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 Childhood Language Disorders**

This will be my last *RiteView* message because I am retiring on July 31st. By then, I will have completed 34 years of service at Children's Hospital Colorado and with the Scottish Rite Foundation. These decades have been wonderful and enriching. I have been so fortunate to enjoy such a fulfilling career. Working with you, my treasured colleagues, in bringing Scottish Rite Foundation support to children in your communities has brought me the greatest joy.

My successor will be Kristin Uhler, Ph.D. Kristin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. An audiologist by training, Kristin's passion is childhood language and supporting families in best practices for healthy development. She holds a prestigious mentored research award from the National Institutes of Health and her research is focused on identifying a biomarker for language development in infants, especially in infants who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

I have had the pleasure of working with Kristin closely over the past two years, and I am impressed by her professional abilities and her warm and sparkling personality. I have every confidence she will be a wonderful colleague for you, the Foundation's RiteCare and Treasure Chest partners around the state. We are fortunate to have such an accomplished individual named to the position of the *Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders* as Chair of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Please join me in welcoming Kristin to her new responsibilities.



May is Better Hearing
and Speech Month



Colorado Springs Upcoming Events!

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

Scottish Rite Community Benefit Grant
Cleft Palate Family Picnic
 Thanks to the generous Community Benefit grant provided by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado, Children’s Colorado is hosting the inaugural Cleft Palate Family Picnic! Children and adults with cleft lip and/or cleft palate and their families are invited to the Wonderland Ranch in Black Forest for a day of fishing, games, petting zoo, bouncy castle, and a picnic lunch. The goal of this event is to provide families affected by cleft lip and palate the opportunity to network and connect with other families with similar experiences while engaging in fun-filled adventures. Thank you again for the generous grant and this amazing opportunity to build community among families affected by cleft lip and palate!!!

Children's Colorado Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic at Briargate, in partnership with the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

CORDIALLY INVITE
 Anyone with a cleft lip and/or palate & their families
TO ATTEND OUR

1st Annual
FAMILY PICNIC

FREE Admission thanks to a generous grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation!
SUNDAY, JULY 16TH
WONDERLAND RANCH
 16775 Southwood Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Search "Smiles Like Mine" on Facebook for more info

PosterMyWall.com

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

Climb for Courage

Step up for kids at the 3rd Annual Climb for Courage stair climb race and family festival at the U.S. Air Force Academy’s Falcon Stadium on June 24, 2017, benefiting Children’s Hospital Colorado!

This exciting event will raise money for Children’s Colorado in Colorado Springs to expand programs and services and build a new comprehensive hospital, which is set to open in 2018 in northeast Colorado Springs. Participants can register for a timed stair climb race or a shorter untimed Fun Wave. A family festival with games, activities, and food will be held from 9 a.m. to noon.

Scottish Rite Foundation Updates

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



Radio and Television Spot Announcement Airing in May

Vern Ingrham, Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

During May 2017 our spot announcements are airing on various radio and television stations throughout the state. We are using the same spots that were aired last September. Each station is provided with 15 and 30-second spots for television and 15, 30, and 60-second spots for radio. The spots are produced in English as well as in Spanish.

This program is a joint project of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado and the Colorado Broadcasters Association. The September 2016 spots, aired in English and/or Spanish, are summarized as follows:

1,835 radio spots in 26 communities on 78 radio stations.

500 television spots in four communities (Colorado Springs, Denver, Grand Junction, & Pueblo) on 20 television stations.

You may view the 30 second spot announcement at www.scottishritefoundation.org. We have posted both the English and Spanish 30-second television spots. From the website's home page, click on the Foundation Information page and then click on the RiteCare videos page: http://www.scottishritefoundation.org/FI_Videos.html.

This program is proving to be beneficial for all of us in becoming better known throughout the state. I can't over-emphasize how much we appreciate your dedication and commitment in helping children communicate.

Thank you!



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Montrose and Pueblo prepare for Scottish Rite Community Benefit Grant Events

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

Montrose updates & SRF Community Benefit Grant

Happy Spring from Montrose! Let's hope the spring snows are over and warm weather awaits. We are busy here as we gear up for the summer program. Based on some of our clients' behavior it is easy to tell that school is coming to an end! Some days are more challenging than others, but we all enjoy the diversity and this population. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Appraisal Committee member, Mr. Bill Nichell. He joins the team with Paul McCabe, Bill Kledas and Lloyd Stahl.

The Montrose program is a successful applicant for the Community Benefit Grant offered by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. We are so grateful to be given this opportunity to enrich our program. Our therapists have completed the Parenting the Love and Logic Way instructor training and are excited about the information provided. We will share the information with interested parents in our community through classes and presentations. There has already been an overwhelmingly positive response by parents. As we advertise the classes, we will invite and encourage any of you who might be in the area to join us.

Submitted by: Kathryn Duren, Children's Colorado Pueblo

Scottish Rite Foundation Community Benefit Grant Provides Educational Lecture Series in Pueblo

April 18th kicked off the first of four planned lectures to benefit the community of Pueblo thanks to the generous grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Pueblo. The one-hour lecture was titled Identify the Signs: Red Flags and First Steps; it targeted developmental milestones and red flags for speech, language, and feeding disorders, and the first steps to making referrals and where to get help. The lecture was attended by 20 members of the community that included: in-home child care providers, day care center providers, members from early intervention, head start and health department early childhood programs. All attendees received a resource packet that included handouts for various speech language disorders as well as a resource and contact sheet for services in the community.

All feedback on the survey provided at the end of the lecture was very positive and suggestions were made for future lectures. Tentative future lectures for 2017 include Picky Eaters, Early Literacy and Phonological Awareness Strategies and Language Stimulation Techniques.

The grant was awarded to Kathryn Duren, MA CCC-SLP of Children's Colorado Pueblo and she and Amy Clark MS CCC-SLP presented the first lecture.



FAMILIES EXPRESS THANKS WITH LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO THE SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION

**Submitted by: Carmen Marsh Treasure Chest Coordinator
 Rocky Mountain SER Western Slope HeadStart Program**

Jayden and Cash are one of our participants with the Treasure Chest Program. Alicia, Jayden and Cash Mom wanted to share with us how much they enjoy the Treasure Chest Program. Below is a short note about her experience with the program.

Dear Scottish Rite Foundation,

This year two of our children, Jayden and Cash had the opportunity to participate with the Treasure Chest Program. I'm so thankful we were selected. Each time we exchanged our Treasure Chest Tubs our boys were beyond excited to see what new theme and new adventure we were going to get next. Love the fact that they cover important subjects like reading, writing, science and fine motor skills. It also gave our family a way to spend quality time together. I hope this program will continue for years to come, so families like mine can benefit from everything this program has to offer.

Thank you so much!!!!

Sincerely,
 Alicia



Submitted by: Maggie Tevault – Pinon Project – Treasure Chest Program

I love the Treasure Chests that we can check out. I like that there are options for babies. At my sons age (7months), everything goes in the mouth so it is great that everything in the box is safe for him to mouth. My daughter is becoming a strong reader and loves to read books to my son. The board books in the Treasure Chests are simple enough for her to read to him and have that bonding time together. When she was a baby, I did not read to her very often at all and her reading ability reflects that. I like to encourage her to read to her brother and the Treasure Chests make it easier because she gets bored with our books at home and likes new and exciting ones. –

Trisha



Families Express Thanks to the Scottish Rite Foundation



Thanks to the Scottish Rite scholarship Gabe was able to receive speech services from Jen Moore last summer. His improvement was remarkable, and Jen always made sure to make speech a positive, fun experience. We are so very thankful for Jen and all her efforts and for this scholarship that opened this door of opportunity for Gabe! Thanks for ensuring success for each child at every stage of development!

With Gratitude,

Noelle



Submitted by Jennifer Moore, Program Director Gunnison Valley Hospital

Submitted by Shelley Sheppeck Director Clinic Operations

To Whom It May Concern:

Our daughter Hazel was a recipient of the Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship to CU's Child Learning Center program this year, and I am writing to express our gratitude for the support. She was a student in the Toddler Program and it was a fantastic opportunity to expose her to school at an early age.

We were, at first, hesitant to take part in the program because it meant we needed to rearrange our childcare schedule, also sort out a new budget, because we use a nanny who has a set salary. It was an additional expense and an additional hassle and we definitely weighed it over a few times. When she was awarded a scholarship, that took the burden of deciding based on money out of the equation. It made the decision much easier.

We are so glad it did, too, because it has been such a wonderful program for Hazel. She has learned how to interact with her peers through turn taking, her language has moved from a few signs to lots of words and sounds, and she signs the songs she learns at school at home. She also loves the routine and now equates washing her hands with eating snack. One of her favorite signs is friends, which she learned and now associates with going to school.

It has been the perfect place for her at this time in her life, and we would likely not have ended up there without the support of the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lauren



The Children’s Speech and Reading Center

The Scottish Rite Foundation is a very valuable asset to the Northern Colorado community and its children in need of speech-language therapy. The Scottish Rite Foundation makes it possible for many families to access the programs at Children’s Speech and Reading Center that they would not be able to afford if it was not for their generous support.

Meet the Children's Speech and Reading Center staff:

- Andrea Orrison, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist and Scottish Rite Foundation Program Manager
- Alicia Richardson, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist
- Annette Ellis, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist
- Chris Baker, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist
- Sarah Markel, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist
- Deb Dale, M.A., Reading Specialist
- Valeria Backo, M.A., Reading Specialist
- Laura Decatur, Office Manager
- Diana Grit, Bookkeeper
- Dave Boon, M.S., Executive Director

In 2016, Children's Speech and Reading Center provided:

- 344 free speech-language screenings of which 161 were in-house (Ft Collins and Loveland Offices) and 183 screenings off-site in eleven (11) local pre-schools also located in Fort Collins and Loveland.
- 51 children with pre-literacy program funded by the SRF, at the Teaching Tree Centers in Fort Collins and Loveland, and at the Thompson Pre-School in Loveland.
- 4,492 individual with one-on-one speech-language and reading therapy sessions to 249 children. Fifty-six (56) of those children were covered by SRF funding and received a total of 1,235 one-on-one sessions

Of the 249 children served by CSRC in 2016,

- 26.4% were non-SRF sliding scale fee
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- 22.5% were SRF sliding scale fee
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- 20.9% were full fee clients
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- 30.2% were covered by Medicaid



Without CSRC, and its ability to provide services on a sliding scale fee structure and the Scottish Rite Foundation financial support, many low-income families would not be able to access our therapy services. Currently, approximately 80% of CSRC clients qualify for reduced fee services. Support from SRF, and other donors and foundation helps CSRC fill in the gap in services for these children that might otherwise fall through the cracks, by delivering specialized therapy services on a sliding scale fee basis.

"We pride ourselves in not turning away a child based on their parent's ability to pay."

Submitted by Dave Boon Executive Director CSRC Ft. Collins



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