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2016 RiteCare Conference Comes to Denver!



Deborah Hayes, Ph.D.,
**Kelley Family/Schlessman Family
 Scottish Rite Masons Chair in
 Childhood Language Disorders**

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Supreme Council has selected Denver as the site of the 2016 RiteCare Conference! We are thrilled to have the opportunity to plan again this extraordinary conference for the more than 180 RiteCare Clinics in our nation. I say "...to plan again..." because Denver hosted the first national clinical conference for Scottish Rite bodies back in 1996 ~ 20 years ago. That conference, held at the Red Lion Hotel at the old Stapleton Airport, attracted participants from as far away as Hawaii. Judy Montgomery, 1996 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association President, provided the keynote address, "It Takes a Village" referring to the important collaboration between clinicians, families, and Masons in treating children with language delays (and also referring to then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's 1996 book, *It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us*. Seems, that all things old are new again!)

Please mark your calendars, roll up your sleeves, and amp up your excitement for the 2016 RiteCare Conference in Denver. We hope our theme, "Reach for the Summit," reflects the quality and relevance of the program for all participants, clinicians, administrators, and Masons alike. Program details will be forthcoming; logistical details are:

October 13 – 15, 2016

Doubletree by Hilton Denver at Stapleton (the former Red Lion Hotel ~ all things old...) 3203 Quebec Street; Denver

Gunnison Valley Hospital, Gunnison, received the award for the 2016 Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Program Calendar of photo. Congrats Gunnison!



Seasonal Cheer!



Thank you Scottish Rite Foundation! On December 18th the Scottish Rite Masons generously hosted a Christmas party for the patients and families of **Children's Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo**. We had many families in attendance that enjoyed cookies and juice and played a variety of games including Pin the Nose on Rudolph, Number Walk, Bean Bag Toss and Santa Sack races. All children received a book and a special gift from Santa. As always, Santa and his elf took extra time to spend with each child and take pictures. All was well received and appreciated. **Submitted: Martha Drake, Rite Care Program Director, Children's Hospital Colorado, Pueblo**

Photo to right: patient Tanner, Pueblo, SRF holiday celebration



Our Annual RiteCare Breakfast with Santa was held on Saturday, December 12 at the **Masonic Lodge in Montrose**. We had a great turnout of families that morning. Thanks to our Appraisal Committee and other Masons who helped prepare the delicious food. It is always a great opportunity for the families to meet and visit with our Masonic family. We want to especially thank Santa for reserving the morning for us and the Shriner Clowns who are always a big hit with the children. The books that are provided by the RiteCare Program are an added support to our early-literacy program. The children and families look forward to the opportunity to choose a new storybook to read. Thank you Stephen Isle for being our photographer. The pictures that you take are great keepsakes. 2016 promises to be another year of change and growth. We hope it finds you all well rested and ready to meet the upcoming challenges and opportunities it has in store. **Submitted by Patti Anderson, Director of RiteCare in Montrose.**

Below: Mountain View Pediatric SLPs: Erin McMahon, Patti Anderson, Katie Thomas. Not pictured: Terri Cusick.



Seasonal Cheer!

Santa Claus Came to Colorado Springs!

Santa made his annual visit to meet with the patients and families who receive therapy services at the Printers Park and Briargate locations in Colorado Springs. Good boys and girls waited patiently to sit and chat with Santa. Families received a picture of their child with Santa, and the children were thrilled to choose a children's book provided by the Scottish Rite Foundation as they left their Santa visit. A huge thank you to Jim Stivers for his continued participation in this wonderful holiday event and to the Scottish Rite for providing books to our grateful families!

Submitted by: Ericka Wendorf, Childrens Hospital Colorado, Therapy Care at Printers Park.

Photo below: therapy patient, Elijah, at holiday celebration



New Space at Briargate

The speech and language therapists at Children's Colorado Briargate are excited to announce that they are moving to a new space! Over the years, rehabilitation services, physicians, and support staff at Children's Colorado Briargate have found their number of patients ever-expanding, and they have outgrown their current spaces! In order to accommodate this growth and provide prompt and effective patient care, the Briargate building is re-arranging, leaving rehabilitation services with a larger and re-organized space in the building. Through the hard work of managers, therapists, and support staff, the department began utilizing their new space at the end of 2015!

Submitted by: Ericka Wendorf, Childrens Hospital Colorado, Therapy Care at Printers Park





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Scottish Rite Foundation Updates

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



The Scottish Rite Foundation had a successful fund raising year in 2015 – despite the significant decline in the stock market which has impacted most investors. Last year we received gifts totaling \$436,000.

Our Promise to Care fundraising campaign, which began in the fall of 2014, has now generated more than \$1.2 million with more than 700 individual outright gifts and pledges. Of special significance, 255 gifts totaling \$75,000 were received in our 2015 annual appeal campaign, a record-setting year for the Foundation’s annual appeal. The 2015 appeal was dedicated to supporting our Promise to Care goals. These goals have now been achieved, as follows:

Camp Programs	\$300,000
Telepractice	\$300,000
Treasure Chest	\$200,000
Graduate Scholarships	\$200,000

We have a strong donor commitment to maintaining a viable RiteCare Program in Colorado. Our donors recognize the fact that our RiteCare partner speech therapists and learning specialists are committed to providing outstanding care for the young people being served. The Board of Trustees and I again express our sincere thanks for your dedication and heartfelt commitment to helping children communicate.

Welcome New Board of Trustee

In a recent decision by the Scottish Rite Foundation’s Board of Trustees, Illustrrious Brother Robert W. Gregory, 33°, has been elected as a member of the Board. Bob makes his home in Fort Collins and is a retired investment advisor. He served as Venerable Master of Denver Consistory in 1995. A Colorado native, he became a Master Mason in 1970 in Greeley and joined the Scottish Rite in 1971 while on active duty with the U.S. Air Force in Sacramento, California. Bob is a Past Master of Occidental Lodge No. 20. He has been active in several areas of the Fraternity including a tour as trustee of the Colorado Masons’ Benevolent Fund Association. He is past president of the Northern Colorado Scottish Rite Club and presently serves as the Grand Secretary/Recorder for the Grand York Rite of Colorado. With involvement in the Foundation’s work for more than a decade, Bob also serves on the Foundation’s Appraisal Committee for its RiteCare partner in Fort Collins, the Children’s Speech and Reading Center. From 2003 to 2011 he was a member of the Center’s Board of Directors. Bob joins the Board of Trustees which includes the following members, each of whom have been honored with the thirty third degree: Stephen M. Munsinger, President; John W. Groves, Vice President; Lee E. Schlessman, Treasurer; Gerald A. Ford, Thomas R. Magnuson, Richard G. Frohlick, and Karl J. Hinkle. Illustrrious Brothers Munsinger, Hinkle, and Ford (honorary) are Past Grand Masters of Colorado. We are pleased to have Bob Gregory as a Foundation Trustee and look forward to working with him in our mission of helping children communicate.



Photo left Illustrrious Brother Robert W. Gregory, 33°

OWEN'S STORY

Submitted by: Amy Nielsen, RiteCare Program Director St. Mary's Life Center (excerpted from Mother's Letter)

Due to his low muscle tone, or hypotonia, our son Owen is weak throughout his body, which was first recognizable in his delayed gross motor skills. When he was about 16 months, we asked his doctor to refer him for speech services and he began Early Intervention speech therapy. Due to his delays, when Owen was just a few days shy of 19 months, he was seen at Children's Hospital Colorado's Child Development Unit (CDU). After his visit, the doctors and therapists at the CDU told us that he could use additional speech therapy; unfortunately, the It Takes Two to Talk Program they recommended was not offered in Grand Junction, and getting him to sit still to do it via a teleconference seemed impossible. Then they found another option: speech services through the St. Mary's Life Center.

Thankfully, the Life Center told us about the Scottish Rite scholarship program and got us enrolled. We can't imagine if we hadn't gotten this help and been able to put Owen in this therapy, because we never could have guessed the impact that these services would have on our son. At 20 months, Owen started seeing his speech therapist, every week at the Life Center, and started using more sounds, more words, and was even developing skills in other areas as well, such as fine motor. Three months later, he was invited to join a weekly speech therapy group. Being in the group therapy sessions has given him the chance to spend time with same-aged and older kids. We returned to the CDU about eight months after he had started seeing his Speech Therapist at the Life Center and at this point he knew almost 100 words and signs! And the wonderful therapists are teaching him how to communicate and interact with the other children.

We kept a list of Owen's words and signs, as it was always so exciting every time he added a new one to his repertoire that we wanted to take note! Just a month or so later, at 2.5 years, his speech really took off and we couldn't even keep up with our list any more – his speech and vocabulary was improving so quickly that we couldn't keep track of all of his words.

Stemming from Children's Hospital's recommendation, and through the generosity of the Scottish Rite scholarship program, Owen has been receiving individual and group therapy through the Life Center continually for 2 years now. People constantly remark on how much his speech has improved, how long his sentences have gotten, and how easy it is to understand him when he speaks. They also comment about how he never stops talking!



Photo left: Owen at SRF Holiday Celebration



Children's Speech & Reading Center Gets New Executive Director

The Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC), a RiteCare partner, has a new Executive Director, Dave Boon. Dave brings over fifteen years of experience in non-profit management to the CSRC. His passion and life mission is to help children reach their full potential in life and he is very excited about leading the CSRC. "What a great team of exceptionally dedicated speech-language pathologists we have on staff, said Dave



Submitted by Dave Boon, Executive Director, Children's Speech & Reading Center

Gunnison Valley Health

"Having a speech - language pathologist in Gunnison has been a life saver for our family. When we first needed someone, I couldn't believe that it wasn't offered in our town. We had to drive 1.5 hrs one way to get our son the therapy he needed. Driving all the way to Montrose, especially in the winter, would have been extremely difficult when both of us have full time jobs. When Jen Moore moved to our community, she not only brought services to our community that we desperately needed but, she brought a gift of amazing skills and genuine care. Being able to get the therapy our son needs in the town we live in has been extraordinary. I can't tell you how fortunate we feel."

Submitted by: Jen Moore, RiteCare Program Director, Gunnison Valley Health, Pediatric Rehabilitation Photo below: Jen Moore, and patient Brandon





Children's Hospital Colorado
 Therapy Care Center, Pueblo

Submitted By: Martha Drake, RiteCare Program Director

My children mean the world to me, so when we found out that both our boys needed help with speech it was hard, I felt like we had failed them somehow. Both my boys were getting some speech therapy through their school, unfortunately with little results, we had come to the end of our rope and had no idea where to turn to next, so I cannot express how grateful we are to have found the Scottish Rite Foundation. It has been such a blessing to see both our boys get the help they needed, and to improve so much in such a short period of time. My oldest son, Liam (7 years old) hated school because he couldn't communicate very well, he would isolate himself so he didn't have to speak to the other children, The Scottish rite Scholarship he received has changed his life, he can now talk to his teachers and his classmates with more confidence, and he actually feels like he has been heard. My youngest son Levi (5 years old) had pick up a lot of his brothers' traits, he was heading down the same path, but that changed when he received his scholarship, we are no longer worried about him starting kindergarten next year. Both my boys love going to speech therapy it is never a fight, they are willing to work hard to achieve their goals. I don't think I can ever say "Thank You" enough to all the wonderful people involved in my children's program.



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

Jessie was a Treasure Chest participant at one of our Head Start centers last year. He was receiving services for speech and language. Jessie is a very creative child who loves to invent stories to share with his classmates. His parents were very excited to be able to participate in the Treasure Chest Program. His mother Kimberley was very eager to work with Jessie to help him improve his education at home and was excited to see the progress that he made. I have attached a letter from his mother about their experience and a piece of his art work to share with you.

Dear Scottish Rite,

Thank you for letting our family be a part of such a great idea. I really liked doing the Treasure Chest activities with my son Jessie. This program really helps him and motivates him to learn. His favorite activity game is playing with the ABC's Mats. This game really gave me the tools to teach Jessie without getting frustrated. All the games and materials were great for Jessie, he enjoyed them all. Jessie really liked all the different books that were in the tub. We read a book together at bed time every night. He has some of his own books, but being able to pick a new book every night was exciting. My favorite activity in the Treasure Chest was the story of The Three Little Pigs. The story came with a pig puppet which made this activity a lot more fun. Jessie has grown so much by using the materials in the Treasure Chest. He is learning how to write his name and count to 20!!! Thank you for letting us be a part of this great program.

Thank you,

Kimberley, Head Start Parent



OPPORTUNITIES!

Language and Learning Conference 2016
**Understanding and Supporting
 Literacy Skills in Children with
 Speech-Language Impairment**

Keynote Speaker: Ruth Stoeckel, PhD CCC-SLP

April 25, 2016

Children's Hospital Colorado: Conference and Education Center

Videoconferencing sites: Grand Junction, Montrose and Pueblo

	Before 4/5/16	After 4/5/16
On-site at Children's	\$150	\$175
Off-site/Videoconferencing	\$100	\$125

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

For further information, please email
LanguageLearningASL@childrenscolorado.org
 or call Michele Bialkowski at 720-777-5801.

Dr. Stoeckel will receive an honorarium for her presentation and receives royalties for her DVD sales.



Photos above and below are courtesy of MicroSoft Clip Art.



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



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