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Thank you from Children's Hospital Colorado family:

My daughter has just been awarded financial support from the Scottish Rite Foundation. We would like to thank you for helping us pay for the speech-language therapy services she needs.



## RiteCare Conference a Resounding Success!



Deborah Hayes, Ph.D.,  
**Kelley Family/Schlessman Family  
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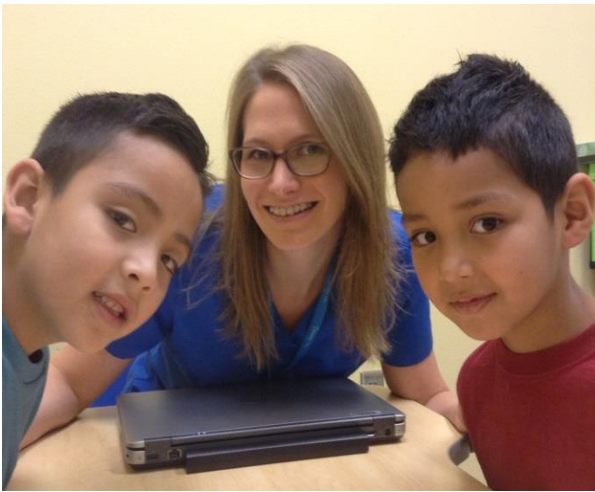
By all measures, the 2016 National RiteCare Conference was a resounding success. More than 200 participants attended, representing RiteCare programs in 28 states. Conference evaluations were overwhelming positive (all components of the conference rated at 4.35 or higher on a 5.0 scale). The educational sessions and posters were outstanding, and the Gala Dinner and Program highlighted our sustaining relationship with Scottish Rite Masons. I am grateful to so many colleagues who stepped forward to make this conference a success! Perhaps we'll be asked to do it again in another 20 years...

There are several important updates for RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs this fall. First, we will not be publishing an annual calendar for 2017. After discussing the uptake of previous calendars by Masons, clinicians, and families (we typically had several hundred calendars "left over" every year), and the calendar expense, we decided to forego this publication. Thanks to all RiteCare and Treasure Chest programs who participated in the past by submitting such uplifting photos of children and families. I treasure them all.

Second, in a previous e-mail (9/8/2016) to RiteCare and Treasure Chest Program Directors, I described a new initiative approved by the Scottish Rite Foundation Board of Trustees entitled *Community Benefit Grants*. This initiative will allow RiteCare Clinics and Treasure Chest Programs to engage more fully in their community by providing free programs that enhance childhood language and literacy development. These free programs would be offered to all families in the partner's community, regardless of healthcare insurance or economic status. Examples of programs that the partners might offer include: Free speech and hearing screenings; Parent education programs on enhancing language and literacy development for preschool children; Community education conferences that include parents and professional in dialogue about community options and needs, among others. Look for another e-mail from me shortly to describe this exciting new program more fully with specific instructions on how to apply for these grants (applications will be due by January 13, 2017).

# RITEVIEW

## Colorado Springs staff updates & Events!



**Submitted by: Ericka Wendorf, RiteCare Director, Children’s Hospital Colorado – Colorado Springs**

Bringing Services to the Spanish-Speaking Community

Kristine Maday has joined the Children’s Colorado in Colorado Springs team to bring speech and language therapy services to the Spanish-speaking and bilingual population! She perfected her Spanish language skills while living in Bilbao, Spain before getting her Master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology at Indiana University. At Children’s Colorado, Kristine sees a variety of patients from 18 months through school age, providing services in the patient’s primary language. Kristine says, “When it came time to choose a career path, bilingual speech-language pathology seemed like the perfect fit for me. I’ve always been interested in language, and I wanted to do something that would help people. There’s a great need for Spanish-speaking speech therapists, so I knew I’d be providing a much needed service. It’s really rewarding and meaningful to help families and kids so they can communicate and interact better with the world around them!”

**Submitted by: Ericka Wendorf, RiteCare Director, Children’s Hospital Colorado - Colorado Springs**



Day of Miracles

The first 92.9 Peak FM Day of Miracles Radiothon was a success! On September 23, Peak FM took a break from its usual programming to broadcast live from Children’s Colorado at Briargate. Patients and their families shared their stories about the effect Children’s Colorado has had on their lives. Generous donors called in to raise more than \$17,000 for the Children’s Hospital Colorado Foundation, including more than \$3,700 raised by Children’s Colorado employees. Donations will support the expansion of services in southern Colorado and the construction of the new hospital set to open in 2018.

## **Scottish Rite Foundation Updates**

*Submitted by: Vernon B. Ingrham, 33° Grand Cross, Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado*



Cast performing “The Carpenter’s Workshop”

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary biennial National RiteCare Conference was held in Denver Oct 13-15, 2016. This was the second such conference to be held in Denver, the first being the inaugural conference in 1996. Both conference programs were planned by Deborah Hayes.

It was my great pleasure to assist her in this conference, especially in raising \$26,000 to help pay for it. With these funds we were able to waive the registration fee for our Colorado speech-language pathologists, learning specialists, and early childhood educators. Eighty Colorado team members attended and so many have sent me warm expressions of thanks. Thank you for your kind words.

We were especially pleased to host the conference banquet and musical program at the Denver Consistory. Following the banquet our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronnie Seale, spoke eloquently about his own personal speech pathology journey as a young boy. He was then joined by Steve Munsinger, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado and Scottish Rite Foundation Board of Trustees President, for a special presentation to Deborah Hayes in publicly recognizing her work in planning and conducting the conference.

Following the banquet, a play titled “the Carpenter’s Workshop” was performed by our Consistory choral group. This enjoyable performance featured various musical selections with a Masonic theme. The setting was a forest in medieval times. The Masons in the group did themselves proud.

We are pleased that so many of our Colorado partners were able to attend the conference sessions. It is joy for me to be associated with all of you and the work you do in helping children and their families.



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Submitted by : Montrose Memorial Hospital, Patti Anderson, Program Director

## PRESS RELEASE

### Scottish Rite Program Expands Access to Essential Speech Therapy

MONTROSE, CO: Over 100 attendees visited Buckley Park in Montrose for a picnic celebrating patients of the *RiteCare* program.

Established by the Scottish Rite—charitable arm of the Masons—the program expands care to families in Montrose and Delta by increasing access to Mountain View Therapy’s speech therapy services. The picnic featured a BBQ meal, clowns, face-painting and balloon animals for the various pediatric patients and their families who are assisted by the program. Specifically, the program aids families whose insurance does not cover the cost of speech therapy services—often due to developmental delays.

For the Scottish Rite, the picnic is a celebration that makes their program feel “real.”

“It puts a face to the people we’re trying to help,” said Bill Kledus, a Scottish Rite member who organized the event. “I can see the parents, grandparents, the caregivers and the kids- it all comes together in the picture. When we have the meetings, we have the first name. We never see the child, or the care giver. So to at least put a smiling face to it...it helps us see who we’re helping.”

According to Patti Anderson, a Speech Language Pathologist at Mountain View Therapy who works with pediatric patients regularly, the program is important for bringing essential services to young patients who would otherwise not get the care they need.

“We’re delighted by the work the Scottish Rite performs each year to increase access to the high-quality pediatric care delivered by Mountain View Therapy at Montrose Memorial Hospital,” said Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. “We’re proud to work with them to increase the health status of our community.”

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado’s mission is to enhance the quality of life for Colorado’s children and their families by supporting high quality, collaborative programs for the prevention and treatment of childhood language disorders. The foundation is a 501(c)3 public charity that has spent \$37 million on speech-language services, including \$849,000 in 2015.



**Submitted by: Stacey Bernal, Children’s Colorado Therapy Care Pueblo**

**Scottish Rite Picnic at the Pueblo Zoo**

There are few better outdoor activities in Pueblo on a beautiful September day, then spending it at the zoo with your children and grandchildren. Thanks to the Scottish Rite Foundation, this opportunity was provided for the families at the Children’s Colorado Pueblo Clinic. A lunch of barbequed hot dogs, chicken and hamburgers was served, followed by piñata fun and finally a walk through the Pueblo Zoo. Approximately 225 people attended the event. As the pictures show, everyone had a wonderful time!



**Submitted by: Jennifer Moore – Gunnison Valley Hospital, Pediatric Rehabilitation**

**Gunnison Valley Update and Community Event**

Pediatric speech therapy at Gunnison Valley Hospital continues to grow thanks in part to support from the Scottish Rite. Even in a relatively small population center there are many children who can benefit from speech therapy to improve their lives now and in the future. Historically families are limited by awareness and sometimes finances. The Scottish Rite has helped to minimize the financial concerns allowing us to focus on awareness.

The Pediatric Therapy team has continued to spread the word about speech therapy to the Gunnison Valley by attending Back-To-School Nights, meeting with preschool directors, preschool teachers and hosting field trips with local preschools to play and see our pediatric therapy space. Our GVH team has also partnered with the school district to participate in Child Find Screening Days meeting with families to ask them questions from the ASQ and screen in all areas for occupational, speech and physical therapy by providing ideas, feedback and recommendations. This past Saturday Gunnison Valley Hospital hosted the first annual Pumpkin Patch, a free community event focused on activities for families and children.

The pumpkin patch featured face painting, a bouncy house, balloon animals, marshmallow roasting, ambulance tours, horse petting, yoga and much more. Over 500 members of the community came out to take part in this event. The Pediatric Department set up an obstacle course, played tongue twisters, and applied hundreds temporary tattoos (which were a big hit!!). Local Scottish Rite Mason Paul McCabe assisted the pediatric department immensely by talking with children and families and volunteering as our GVH tattoo artist for the kids.

Going forward, Gunnison Valley Hospital is also looking into the need to expand pediatric speech services to Crested Butte. Special thanks to the Scottish Rite and especially Paul for continued support or our program and community.



# RITEVIEW

## Families State Wide Express Thanks to the Scottish Rite Foundation



**Submitted By: Carmen Marsh, Treasure Chest Coordinator  
 Rocky Mountain SER Western Slope HeadStart, Grand Junction, CO**

Dear Scottish Rite,

Hi my name is Troy, and I have a daughter that attends Head Start and participates in the Treasure Chest Program in Grand Junction, Colorado. We have enjoyed the Treasure Chest beyond all measures.

I am a single parent with five children and while I didn't have the time to fill out the daily journal, we played with the Treasure Chest on a daily bases. This has provided us with activities to do as a family.

My children not only enjoyed the tubs, but they would have the neighbor kids come over and play with us as well. I want to say thank you so much for this program and for teaching kids that learning is fun. I sure wish I had a chance to participate in a program like this when I was a child. This has provided us with activities to do as a family.

Thank you many times over,  
 Troy and Family

*Today, Matthew is a cheerful second grader, studying alongside his peers and succeeding academically. He likes school, learning, and recess. Most people who see him wouldn't notice anything out of place. However, you would have seen a very different picture four years ago.*

*In 2012, Matthew was still attending a special preschool for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. He was non-verbal and struggled with basic peer interactions. Attempts at attending a mainstream classroom had failed. It was during this time that he started attending the "Story of Friendship" Program at University of Colorado-Boulder.*

*Thanks to the efforts of professor Amy Thrasher and her team of graduate speech-language clinicians, Matthew learned how to communicate, cooperate, and enjoy playtime with his peers. He responded immediately to their unique curriculum and flourished under their guidance – our entire family did. Matthew now attends school with his peers and has made connections within his community. He is engaging, talkative, and loves to tell knock-knock jokes! As his parents, we truly believe that Matthew wouldn't be in the place he is today without the commitment, dedication, and generosity of this team and the Scottish Rite Foundation.*

*Deborah & Kyle, parents of Matthew*

**Submitted by Shelley Shepeck, Director Clinic Operations  
 University of Colorado Boulder**



We are the proud parents of a beautifully unique and loving boy who currently attends the preschool program at CLC. When our son had almost reached his third birthday, he was diagnosed with a significant speech delay. Our family was devastated when we discovered that our insurance would not cover any form of speech therapy. Knowing that early intervention is very important when it comes to improvement of such a diagnosis our family did not know what direction to take. We heard about CLC through local community members. Although we knew it would be a perfect fit, we had no idea how we were going to cover the cost of tuition. Our family recently relocated to Colorado and while we are adjusting to our new environment, we are a single income household. Family members agreed to pay for our sons first semester at CLC but could not guarantee any additional support. During the end of his first semester, his teacher told us about a scholarship opportunity from the Scottish Rite Foundation. With prayerful hearts, we submitted our application and before the start of his second semester we were informed that, the Scottish Rite Foundation would be paying for the majority of his tuition. Words cannot express how much of a gift this has been for our family. Since the start of his attendance at CLC, our son has advanced more than we could have ever imagined. He continues to thrive at CLC and we are so thankful to the Scottish Rite Foundation for making a way out of no way.

With Much Gratitude & Appreciation,  
 Arturo's family.

**Submitted by Shelley Shepeck Director Clinic Operations  
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