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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month!

(Right) Faythe gets to know Deborah Hayes, Ph.D., Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders.



Colorado RiteCare Film

At their February meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado approved production of a short video to educate Masons, parents, clinicians, and the public about the Foundation. This short (five minute) video will highlight how the Foundation helps children and families by supporting speech-language therapy at local clinical *RiteCare Programs* and early literacy development at Treasure Chest Programs throughout our state. HiJinx Productions was selected to produce the video based on the producer's work at the University of Colorado, Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (a *RiteCare* partner). You can view this video at: http://hijinxproductions.com/work_samples.html

Filming began at The Children's Hospital on Thursday, April 29th with a full-day in the clinic. Clinicians, parents, children, and Scottish Rite Masons all participated in this action-packed day; the film crew captured scenes in individual treatment rooms, group therapy, and conference rooms.



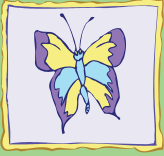
Above: (Left to Right) Vernon Ingraham, Deborah Hayes and Valerie Hernandez take a photo with Ronnie A. Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander during his visit to Colorado.

A second day of filming was completed on Saturday, May 1st, where interviews were conducted with clinicians, Scottish Rite Trustees, parents, and graduate student scholarship recipients. A highlight of that day's filming was an interview with Ronnie A. Seale, Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masons, who traveled from the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. to participate. A final day of filming will take place in Grand Junction on May 14th, where programs at St. Mary's Life Center and Rocky Mountain Head Start Treasure Chest will be featured as representative of all Colorado SRF programs.

Copies of the finished video will be available to all Colorado SRF affiliated programs by late summer. The video should be an excellent vehicle for informing Masons, clinicians, administrators, potential donors, and the general public about the wonderful work of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado!

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Speech Language Hearing Science (SLHS) graduate students at the *University of Colorado in Boulder* were appreciative of the time Vernon B. Ingraham, 33°, Grand Cross, Executive Secretary, of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado spent with them on March 15, 2010.

Mr. Ingraham visited the SLHS program with an active Mason, Wayne Litten. Both enjoyed touring the Center and were able to visit the Brain & Behavior research lab and see services at the Child Learning Center. Mr. Ingraham presented a guest lecture with information regarding the mission and history of the Scottish Rite Foundation in Colorado (SRF) and how the network of RiteCare programs across the state financially supports access to language and speech services to children and families. Students were impressed with the scope of vision of the Foundation and how the Foundation has provided support to over 1200 children in Colorado in 2009. They were excited and appreciative to learn more about how the Speech Language Hearing Center at CU is involved with this program as a Rite Care partner along with others across the state. They enjoyed Mr. Ingraham's perspective of how they can make a difference with young children and learned how extensive the Foundation's support actually is, even for pre-professionals preparing for a career at the graduate level. They were appreciative to learn of the substantial scholarship support previously provided to C.U. graduate students through the *Dwight A. Hamilton* awards from the SRF as well as about *Sam and Millie Hilburn Scholarship* program at the national level. Many voiced their appreciation for this type of support and are eager to apply for these programs.

Thank you to Mr. Ingraham and Mr. Litten for visiting our program and sharing important information!

Submitted by Susan Moore, RiteCare Program Director at CU-Boulder



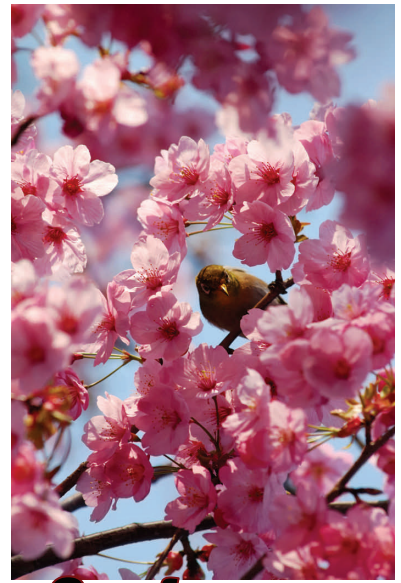
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"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."
-- William Shakespeare



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2010 RiteCare Conference

Colorado was proudly represented at the 2010 RiteCare Conference held in New Orleans, April 15 - 16th this year.

There were a total of eleven participants from our Colorado RiteCare programs. Poster presentations were also given on nine topics from around Colorado:

A Clinical Outcome Study Using the Child Development Inventory
Martha Drake

Auditory Neuropathy: A Challenging "New" Disorder
Deborah Hayes

Developing Cultural Competence in Graduate Scholars
Susan Moore

Early Literacy Instruction Results for At-Risk Pre-Schoolers
Elise Tobler

Responding to a High Demand for Services with Fixed Resources & Fostering Effective Clinical Teams - Leadership Strategies that Work - Katheryn Boada

Strengthening the Partnership Between Masons and RiteCare Clinics - Valerie Hernandez

Theme Based Multisensory Social Groups for Speech Development - Amy Brophy-Neisen (J.Kirbi & C.Serrano)

Traveling Around the World
Jeneine Stevenson & Patti Anderson

Please feel free to contact any of the RiteCare programs to learn more about their presentations!

An important aspect of our responsibilities as speech-language Pathologists is to educate families on their child's communication challenges, for example, how communication is affected when a child stutters, has autism or apraxia of speech. Other topics include more general information such as "The Role of an SLP" or "Using Sign Language to Facilitate Early Speech Development."

Each month, at our clinic, someone from our speech pathology staff creates a Communication Highlight of the Month Display Board. We have received many positive comments from parents.

Above is a picture of Jaclyn Mutz, CCC-SLP, standing next to a display board at the Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Luncheon held in February 2010.

Submitted by Stacey Bernal, M.A., CCC-SLP

Summer Speech and Language Groups

Memorial Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation speech-language therapists are excited to once again offer summer speech-language group therapy. Each group will consist of 4-8 children ages 2-8 and will run from June 7 to July 30. Children participating in these groups are required to have either an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) through their school district or a current evaluation from certified speech-language pathologist. Groups will focus on various speech and language concerns through the use of pretend play, art projects, songs, and literacy activities.



In celebration of May Is Better Speech and Hearing month, **Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation** is excited to provide free speech, language, and hearing screenings for children in the community. The screenings will be performed by outpatient speech-language pathologists and audiologists on Friday, May 21. Children that do not pass the hearing and/or speech-language screenings will be referred to their doctor and the appropriate specialists for further evaluation and treatment. This is the sixth year that Memorial has provided this free community service.

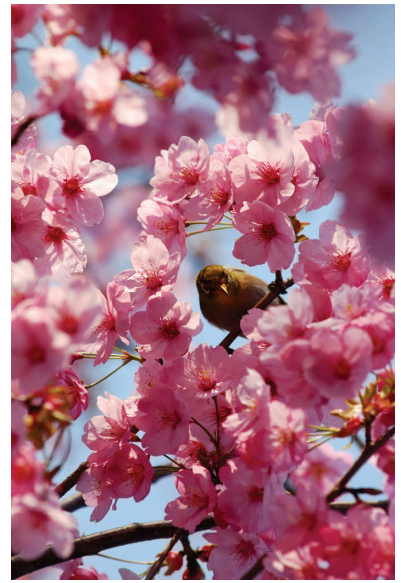
Submitted: Ericka Wendorf, RiteCare Program Co-Director - Colo. Springs

Speech, Language, and Hearing Screenings for Better Speech and Hearing Month



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When Javen turned two years old, I started to get concerned about her speech. She was barely able to say, “mama” and “dada”. I was unsure what to do; friends and family assured me that she is “just behind” and she will catch up soon. Everyone seemed to know a child that didn’t speak until age three, and then all of a sudden, they spoke in complete sentences. At the time, this eased my mind, but it didn’t help when trying to care for her.

Javen quickly became frustrated and threw huge temper tantrums and had frequent melt-downs. She tried very hard to tell us what she wanted and needed, but all we heard was random sounds that often sounded more like music note than words as she tried to point to what she wanted. She was unable to tell me that she was hungry or thirsty, and potty training was more difficult than with my older child. We often said that she spoke a different language, sometimes it took weeks to figure out what one word meant. The most memorable example is, “do tree” for, “ice cream”. During this time, I was a stay-at-home mom and I felt inadequate because I, of all people, should have understood what she said and didn’t. I also felt guilt because I blamed myself.

I took her to a Head Start screening when she was 2 ½; and after only five minutes we were referred to special need services. She was put into a special needs classroom when she turned three. Toward the end of her second year of preschool, her speech therapist referred us to Children's Speech & Reading Center for extra services.

My husband and I didn’t know how we would pay for Javen’s therapy, but agreed that she needed it. When I called the center for information they explained there were many foundations that fund their therapy and she would qualify for a Scottish Rite scholarship. I then made an appointment for the free 30 minute screening. Javen was diagnosed with a severe phonological speech disorder and started seeing Elise. Over the last year and a half, Javen has made amazing improvement in her speech; therefore, she has also improved in coping and social skills as well. I am very grateful to Children's Speech & Reading Center, but also the Scottish Rite Foundation for the funds they provided for Javen. There is no way we could have afforded her therapy without them and I don’t want to imagine where she would be if these programs were not available for her.

In addition, because of the knowledge I have gained while taking Javen to the center, I realized early that my son was also having speech difficulties and started getting help for him at 18 months through Foothills Gateway. Now, at 2 ½, he is also receiving a Scottish Rite scholarship through *Children's Speech & Reading Center*. He suffers from motor planning difficulties. In the beginning, again, I was told from family and friends, “he is just behind and he will catch up.” This time I knew what to do and trusted my instincts and am grateful. I have learned valuable information about speech development and delays from Children's Speech & Reading Center and continue to learn everyday from my kids.

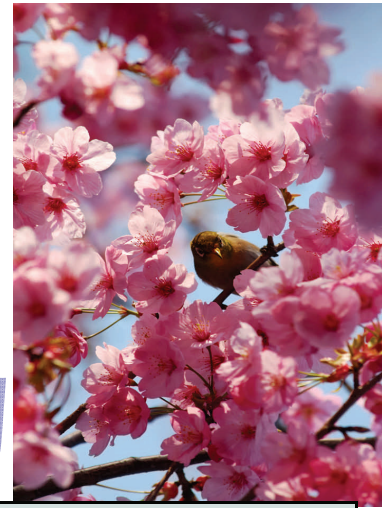
**A parent letter submitted from Elise Tobler, RiteCare Program Director,
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