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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

A Partnership to be Proud Of!



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I just returned from a delightful visit to Grand Junction where I enjoyed the Scottish Rite Masons Reunion Banquet. The Banquet follows the Reunion where 3rd degree Master Masons are raised up to 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons through a series of lessons and teachings. This event held special meaning for me for two reasons. First,

the Class, known as the Cecil C. Hobbs Memorial Reunion Class of 2009, remembered and recognized a wonderful Scottish Rite Mason, Cecil Hobbs, who served on the Hilltop Rehabilitation Hospital (now St. Mary's) Appraisal Committee for many years. Second, the Banquet provided an opportunity to celebrate another wonderful Scottish Rite Mason, Otsie Stowell (photo here receiving award with Deborah Hayes and his daughter), who received the Scottish Rite Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. Otsie serves on the Montrose Memorial Hospital Appraisal Committee (for 10 years and continuing!) and contributes his time, efforts, and wisdom in guiding our programs. Remembering Cecil and celebrating with Otsie reminded me what makes the Scottish Rite Foundation so special ~ the relationship that we develop with those devoted Scottish Rite Masons who offer so much support to us and hope to families. During "May is Better Hearing and Speech Month," I hope you all have the opportunity to honor the Masons in your community who make our work possible.



**Elizabeth Gaffney, MSHA Vice President,
Clinical Services, The Children's Hospital – Colorado**

The Children's Hospital Leadership Comments...

"The partnership between The Children's Hospital and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) is truly an advantage to the many children and families who benefit from scholarship funding support for speech-language therapy services. In addition, the growth and expansion of many clinical programs within Audiology, Speech Pathology and Learning Services are possible because of this sustaining affiliation with the SRF. Thanks to the SRF Board of Trustees, Colorado Masons and the clinical and support staff involved, we will continue with the mission and vision to serve children with childhood language disorders."



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Featured Mason Interview...

John S. Russell, 33° served as a member of the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) Appraisal Committee at The Children's Hospital from 2004 through 2006. During his term with the *Committee*, John provided valuable contribution and dedicated time to attending the meetings for SRF scholarship reviews.

I had the pleasure to obtain an interview from John to highlight his experience being a Scottish Rite Mason and a part of the SRF Appraisal Committee at The Children's Hospital.

Submitted: Valerie Hernandez, Scottish Rite Program Assistant

Valerie: When did you become a Scottish Rite Mason?

John: "49 years ago. My dad, uncle and many of their friends were very active...I wanted to be a part of what they thought was interesting."

Valerie: What did you enjoy most about being on the SRF Appraisal Committee at The Children's Hospital?

John: "I found it to be a most interesting experience. I learned a lot about what was done to help the children. That was over and above what I had done and learned during all the years working with the various publications that were issued about the Foundation (SRF)."

Valerie: There is so much that the SRF does for children and families that do not have the insurance coverage to pay for speech-language therapy services. What few words can you share with everyone about SRF to increase awareness during the month of May is Better Hearing and Speech Month?

John: "The Scottish Rite Foundation is one of the better kept "Masonic Secrets". It is unfortunate that more people are not aware of the great work done by the Foundation. I am sure the parents who receive help from the Foundation are grateful for whatever is done for their children. The problem existing today...is that many do not want to publicize good things only the bad, bizarre and awful seem to be valued as "news". Perhaps someday good news will become fashionable."

TO THE FACT! TCH History Fact!

Did you know that in the 1957 Annual Report to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado, The Children's Hospital (TCH) reported one speech-language pathologist on staff? Today (2009), TCH is proud to report that there are over 100 staff in Audiology, Speech Pathology and Learning Services providing support and services to children throughout the Denver Metro area and Pueblo!

May is Better Hearing and Speech will be celebrated with cake and punch for department staff on Thursday, May 21st.

The celebration will be sponsored by the Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders to acknowledge all department staff and the contributions made to the many children and families we serve with Scottish Rite Foundation support in Audiology, Speech Pathology and Learning Services at The Children's Hospital.

Congratulations!

Lunch and Learn

On Wednesday, May 20th The Children's Hospital will host a Lunch and Learn program. Special guests will include the Scottish Rite Foundation Ladies. We look forward to sharing our program and services with all invited guests!



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Thank you letter from family
Submitted by Martha Drake



Dear Scottish Rite Foundation Members:

On behalf of Aidan Cody's parents and his grandparents, we wish to thank you for your generous support in providing this scholarship program for speech therapy.

Aidan didn't start talking until he was three years old. So when he did, no one could understand him. He mostly gestured to get his needs communicated. His therapy sessions have helped with his anger issues that stem from him not being understood. Aidan now uses the techniques he has learned in his therapy sessions to communicate his wants and needs. Aidan's parents do not have any insurance, so when we heard about your scholarship program it was an answer to our prayers. Without your program Aidan would be lost at school and would have no friends. Now Aidan will have a chance to thrive in school and in life. We would like to thank you again for this wonderful program and all the great ladies you have working for you that make the program successful and the children flourish.

Sincerely,

Aidan Cody

Grandparents: Loretta & Andy Hernandez

Parents: Mary Hernandez & Dallas Cody



Patti and Garrett at MMH RiteCare program

Montrose Memorial Hospital

At Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) we celebrated *May is Better Hearing and Speech Month* with a luncheon that provided us the opportunity to showcase our RiteCare program. In attendance were Dave Hample, our new Hospital Administrator, Mary Snyder, Operations Administrator and Martin Lutz, Rehabilitation Director. Everyone learned about the speech-language services provided here at MMH and the support from the Scottish Rite Masonic grant.

Our Appraisal Committee consisting of, Jack Ward, Tom Cox, Paul McCabe, and Otsie Stowell were able to attend and answer questions about the program. They explained how the families receive grant monies for their children. The men also had the opportunity to talk about the statewide and national impact that the grant provides in the lives of children and their families.

All of our speech-language department staff attended. We spoke about the activities that we have planned for the rest of the year that include our RiteCare families. We were also able to introduce our new Language & Literacy program that began in April. The luncheon was considered a success by all who attended! We look forward to many more years of cooperation between M.M.H. and the Scottish Rite Masons.

Jeneine Stevenson

Co-director RiteCare Childhood Language Program



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On April 6, 2009, in Gunter Hall on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado (UNC), 58 attendees honored the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) for their financial support of the creation of the Early Language Intervention Room. Attendees included members of the SRF Board of Trustees (Gerry Ford, Richard Frohlick, Tom Magnuson-photo left with RiteCare children at UNC), our RiteCare Leadership team (Vernon Ingraham, Deborah Hayes, Ph.D., Valerie Hernandez), Scottish Rite Masons (George Pikell, David Cox), distinguished guests from the UNC Foundation and administration (Virgil Scott, Chuck Leonardt, and Denise Battles, Ph.D.), families in the *Talking and Listening with Preschoolers* program, community agency members, undergraduate and graduate students, faculty in speech-language pathology and audiology, and faculty from other programs and colleagues on campus.

University of Northern Colorado and the Scottish Rite Foundation

Following a brief program in a classroom to discuss the history and current use of the intervention room and student scholarships, the group moved to our clinic to enjoy a light buffet lunch and graduate students conducted tours of the clinic. Sara Robinson, a 2008 Scottish Rite Foundation graduate student scholarship recipient, played her clarinet to piano accompaniment. In *The Early Language Intervention Room*, Jennifer Wiedmeier, a 2008 Scottish Rite Foundation graduate student scholarship recipient, and Sarah Berg, a graduate student, conducted a demonstration of assistive technologies for early intervention. *The Early Language Intervention Room* is recognized by an 18X22" acrylic sign.



Sarah Berg (above) is one of the students who completed the extra 18 grad hours at Assistive Technology Partners. She'll graduate from UNC in August 2009.

We are grateful for the partnership we enjoy with the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado!
Submitted: Kathleen Fahey, RiteCare Program Director UNC

Children's Speech and Reading Center

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month, an annual event that provides opportunities to raise awareness about communication disorders and to promote treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking, understanding, or hearing. *Children's Speech & Reading Center* celebrated a little early this year, presenting to three childcare provider associations in March and April, with a total of 53 participants. We will hold special speech and language screening days on May 13th and 14th. Parents who are concerned about their child's development can call the Center in Ft. Collins (970-419-0486) to schedule an appointment.



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Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation Services – Colorado Springs

North Clinic

Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation Services has recently relocated its Briargate Clinic to the new North Clinic located at 4110 Briargate Parkway, Suite #145. The new satellite clinic opened to patients on April 20, 2009. This new location will facilitate more room and opportunity for growth within the Pediatric Department. The new clinic will house at least 9 therapists with several therapists alternating schedules with the main clinic. All services provided at the main clinic will also be available at the North clinic including speech, occupational, physical and feeding therapy, as well as modified barium swallows studies. The setup of the clinic provides a cohesive environment for coordination of services. The location will also allot for opportunities to gain market share in north Colorado Springs, by allowing patients to change clinics and attend therapy in the most convenient location.



Families

Hannah Woods, a 5 year old child has been receiving speech therapy services since late 2005 through Memorial Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation. Initially the family attended a Hanen© *It Takes Two to Talk Program*. This program focuses on training parents to facilitate language development in children up to five years of age. Upon completion of the Hanen© program Hannah was referred for group and direct individual speech therapy to address continued language and speech development. Hannah received group services for approximately 6 months after which

she began individual speech therapy. Suzanne Jourdan, M.S., CCC/SLP is the current provider for Hannah. Suzanne has been providing individual speech therapy to Hannah for approximately 8 months. Suzanne reports that Hannah has made significant gains in her speech and social language. Her mother, Lanaci Woods states that Hannah has made great improvements over the last several years. People are beginning to understand her and her frustration has decreased. Mrs. Woods stated that they were happy to see that Hannah could finally play with other children. In the past Hannah struggled to even interact in the McDonalds play land. Lanaci stated that the Scottish Rite Funding has made a great impact on getting Hannah the services she needs. The Woods' family insurance only covers a small amount after which they must pay directly out of pocket. Since Hannah also requires Occupational and Physical therapy the insurance does not stretch far enough and the family is grateful to have assistance to cover speech services.

The quantity of consonants in the English language is constant. If omitted in one place, they turn up in another. When a Bostonian "pahks" his "cah," the lost r's migrate southwest, causing a Texan to "warsh" his car and invest in "erl wells." ~Author Unknown

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