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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month



Deborah Hayes, Ph.D.,
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It is appropriate that one month each year is dedicated to improved communication through better hearing and speech. At RiteCare and Treasure Chest Programs in Colorado, we celebrate the successes the children make and their families enjoy through therapy, and family education and support. This is possible for many children because of the dedicated support of Scottish Rite Masons who, for more than 60 years, have provided much needed financial support. Please thank these special people this month for making “better hearing and speech” possible for so many.

We are honored this year to be the host of the **2016 RiteCare Conference**, “Reach for the Summit,” scheduled for October 13 – 15 at the Doubletree by Hilton, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, 80207. This is the eleventh national conference of Scottish Rite Foundation-affiliated programs. This biennial conference was first held in Denver in 1996 and it is exciting to again host this gathering of clinicians working in RiteCare Programs throughout our nation. This year’s conference will follow the traditional pattern of three concurrent tracks – one focused on speech and language services, one focused on literacy services, and one focused on clinic administration and development. Many of our colleagues from Children’s Hospital Colorado, the University of Colorado – Boulder, and the University of Northern Colorado have stepped forward to make presentations at the conference and a “Call for Papers” is open until May 27th for submission from interested presenters. I encourage all RiteCare and Treasure Chest partners in Colorado to consider submitting a proposal for an oral presentation or poster presentation at this year’s conference.

To accommodate as many clinicians as possible, we are working to keep registration costs reasonable and have negotiated a very favorable rate at the Doubletree Hotel. More information will be forthcoming by early July.

So... mark your calendars and plan to attend (and present at) the 2016 National RiteCare Conference. I look forward to seeing you all in Denver, October 13 – 15, 2016.

Family Education Night Thank yous!

Submitted by: Kerry Moriarty, Children’s Hospital Colorado

Thank you for providing this opportunity. This was very helpful for us and bridging the gap for our family...

Thanks so much for all you do to provide our children with the tools they need to succeed...

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to learn how to better expand our son’s language...

Thank you for everything. These sessions were very helpful and made a huge difference. We are better prepared to help our child.

The modeling, imitation, and language informational night was so beneficial. Thanks so much...

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Spring Programs & Events!

Submitted by : The Piñon Project, Maggie Tevault, Pinon Project

At The Piñon Project, we have begun a wrap-around approach to serving our families of young children. Maggie Tevault, Lynn Soukup, Trisha Halencak and Brandi Henderson are all part of the Early Childhood Programs Staff who work together to bring an array of early learning and development programs to our community, as well as provide screenings and early intervention services to those in need. We feel that our Treasure Chest Program is one of the most effective ways to reach out to families throughout Montezuma and Dolores Counties, and instill the importance of early literacy, education and intervention. Even our youngest participants in our weekly Mommy & Me Group have the opportunity to read and learn together with their families, thanks to the Scottish Rite Foundation.



Submitted by: Jenn Moore, RiteCare Program Director, Gunnison Valley Health:

The Gunnison Valley Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation Program recently applied for and received a grant from the City of Gunnison in hopes to expand speech services to the Gunnison Valley. The Pediatric Program offers services to the community for children who attend the Gunnison-Watershed School District, Early Intervention services, Adaptive Sports, homeschool students, visitors and second homeowner families. We not only serve our own patients but provide support and supplement other local programs and daycare centers as we are the only entity for families to receive additional therapy services in the area. This program serves the entire community, not a competitive but a collaborative way to offer better care for residents and families in our community.

The Pediatric Rehabilitation Program is diligently working on a Concussion Protocol to provide education, assessment, services, consultation and a continuation of care for the patient and their families who suffer a head injury. Due to the active outdoor lifestyle in our community, the occurrence of head injury is on the rise and early detection is vital. The Pediatric Program is working closely with nurses, doctors, therapists and administration in order to devise a program that will benefit the patient and the caregiver with immediate feedback, recommendations and a therapy plan that can be followed that aligns with the school Return to Learn program.



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Scottish Rite Foundation Updates

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



The following is summarized from an article submitted for publication to the Scottish Rite Journal by Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, President, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado.

We are honored that Denver will be the site of the 2016 National RiteCare Conference, “Reach for the Summit.” Denver is the 1953 birthplace of the Scottish Rite’s work in pediatric speech-language care. It was also in our Mile High City where the inaugural National Scottish Rite Clinic Conference, now known as the National RiteCare Conference, convened in 1996. In 2016 we are pleased to host the 20th anniversary conference.

This conference will showcase presentations and best practices from across the Colorado community. By providing valuable information about proven best practices as well as certain new and emerging practices, conference-goers will be refreshed and renewed by engaging with other professionals in pediatric speech-language and learning care.

Colorado is blessed with having formidable talent in its RiteCare Partners, and this talent will be front and center at the conference. Presenters will provide insights and perspectives from our Colorado partners including the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Northern Colorado as well as Children’s Hospital Colorado, our flagship partner which is a pediatric hospital of national acclaim. RiteCare programs from across the nation have been invited to share their innovative programs and outcome successes through a national “Call for Papers.”

A social highlight will take place on the evening of October 14th when the Denver Consistory will host the conference banquet. Judge Munsinger and the Foundation’s Board of Trustees will join with Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, Robert D. Elsloo, 33°, in welcoming conference participants to Colorado and the Consistory. The banquet speaker will be the Scottish Rite’s Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronald A. Seale, 33°.

Following the banquet we will retire to the Consistory auditorium for a public program designed to offer our RiteCare Partners with a broader and deeper understanding of the Scottish Rite. One way of doing so will be presentation of a public rendition for one of the Scottish Rite degrees, which I assure you, will be enjoyable and most memorable. This program not only will highlight the talent of our Colorado Scottish Rite Masons but also will provide our RiteCare partners with greater insight as to what Scottish Rite Masonry represents to its members.



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Children's Hospital Colorado

**Submitted By: Martha Drake, RiteCare Program Director
Therapy Care Pueblo**

FAREWELL PHYLLIS – HAPPY RETIREMENT

Phyllis Sanders has been at Children's Colorado Pueblo since it opened its doors in April of 2001. Her welcoming smile, contagious laugh and friendly nature have given the clinic a warm, caring atmosphere. She will be missed by all. Enjoy her responses to the following questions:

What is your fondest memory of the clinic? The holidays especially Halloween. I enjoyed seeing the children in their costumes.

What will you miss? My co-workers, the kids and my conversations with the parents.

What will you NOT miss? The cold snowy days and having to drive 25 miles to work.

Think of a funny kid story. We had a little boy who came to therapy and he would sneak in my office to give me a hug then look in my drawer for candy.

What will you do when you retire? I want to take a cruise with my daughter, go to Las Vegas with my sister and see my family in California.

WARM WISHES FOR PHYLLIS:

We in the Masonic Lodge have received outstanding support from you for the past 16 years and this is my last opportunity to say "thank you" for your love and support. Your help will never be forgotten. I wish you the very best for the coming years. I know that your new knee will last for the next 10 years because both of mine have. **Les Tedrow**, Scottish Rite Mason, Pueblo Appraisal Committee

From the start of the Children's Colorado Pueblo Therapy Care Center, Phyllis truly embraced the importance of her role with the hospital and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. Her knowledge of the community greatly contributed to enrich a relationship between the two. I personally had the pleasure to work side-by-side with Phyllis in those early years of the Center opening. I can honestly say that her genuine care for the children and her respect for the Masons are two of the greatest attributes she leaves with us all! I certainly wish Phyllis all the best in her well-deserved retirement! **Val Hernandez**, Prior Scottish Rite Program Assistant

Phyllis is a loving, kind, compassionate, caring, and beautiful person who I have had the pleasure of working with since 2008. Her positive attitude, open heart and cheerful voice have helped create a family friendly clinic that our community knows and trusts. Phyllis is always willing to help a family, patient or therapist with ANYTHING that they need. Her knowledge of insurance and billing has helped many families receive therapy for the benefit of their child. She has put hundreds of families at ease while they wait for their child during therapy. On behalf of the Pueblo staff and myself, we wish you a wonderful retirement! You will be missed dearly! **Jaelyn Mutz**, M.A., CCC-SLP, co-worker

Phyllis is one amazing co-worker and friend. From my first day she welcomed me with open arms. Her knowledge of the job and her connection with all the families is truly outstanding! I fell blessed to have been able to work side by side with Phyllis these past 4 years. Phyllis will be greatly missed not only by staff but our families as well. "Phyllis, it's great to see someone as deserving as you retire. Make sure you work just as hard relaxing as you have in your long career. Best of luck my friend." **Deluvina Marmolejo**, Staff Assistant II, co-worker

Phyllis made our day. She always took the time to greet us and talk to the children. She treated people in such a sweet way. **Dennis and Adela Cunningham**, parents of 6 children who have received speech-language therapy at Children's Colorado Pueblo

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

This is a note sent by one of our families receiving Scottish Rite assistance:

Dear Scottish Rite,

We want you to know our family is truly grateful for your assistance, that our daughter may continue Speech Therapy when our insurance wouldn't cover the cost.

There are many families that share this feeling of gratitude. Thank you Scottish Rite Foundation for allowing us the opportunity to continue uninterrupted speech therapy services for families who meet their insurance visit limit during the year.

Patti Anderson, Mountain View Therapy, Montrose



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

Charlotte ,is one of our participants with the **Treasure Chest Program**. Her family is one of our Spanish speaking families on the western slope. Maria, Charlotte's mom wanted to share with us how much Charlotte is learning. Below is a short note about her experience with the program. We have provided the translation below.

15 Abril 2016

Programa Caja de Tesoros:

La familia les agradece el apollo para el aprendizaje de nuestra hija. Con la caja de tesoros a aprendido los colores, números, letras, y esperamos que aprenda a leer muy pronto.

Gracias,

La Familia Treasure Chest

April 15, 2016

To the Treasure Chest Program:

Our family would like to thank you for supporting our daughters learning with the Treasure Chest tubs. She has learned her colors, numbers, letters and we hope that she will start learning to read very soon.

Thank you,

A Treasure Chest Family



OPPORTUNITIES!



Save the Date!

*Journey Through Adolescence Conference:
Empowering Youth Who are Deaf of Hard-of-Hearing*
Saturday, July 16, 2016 at Children's Hospital Colorado

To request more information, please email us at: BillDanielsCenter@childrenscolorado.org



Don't miss this exciting national conference! Reach for the Summit in Denver at the Doubletree by Hilton, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207, October 13 – 15, 2016.



Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado RiteCare Program Directory

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