

**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
2017 ANNUAL REPORT
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO**



STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 423 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 2017. The overall average cost per child for services at Children's Hospital Colorado Metro Denver area was \$1,352, an average decrease of approximately \$9 per child relative to 2016, and a remarkably small investment for a lifetime of communication and learning.

Program (# Children)	Scottish Rite Foundation or Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Cleft Palate Clinic, and Parent Education (286)	\$464,743.23	\$1,625*
Group Therapy Sessions (88)	\$11,954.80	\$136
Talking with Technology Camp (32)	\$71,193.93	\$1,681
First Steps Camp (17) Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation	\$19,236.75	\$1,132**
TOTAL (423)	\$571,712.58	\$1,352

**This decrease in cost is due to an increase in the number of children who receive group therapy services and Learning Therapy.*

*** Includes support for 9 siblings and 16 parents, cost per child only includes those receiving therapy.*

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 Hospital Colorado's Anschutz Campus (Aurora) and community-based Network of Care sites (Broomfield, Highlands Ranch, South, and Parker). Also, 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. In 2017, 32 children received speech therapy via telepractice. Children who receive services through Children's Hospital Colorado include individuals 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.

This year, we continued our journey toward excellent service provision. We have focused on an increase in access to services, delivery of specialized services in the family's community, and emphasis on parent education. To increase rapid access to services, a new early intervention model was established at seven sites for children under the age of three years. This allowed access to group treatment services within one week of a diagnostic evaluation. It required parent engagement during the session, optimizing parent education. This model lends itself to generalization from approaches learned during therapy to be used and implemented at home and other natural environments. In this young population, there has been an increase in interdisciplinary work with the learning specialists and speech-language pathologists to also identify children who are at risk for language learning challenges that may lead to later reading difficulties. This has allowed earlier intervention for these children, with the intention of avoiding

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later reading disabilities. Provision of specialized services in the family's community has led to increased access to assessment and intervention models for Autism Spectrum Disorders across the metro area. Another example for increasing access closer to home is modeled after the "First Steps Camp" and "Talking with Technology Camp," three camps were conducted at Broomfield, Anschutz, and Printer's Park with offerings in English and Spanish. This allowed access for families who were unable to attend the camps, either due to space limitations or the ability to travel to the mountains, to benefit from these learning opportunities.

Our Learning Specialists have continued to strive toward becoming a center of excellence for treating Dyslexia through standardization of practice and certification. We continue to value parent education as this leads to optimization of communication outcomes (receptive and expressive language) because knowledge is power and parent engagement leads to improved outcomes.

Currently, more than 111 speech-language pathologists, 34 audiologists, 16 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.

Community Benefit Grants (CBG)

This year, we were the proud recipients of two CBGs. One was a sign language course for parents and caregivers. This allowed 20 parents to receive sign language instruction. The second grant allowed 66 parents of children with Dyslexia to learn how to advocate for their children. These programs collectively led to the education of an additional 86 parents who are better able to communicate and support for their children. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive for both programs.

Accountability

Children's Hospital Colorado 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. Summary tables from this database consistently show a rapid increase in children's social communication skills and slower, but persistent, gains in language development in the first two years of therapy. We have continued to analyze these data. However, due to the large number of children in this database, the expansion of our knowledge has become limited from a global parent report scale. We are currently working with clinicians both locally as well as across the state to explore outcome measures that will continue to inform our efforts to document effective treatments while simultaneously doing the same for clinical practice.

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



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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.

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

In 2017, 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, before transitioning to Kristin Uhler
- Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Luncheon
- Scottish Rite Masons Denver Consistory Reunion Dinner (May)
- 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, the market value of the Endowed Chair on December 31, 2017, was approximately **\$3,256,692**. The anticipated 2017 annual distribution to Children's Hospital Colorado, Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services will be **\$153,180**.

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,

Kristin M. Uhler
Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons
Chair in Childhood Language Disorders



CHILDREN'S COLORADO-COLORADO SPRINGS 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped 25 children receive speech-language or learning therapy in Colorado Springs. The table below summarizes the 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
Individual speech-language and learning therapy	19	\$30,875	\$1,625
Group Therapy	6	\$815	\$136
Total	25	\$31,690	\$1,268

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Children's Colorado currently has two primary 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 and Children's Colorado Briargate in northern Colorado Springs. Each location provides speech-language and feeding therapy services to children from birth to 21 years with a variety of medical and developmental diagnoses.

Children's Colorado at Briargate also added learning services in August 2017. The learning services program provides diagnostic learning evaluations and learning therapy services for children and adolescents suspected of having a learning disability or having overall difficulty in school. This is an invaluable service to our community to ensure that our patients can develop lifelong learning skills and achieve academic success.

The Audiology, Speech-Language, and Learning Department of Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs employs 20 speech-language pathologists, one learning specialist, and a team of pediatric audiologists. The number of children seen for speech, language, learning, feeding, and audiology services by Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs continues to grow, with an increased number of visits and children served each year. Treatment is available in a variety of specialty areas, including augmentative and alternative communication, resonance and voice, feeding and swallowing, deaf and hard of hearing program, bilingual speech and language therapy, social skills, and early language development.

Children's Colorado also offers a variety of evaluations and specialty clinics that are not available elsewhere in southern Colorado. Our program works closely with physicians and specialists to provide excellent developmental care in our specialty clinics, including Autism and Developmental Disorders Clinic, Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic, Velopharyngeal Insufficiency Clinic, Swallow Disorders Clinic, and Hearing Clinic.

Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs offered one 12-week session of the Hanen It Takes Two To Talk[®] parent education program in 2017. This program educates parents about the use of language stimulation strategies with play and daily routines, which supports functional communication development and can decrease the length of speech therapy services needed. Additionally, three therapists from Colorado Springs were trained in TalkAbility[™] — The Hanen Program[®] for Parents of Verbal Children on the Autism Spectrum this year. This parent education program provides strategies to teach basic social awareness and theory of mind, the idea that other people have their thoughts and feelings.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs ensures that the treatments offered result in desired outcomes by completing a variety of baseline assessments followed by periodic progress reports and re-evaluation of patients' skill levels. Parent feedback is obtained through patient satisfaction surveys completed by the National Research Corporation. Department leaders also regularly round with parents and caregivers to receive input and do periodic chart audits and observations of treatment sessions to ensure consistent, high-quality care. Evidenced-based outcome measures are also completed in a variety of specialty areas, including feeding, augmentative and alternative communication, and social skills.

LEADERSHIP

Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs is proud to provide mentorship, observation, and internship opportunities to graduate students, which allows us to take part in training the next generation of therapists. Children's Colorado therapists provided internship placements for two graduate students in 2017 and planned to offer placements to several more graduate students in the upcoming year.

Speech-language pathologists from the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinics at Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs and Children's Hospital Colorado at the Anschutz Medical Campus collaborated on a process improvement project to ensure inter-rater reliability and a consistent, cohesive assessment protocol across therapists and therapy sites. This information was presented as a poster presentation at the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Annual Meeting in April 2017.

Thanks to a generous Community Benefit Grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation, the Children's Colorado Cleft Lip and Palate Team also offered the first Southern Colorado Cleft Palate Family Picnic to allow patients and their families to network and learn from others dealing with cleft palate and craniofacial anomalies. This event was open to the community, and feedback from attendees indicated that the event made both children and families feel better connected and supported.

Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs continues to collaborate with physicians within the community and in the Children's Colorado system to offer multidisciplinary clinics that are not available elsewhere in southern Colorado. These clinics allow the families in our community to access high quality medical and developmental services which address the needs of their children with complex medical and developmental diagnoses.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado has been a consistent and invaluable resource for families in southern Colorado to ensure that their children receive a high quality and evidence-based interventions necessary for appropriate development of speech, language, learning, and feeding skills. In the coming year, Children's Colorado in Colorado Springs anticipates continued growth, including an increased number of patients seen, an ever-expanding list of services and specialty clinics, continued offering of therapy groups and parent education programs, and improved access to care with additional staff to better serve our community. We greatly value 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

**CHILDREN'S COLORADO - PUEBLO
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped 41 children receive speech-language or learning therapy in Pueblo. The table below summarizes the 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
Individual speech-language therapy	35	\$56,875	\$1,625
Group Therapy	6	\$816	\$136
Total	41	\$57,691	\$1407

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Children's Colorado Pueblo completed its 17th year of operation. Our program in Pueblo employs nine part-time and full-time Speech-Language Therapists and one Learning Therapist. Services at this location offer speech-language and feeding therapy services to children from birth to 21 years with a variety of medical and developmental diagnoses. Additionally, learning services for children struggling to learn to read are also provided. Many of the therapists at our location specialize in specific areas of working with children including Augmentative/Alternative Communication, Stuttering, Feeding Disorders, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for example. A new offering of Early Language Group was begun by Amy Clark to help families receive access to care for their children in a quicker manner while their children remain on the waitlist for individual therapy. Amy Clark and Kathryn Duren also ran Hanen Groups for More Than Words.

Two speech therapists from our clinic applied for and received **Community Benefit Grants** from the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Kathryn Duren organized and successfully completed a Parent Education Series in which four lectures were presented to the community at large (parents, daycare workers, teachers, speech therapists). Topics included: picky eating in children, signs of early language delay, strategies to use with children who have speech and language delay with a particular focus on children with autism, and the literacy-language connection. Most of the therapists from our center participated in this series of lectures.

Stacey Bernal received a grant to run a Day Camp for Teens Who Stutter over the summer. The camp was four days long. Stacey worked with a CU professor, Dr. Pollard and also with Lee Caggiano, a director of FRIENDS (the National Association of Young People Who Stutter) to successfully run this camp. It was held in Boulder at the CU campus.

Kris Spinuzzi, our learning therapist, received specialized training to offer children who struggle to learn to read, a new learning program "Take Flight." Martha Drake and Patti Rose ran a successful kindergarten readiness group in the summer and continued it into the fall due to family request and success of children in that program.

The Scottish Rite Masons hosted another fun picnic day for children and families at the Pueblo Zoo in September. In December, a photo shoot with Santa was held in December at the clinic. Mr. Hart was our jolly Santa. It was very successful with over 65 children attending. Child Life Foundation and the Association of Volunteers from CHCO donated gifts and backpacks for Santa to present to the children.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Children's Colorado Pueblo ensures that the treatments offered result in desired outcomes by completing a variety of baseline assessments followed by periodic progress reports and re-evaluation of patients' skill levels. Parent feedback is obtained through patient satisfaction surveys completed by the





National Research Corporation. Stacey Bernal regularly round with parents and caregivers to receive feedback and do periodic chart audits and observations of treatment sessions to ensure consistent, high-quality care. Evidenced-based outcome measures are also completed in a variety of specialty areas, including feeding, augmentative and alternative communication, and social skills.

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. Amy Clark is the new Autism Team Lead for Southern Colorado. She will coordinate programs and support Pueblo and Colorado Springs team members working with children who have Autism.

After serving as Scottish Rite Foundation Director for 29 years, Martha Drake transitioned out of her leadership role into a full-time clinical role to begin "phase 1" of her retirement. Stacey Bernal, who has worked at the clinic since its opening in 2001 has taken over these responsibilities in her new role as Pueblo Associate Clinical Manager.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Scottish Rite Foundation plays an integral and significant part of our success at the Children's Colorado Pueblo clinic. Skilled intervention services for children with communication, reading and feeding disorders can help change the trajectory of those lives. These services are often undervalued as a necessary benefit by many health care plans. The consistency of the Scottish Rite Foundation and their support for these children and families bring great accessibility and value to these crucial services.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bernal, M.A., CCC-SLP
Children's Colorado Pueblo

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CHILDREN'S SPEECH AND READING CENTER**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) enabled 134 children to receive speech-language therapy or pre-literacy services through the Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC). The table below summarizes the services offered, the number of children served, SRF contribution, and average cost per child for these services.

Program	Number of children served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
One-on-One Therapy (Individual)	46	\$86,354	\$1,877
Early Pre-Literacy (group)	88	\$24,384	\$277
TOTAL	134	\$110,738	\$826

In 2017, CSRC conducted a total of 417 free speech-language-reading screens, 127 in-house, and an additional 290 screenings at twelve (12) off-site locations that included local public and private pre-schools, faith-based pre-schools, and several non-profit organizations. The 46 children that were supported by the SRF funding received a total of 1,428 individual one-on-one speech-language therapy sessions at an average SRF cost of ~\$60/session. An additional 88 children four years of age were identified as delayed in their pre-literacy language development and received pre-literacy group therapy sessions.

A \$5,000 Community Benefit grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation helps support CSRC in providing outreach and community education and resources to parents/grandparents, early childcare providers, and childcare centers through presentations, seminars and community events reaching well over 2,000 families.

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.

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), Thompson Valley Preschool (Loveland) and La Familia Family Centre in Fort Collins.

ACCOUNTABILITY

CSRC continues to track each individual assessments, and standard measurements of each child's progress toward Care Plans and treatment goals and objectives are used at six-month intervals during the child's services.

LEADERSHIP

CSRC staff participates in many professional and community events that promote and educate the community and parents on the developmental communication 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, to Dr. Deborah Hayes for her long-term commitment and guidance of the RiteCare programs, and a warm welcome to Dr. Kristen Uhler.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Orrison MA, CCC-SLP
SRF Program Director

Dave Boon
Executive Director

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2017 ANNUAL REPORT from RiteCare Center at University of Colorado Boulder

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped ten children receive therapy at the RiteCare Center at the University of Colorado Boulder while educating 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, the number of children served and the average cost per child for services rendered.

2017 SRF Funding for CU Boulder SLHC:	Number of Children Served	SRF Tuition Contribution	Average Cost per Child
Individual Therapy	0	\$ -	\$ -
Group Therapy	10	\$ 9,950.00	\$ 995.00
Parent Education Program Component	10	\$ -	
Literacy/Tutoring Programs			
Preschool Speech/Hearing Screens	179	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 28.00

**Preschool screenings given as a result of SRF Community Grant

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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. Also, the SLHC has partnered with Boulder County Head Start, and Boulder daycares and preschools to offer speech, language and hearing screenings to children. The majority of the 2017 programs were "no charge" at the Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (SLHC) due to restructuring clinic processes and leadership, which is now completed, and routine billing has resumed for 2018.

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.

The CLC has undergone a significant endeavor in 2017 in submitting documentation to Colorado Shines, and we await final steps for receiving this oversight entity's rating.

LEADERSHIP

Our Department remains highly ranked as a top 25 program in Speech, Language Pathology in the US. Our clinical, research and translational work are highlighted by our faculty members and students at national and international conferences, including the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's annual convention.

In 2017, three 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.

TS Gold has been successfully implemented at the three Head Start centers of Boulder County with the assistance of CU SLHC, thus helping to standardize measures consistently used within the early childhood development community of Boulder County.

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 programs. 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 2018!



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STATISTICAL SUMMARY In 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped five children receive speech, language, and literacy services at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Clinic. The table below shows the contributions by the SRF.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	2	\$2,275.00	\$1,137.50
Talking and Listening Preschool (TALP)	3	\$2,537.50	\$845.83
TOTAL	5	\$4812.50	\$962.50

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION The UNC Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences Program provides educational opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students. Our 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 SRF. 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.

ACCOUNTABILITY The UNC Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Clinic professionals and their students monitor the progress of each child receiving speech-language intervention services. Before each semester (12-14 week sessions, three 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 end of each semester.



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LEADERSHIP Three of UNC's outstanding graduate students, Carly Hinton, Emilie Scharf, and Emily Guttman received the Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Student Scholarship. Each of the students 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 SRF. We have been more visible in the community with the Pilot Greeley Treasure Chest Program funded through the SRF Community Benefit Grant. This program has been extremely successful, and we hope to continue it. I also presented this program at the UNC Community Engaged Scholars Symposium in 2017 which Vern Ingraham and our SEVA Community Partners attended. This event allowed us to publicly recognize the SRF's commitment to our students and community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT The SRF of Colorado has significantly improved opportunities for many children and their families in Northern Colorado. The support from the SRF has also provided our graduate students the opportunity to work in the TALP program and Treasure Chest Program; initiatives that 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 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped two 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	4157.08	2078.54
TOTAL	2	4157.08	2078.54

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program at GVH is part of the outpatient rehabilitation clinic. Currently, there is one speech-language pathologist who works full time (30 hours) at the Gunnison Valley Hospital. 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 TBI. Our services are now one of two options 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 (CDI). The CDI is 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 after that. 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 continues to provide a program to help preschools who do not receive Part B services through public education 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 continues to offer free screenings for families at one preschool/daycare facility in Gunnison and one in Crested Butte. Offering this free screenings has provided not only new referrals but for families to remain at their facility. The SLP continues to present developmental information on communication and information on Scottish Rite to all the family care doctors in the area as new doctors move to the area including one pediatrician.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

St Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, CO, provided speech, language, and literacy services to 55 children in 2017, through the financial contributions of The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. The children were from the Grand Junction, Clifton, Palisade, Fruita, Collbran, and Parachute communities. The table below summarizes 2017, including: the type of services provided, number of children served, the number of individual therapy sessions, and the number of group therapy sessions offered, as well as, the average cost per child which was \$2,406, in 2017, a 23% decrease in cost from 2016.

2017 Program	Number Served	Scottish Rite Foundation Contributions	Average Cost per child
Total	55	\$132,335	\$2,406
Individual therapy only	21	\$48,485	\$2,309
Group therapy only	8	\$5,605	\$701
Individual and Group therapy	26	\$78,245	\$3,009
Individual therapy visits	513 visits	\$108,515	\$211 Per visit
Group therapy visits	330 Visits	\$23,820	\$72 Per visit

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The "Rite Care" Speech Language and Literacy Program at St. Mary's Hospital provided individual and group therapy services, throughout 2017, for children from 8 months through 7 years of age and summer therapy services were provided for children up to 14 years of age. In an effort to meet family's needs our program is, currently, open Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 7:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Services are provided by five licensed and certified speech-language pathologists, with the support of a therapy assistant and two therapy aides. We also work closely with registered Pediatric Occupational and Physical Therapists, and a Case Manager who coordinates the children's programs and facilitates our communications with the other community agencies. Children who receive speech and language services at St. Mary's are children who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, developmental delays, hearing loss, fluency disorder, voice disorders, apraxia, other oral motor disabilities, cleft lip and palate, eating disorders, learning disabilities, head injury/stroke, as well as, some children who communicate through the use of an augmentative communication system.

Scottish Rite sponsorship also offered to our community, free of charge, eight parent education programs and we now have ten “take home” Communication Kits to assist families in providing learning opportunities at home.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Measuring success, and looking for ways to improve, continues to be of the utmost importance to the St. Mary’s Therapy Program. We are currently exploring the market for a data-based measurement to effectively measure the therapist’s/parent’s assessment of their child’s communication skills and ongoing development. Over the past years, we have been participating in the statewide program using the Child Development Inventory which assessed the child’s skill levels in the areas of social interaction, language comprehension, expressive language, fine and gross motor and general development. Parents completed this inventory upon entry and at six-month intervals. The results of this developmental inventory and the results from standardized testing and periodic re-evaluations have been used to confirm ongoing skill development, develop therapy goals, home programs and provide parent education. Staff members are also required to participate in continuing education. This year staff attended the Language and Learning teleconference, The Colorado Foundations of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health for Early Childhood Professionals and Partners, Oppositional, Defiant and Disruptive Children-non medication approaches, The Inclusive School Conference, and Feeding, Therapy: A Sensory Approach.

LEADERSHIP

The St. Mary’s Speech and Language Department staff are active within our department, our hospital, our community, and our state. Some of the organizations, in which they participate include: School District 51 Child Find Assessment Team, Cleft Palate Team of Western Colorado, Colorado Home Intervention Program, The Early Childhood Steering Committee, Mesa County Partnership for Children and Families, Brain Steps for Head Injury Support at the School District, The Community Food Bank, The Colorado Speech and Hearing Association, and The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

We, also, are fortunate to be a teleconference host site for educational opportunities offered through the Colorado Speech and Hearing Association and The Children’s Hospital Colorado, which allows for agencies throughout the western slope to attend continuing education courses with less expense.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The St. Mary’s Speech Therapy program has been blessed to partner with The Scottish Rite Foundation for the past 32 years. The Foundation has contributed over \$3,200,000.00 for over 2400 children in Grand Junction and surrounding areas. Without the support of the Scottish Rite Foundation, many children would not have the financial resources to access the speech and language support they need to build the foundation for a successful life.

We so appreciate the Foundation for their contributions and would especially like to thank the members of our 2017 Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee, Don Hobbs, Jimmy McBride, Gerald Conyers, and Dennis Bechtold.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our children and our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
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St. Mary’s Hospital, Rite Care Program Director
Pediatric Rehab Supervisor St. Mary’s Hospital



**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
COLORADO
2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped children receive therapy:

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	30	\$101,915.53	\$3397.18
Therapy, Group*	0		

*No reoccurring Group sessions were scheduled. All children were scheduled as individual sessions unless the situation dictated that two children work together due to scheduling conflicts.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

MVT provides speech and language service for a five-county area with the main office located in Montrose. Currently, three full-time and one part-time SLPs work in the pediatric program. In addition to the typical speech/language services, our program provides bilingual support for families; literacy support for children who demonstrate delays in reading skills; diagnosis and program development for children who may require augmentative communication devices; and a comprehensive summer program for preschool through school-aged children. We continue to use the Integrative Listening System when appropriate. All the programs are available for toddlers through high school-aged children; however, except for the summer program, the RiteCare funding is available only for the younger children. Thanks to a generous grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado and support from MMH, we were able to participate in the training and conduct classes that were open to the community for the program, Parenting the Love and Logic Way. Additionally, funds from the grant allowed us to purchase an extensive lending library available for parents to use.

ACCOUNTABILITY

In 2017, the Montrose program conducted monthly SRG 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 both offices serve.

LEADERSHIP

The SLPs at MVT continue to participate in conferences and community educational opportunities. While participating in MMH's annual Health Fair, we were available to answer questions for families and network with other agencies. MMH was the 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 a new "Sweets and Meet 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 meet the men who help provide the funding for S/L services they receive from the RiteCare program and express their appreciation. 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 service area is successful because of the commitment of the Masons, the partnership with MMH and MVT, and the Speech-Language Pathologists in our department. The RiteCare grant affords us the opportunity 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 ongoing financial assistance and our local Appraisal Committee members for their participation in activities for our families. The support and guidance our program receives from the personnel at Children's Hospital, Colorado, is appreciated beyond words. Without the sponsorship and commitment of the gentlemen of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado, there would be many children who would not receive needed speech/language/literacy services. Our goal for 2018 is to continue to provide the high-quality S/L services our community has come to expect.

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

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

**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
2017 ANNUAL REPORT
Treasure Chest Program-The Piñon Project-Cortez
Respectfully submitted by Maggie Tevault
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February 9, 2018**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

During this reporting period, The Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 195 families access The Treasure Chest Program through The Piñon Project. 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 \$230.69 per child served.

Age Range	Number Served
Children 0-3	51
Children 3+	181
Total Children Served	232

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

With support from The Scottish Rite Foundation, The Treasure Chest Program provides early literacy theme tubs of books and related materials at no cost to families with young children, serving Dolores and Montezuma County children at 11 early childhood education sites and in partnership with four other community agencies. We continue to collaborate with Piñon Project's Incredible Years, Parents as Teachers and Successful Families Parenting programs to provide chests to families who want to read and play together. We are incredibly excited that we were finally able to reach out to families in the geographically isolated area of Rico, and now truly offer services to ALL families of young children throughout Montezuma and Dolores Counties, as well as The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Head Start in Towaoc. We also focused on developing a series of English-Spanish chests to support language development for our increasing ESL population and partnered with Daily VROOM to include information in our Treasure Chests on child development and ways to embed language learning into everyday

parent-child interactions. A total of 596 Treasure Chests were checked out in our community this program year!

ACCOUNTABILITY

Based on a variety of developmental assessments (ASQ's, Teaching Strategies Gold, Bracken School Readiness Assessment), children who participated in the Treasure Chest Program experienced gains in language and literacy skills. In addition to the developmental screening results, parent surveys and teacher responses were again very positive. According to our surveys, checking out a treasure chest increased the amount of time parents and children spent reading, talking and playing together. Parents reported 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 Piñon Project with Maggie Tevault serving as Early Childhood Programs Coordinator. Trisha Halencak, Jessica Randell, Amanda Tulio, Sandra Monge and Violet Melendy all assist 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 of Denver under the guidance of Kristin Uhler, Ph.D. enables The Piñon Project Family Resource Center to continue this successful collaboration with community partners in early childhood services. 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 the book goes along with the theme. Thank you for taking the time to make Treasure Chest program happen!"



SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2017, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 70 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 the number of families on the waiting list. The SRF contributed a total of \$50,000 resulting in an average program cost of \$454.00 per child served.

Age Range (years)	Children Served	Families Waiting for Availability
0-2.5	30	
3-5	80	
Total	110	59

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 by 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.

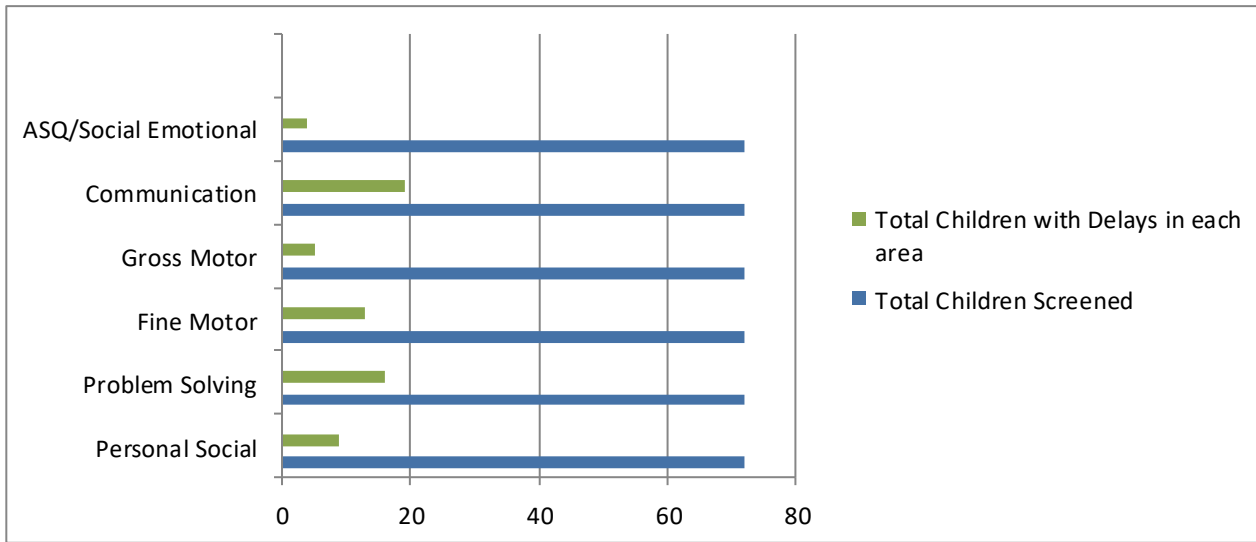
ACCOUNTABILITY

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, straightforward language. The items are organized into five areas: Communication, Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Problem Solving, and Personal-Social. Also, there is a section that addresses general parental concerns.

At the beginning of the 2017/2018 school year, the Treasure Chest Program enrolled 80 children who were between 3 and five years of age. Of these 80 children, eight had previously been placed on an I.E.P (Individual Education Plan) by St. Mary's Life Center Speech and Language Department and/ or The Mesa County School District #51 Child Find. These eight children with I.E.P's (Individual Educational Plan) are enrolled in the Treasure Chest Program. The remaining 72 children were screened, by the Treasure Chest Program, using the ASQ-3 Questionnaire (Pre-Assessment).



TREASURE CHEST PROGRAM ASQ-3 RESULTS (PRE-SCREENING) 2017



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, not only for eight children with an I.E.P (Individual Education Plan) but also for the other children with delays.

LEADERSHIP

Thanks to the additional funding provided by Scottish Rite Foundation, RM SER has maintained an Early Literacy Program Assistant, Amanda Perez. Amanda has been working diligently and has added 16 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