapy services for children from 2 years through 7 years of age and summer therapy services were provided for children up to 13 years of age. Our program is open Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Services are provided by five licensed and certified speech language pathologists with the support of a therapy assistant and two therapy aids. We also have the opportunity to work closely with registered Pediatric Occupational and Physical Therapists as well as a Case Manager who coordinates the children's care programs and facilitates our communications and interactions with the other community agencies and physicians. Children who receive speech and language services at St. Mary's have been children diagnosed with autism, developmental delays, hearing loss, dysfluency, voice disorders, apraxia, other oral motor disabilities, cleft lip and palate, eating disorders, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy with related communication delays as well as some children who communicate through the use of an augmentative communication system.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Measuring our success as well as looking for ways to improve is of the utmost importance to the St. Mary's Therapy Program. One of the ways we measure our outcomes is our continued participation in the statewide accountability project. The results of this developmental inventory and the results from standardized testing and reevaluations are used to confirm ongoing skill development as well as to develop therapy goals, home programs, and provide parent education. Another measure used to evaluate the value of our program is "Rounding". Intermittently, members of the hospital leadership team interview the parents of our clients regarding their satisfaction with their child's program, and their overall experience at St. Mary's Life Center. This year, parents completed a survey giving our team information on the areas of parent education that would be most beneficial to their family. We are currently developing those programs.

LEADERSHIP

The St. Mary's Speech and Language Department staff is not only active within our department and our hospital, they are also active within our community and our state. Some of the organizations in which they participate include: School District Child Find Assessment Team, Cleft Palate Team of Western Colorado, Colorado Home Intervention Programs, The Early Childhood Steering Committee, Mesa County Partnership for Children and Families, Brain Steps for Head Injury Support at the School District, The Colorado Speech and Hearing Association, and 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. Continual learning is an expectation of the St. Mary's Pediatric Team, with regular opportunities for interdepartmental training and hospital support for continuing education. This past year four of our staff members were trained in Sequential Oral Sensory Approach to Feeding and are currently developing a multidisciplinary feeding program at our facility.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

For the past 30 years, The St. Mary's Therapy program has been blessed to be a partner with the Scottish Rite Foundation. The Foundation has contributed greater than \$3,000,000 to help for more than 2,300 children in Grand Junction and surrounding communities. During this time, we have seen a significant change in our reimbursement from private insurance companies and the state funded programs. However, the Scottish Rite Foundation has remained committed to provide support our language learning programs.

We acknowledge the members of our 2016 Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee: Richard Carnett, who recently retired from our board, but always was steadfast in his beliefs that we must care for the children, Don Hobbs, Jimmy McBride and Mark McGarry. These men take time out of their busy schedules each month to review our program applications. Thank you for your commitment to our children and communities.

It is an honor to be in partnership with The Scottish Rite Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted,
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St. Mary's Hospital, Rite Care Program Director
Pediatric Clinical Resource Specialist St. Mary's Hospital

**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
2016 ANNUAL REPORT
Treasure Chest Program-The Pinon Project-Cortez**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

During this reporting period the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 195 families access The Treasure Chest Program through The Pinon Project – Cortez. The table below summarizes the number of children and ages served. The SRF contributed \$53,520 for this program resulting in an average program cost of \$237 per child served.

Age Range	Number Served
Children 0-3	47
Children 3+	179
Total Children Served	226

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

With support from the Scottish Rite Foundation, The Treasure Chest Program provided early literacy theme tubs of books and related materials at no cost to families with young children, serving Dolores and Montezuma County children at 12 early childhood education sites and in partnership with 5 other community agencies. We make an effort to serve every interested early education center within the Cortez, Mancos, Dolores and Dove Creek school districts, as well as The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Head Start in Towaoc, CO. We continue to collaborate with Piñon Project’s Incredible Years, Parents as Teachers and Successful Families Parenting programs as well as the Montelores Early Childhood Council Family Nights, to provide chests to families who want to read and play together. This year we collaborated with both the Mancos and Dove Creek library programs to reach new families and continued to attend story hour at the Cortez Library. Our Piñon Project Early Childhood Programs received the *Excellence in Youth Services Award* presented by the Colorado Association of Libraries as the Cortez Library’s SPELL (Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries) Program community partner. We have also been invited to participate in our community’s Read-Grow-Learn Early Literacy Initiative which focuses on increasing early language and literacy proficiency.

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

Pinon Project in Cortez uses Teaching Strategies Gold. 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 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, parent surveys and teacher responses were again very positive. According to our surveys, checking out a treasure chests increased the amount of time parents and children spent reading and playing together. Parents reported an increased confidence in helping their child learn to read and communicate. Parents also expressed an appreciation for the imaginative themes and high quality of materials provided.

LEADERSHIP

Kellie Willis is Executive Director of The Pinon Project and Program Director for Treasure Chest. Maggie Tevault has started as Early Childhood Programs Coordinator, with Trisha Halencak, Jessica Randell and Amanda Tulio all assisting in the creation, maintenance and distribution of Treasure Chests.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Treasure Chest Program in Cortez is primarily funded by The Scottish Rite Foundation whose continued generous support has made possible the program's scope, quality and ability to address local early childhood literacy and language development needs. The financial and administrative support which SRF provides through Children's Hospital Colorado through the services of Deborah Hayes, PhD enables The Pinon Project Family Resource Center to continue this successful collaboration with community partners in early childhood services. We were privileged to receive scholarships to attend the *2016 National RiteCare Conference* in Denver this year to increase our knowledge of language and literacy intervention strategies, and met many wonderful people throughout the Scottish Rite and Children's Hospital organizations. We are most grateful for this continued generous support of The Treasure Chest Program to serve the children and families of our community. One parent stated, "It's a fun surprise every time we get a new box! We love how every (activity) and book goes along with the theme. Thank you for taking the time to make Treasure Chest program happen!"

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Tevault
Early Childhood Programs Coordinator
The Pinon Project Family Resource Center



SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2016, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 61 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 a total of \$50,000 resulting in an average program cost of \$526.00 per child served.

Age Range (years)	Children Served	Families Waiting for Availability
0-2.5	18	
3-5	77	
Total	95	50

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

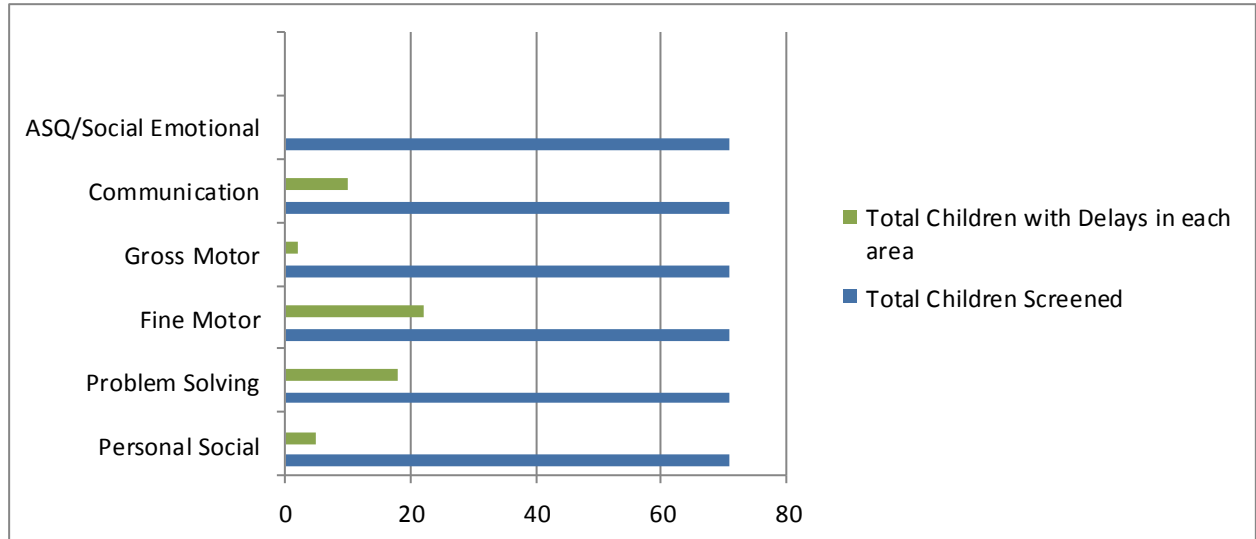
The ASQ-3 screening system is composed of 21 questionnaires designed to be completed by parents or other primary caregivers at any point for a child between 1 month and 5 ½ years of age. These questionnaires can accurately identify infants who are in need of further assessment to determine whether they 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.

At the beginning of the 2016/2017 school year, the Treasure Chest Program enrolled 77 children who were between 3 and 5 years of age. Of these 77 children, 6 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 6 children with I.E.P’s are enrolled in the Treasure Chest Program. The remaining 71 children were screened, by the Treasure Chest Program, using the ASQ-3 Questionnaire (Pre-Assessment).

TREASURE CHEST PROGRAM ASQ-3 RESULTS (PRE-SCREENING) 2016



The results of the Pre-Screening indicate multiple children are delayed in one or more of the five areas. This confirms the need for proactive support for all enrolled children with delays.

LEADERSHIP

Thanks to the additional funding provided by Scottish Rite Foundation, RMSE has maintained an Early Literacy Program Assistant, Amanda Perez. Amanda has been working diligently and has added 15 Spanish speaking families to the Treasure Chest Program. She has continued to be 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