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Spring Days!



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As I write this, the rain has briefly relented although the sun stays hidden. What an amazing May for Colorado! Warm, cold, rainy, dry...maybe not so un-Colorado after all! I just hope that all the recent rain signals a summer of bounty for our gardens, our homes, and the children and families we serve.

I know that you will all miss Valerie Hernandez almost as much as I will when she moves on to her new position at Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation on June 8th.

My grandfather used to call special people "shining shoes." "Shining" for their brilliance in bringing joy to everyone they touched; "shoes" for being grounded, modest about their talents, and indispensable parts of our daily lives.

Valerie is certainly all of these things to so many people ~ her family and friends, her colleagues and co-workers, and the children and families in our programs. We will celebrate her contributions and wish her well for her new position at Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation at a "Farewell and See You Soon" fête from 2:30 - 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 4th, Mt. Yale Conference Room, Children's Hospital Colorado Conference Center. All are invited...

Reflection from Valerie...

To my many Scottish Rite Program friends around the state who make a daily difference for the children, I thank you for your passion. For the Colorado Masons who have committed to the programs, YOU are the roots of the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF)! To the SRF Board of Trustees, Vern, and Deborah, your vision and devotion for the mission surpasses any I have ever experienced. So to all my friends I do not say good-bye, only **Farewell and See You Soon!**



May is Better Hearing and Speech Month, and this RiteView amply demonstrates how our RiteCare[®] and Treasure Chest partners are achieving better communication for all children. With Scottish Rite Foundation help, we make every month "better hearing and speech month" for so many children.

Spring Programs and Events!

Pediatric Therapy Open House

April 10, 2015 | GUNNISON VALLEY HEALTH

On Friday April 10, 2015, Gunnison Valley Health had the pleasure of hosting an Open House for Pediatric Therapy. GVH would like to say, "THANK YOU" to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado for their generous support and funding of Pediatric Speech Therapy at Gunnison Valley Hospital. The Open House was a huge success and GVH is excited to start providing pediatric services in our new space.



University of Northern Colorado, RiteCare Program

The graduate clinicians that lead the Talking and Listening for Preschoolers Program (TALP) at the **University of Northern Colorado** (UNC) would like to thank the **Scottish Rite Foundation** for the opportunity to expand our clinical experiences. This program benefited our education in numerous ways. By working with children within a group setting we were able experience a dynamic atmosphere while collaborating with fellow clinicians and clinical supervisors. We became proficient at creating activities and materials to cater to a wide range of children’s abilities. We encountered instances that challenged us to manage behaviors and we found positive ways to maintain a child’s focus throughout the sessions. We are grateful to the Scottish Rite Foundation for their support of the TALP program at UNC and for expanding the clinical experiences offered to the graduate students at our University.



Above: UNC Students support the RiteCare preschool children during a hands-on project.

Megan Nauman, Kayla Lommori, and Marielle McKean

Full Tilt Boogie - A Father's Story

Article Submitted by: Martha Drake, RiteCare Program Director
Children's Hospital Colorado, Therapy Care Pueblo



Members of the Southern Colorado High 12 Club # 546 and their guests met at Pueblo Community College on March 27, 2015, for their monthly meeting. They were treated to a meal prepared by the Culinary Arts students and a presentation by Hal Walter. Hal is the father of a child who participated in speech-language therapy at Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo, and a recipient of a Scottish Rite Foundation scholarship.

Hal discussed his book *Full Tilt Boogie: A journey into autism, fatherhood, and an epic test of man and beast*. In his book, Hal alternates between relating his experiences as a champion pack burro-racer and raising a child with autism. The struggles and joys of both are blended into delightful saga that is hard to put down. Harrison, Hal's 10 year old son, was seen by Jaclyn Mutz, a speech-language pathologist at our clinic a few years ago. Hal was very thankful for the social story developed by Jaclyn on "darting." It stopped Harrison from running out into traffic. The family had had several close calls. Hal also expressed gratitude to the Scottish Rite Foundation for the scholarship that made speech-language therapy possible for his son. His presentation sparked many questions from the audience regarding the cause of autism, the relationship between Harrison and the burros, and Harrison's unique talents and interests.

From the homemade ice cream and chocolate angel food cake to the slide show on pack burro racing, it was a very enjoyable evening. It is always good when the Masons have the opportunity to connect with a family. It makes the scholarship program more real when they see its impact on the lives of children and families.

Thank you Hal for sharing your story.



Above: Harrison with Jaclyn

A TRUE STORY

OF LOVE, HOPE AND DETERMINATION

FULL TILT BOOGIE

Hal Walter

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Windsor, CO 81252
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Struggling with the challenges of raising his autistic son, dwindling career options and advancing middle age, Hal Walter sets out with a jenny donkey to win a seventh World Championship at one of the most obscure and difficult endurance sports on the planet.

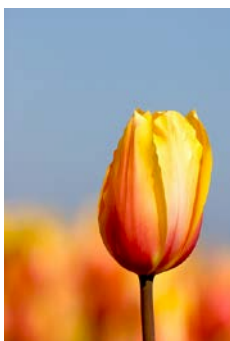
Full Tilt Boogie combines with love, commitment, fear, hope, and courage, and is a powerful tale of a man preparing himself to face the long haul.

— Martha Quinn
Colorado Central magazine

Hal Walter tells a gripping story that's hard to put down.

— Betty Morrison
Works on the Range

Also now available from **amazon.com**
... or **The Book Haven** in Salida, Colorado



Tune into Colorado Public Radio, Colorado Matters, during the week of Father's Day to hear Hal discuss his book.

You can purchase the book at www.amazon.com.

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection."
— Sigmund Freud

Rocky Mountain SER HeadStart, Treasure Chest

Submitted by Carmen Marsh, Treasure Chest Coordinator

April 20th, 2015

Dear Scottish Rite Foundation,

On behalf of all participants of the Grand Mesa Center's Head Start Program Treasure Chest Program, please allow me to personally thank you for an outstanding program.

This program enters homes of parents and children that need extra stimulus. Without this wonderful treasure chest project, these special children would not have the opportunities after hours to create and learn to help them engage in their normal school activities.

As a grandparent of a child (left) who benefitted, gained much knowledge, and enjoyed many hours from your generous program, I encourage you to continue it in the years to come for the children of the Head Start programs.

A sincere thank you.



"The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out."

Bill Gates, Sr.

A Parent Education Success Story!

Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs

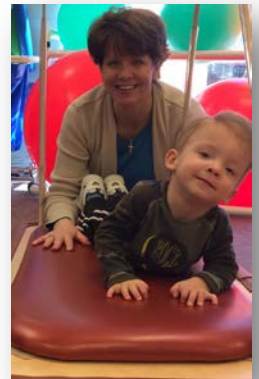
Submitted By: Ericka Wendorf, RiteCare-Co-Coordinator

Brayden is a happy and active 2-year-old who loves to play!

When his mother, Kristin (*right photo with Brayden*), noticed that he was becoming frustrated with his limited ability to communicate, the family sought out speech therapy services at Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs.

A speech and language evaluation showed that Brayden was falling behind in his ability to understand and use language to communicate his wants, needs, and ideas. Kristin was encouraged to participate in the *Hanen It Takes Two to Talk*® program, where she was taught strategies for increasing language skills at home, including following Brayden's lead in play, interpreting and modeling language, and expanding what Brayden says.

Kristin reports that participation in the *It Takes Two to Talk*® program taught her "how to properly engage with him to encourage him to excel", and that since participating in the program, Brayden has been "talking a lot!"



"Every child is gifted. They just unwrap their packages at different times."

- Unknown

Empowering Parents of Children with Autism

Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care at Printer's Park is excited to announce the start of *More Than Words*® — The Hanen Program®. This unique program is taught by 2 speech language pathologists to parents of children with autism. This program addresses the unique needs of these children, providing parents with the tools, strategies and support they need to help their children be able to communicate to the best of their abilities. The goals of the program are to help parents improve their child's social skills, understanding of language, and increase their ability to engage in back and forth interactions. This first round at Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care at Printer's Park has allowed 3 families to participate. We are excited to continue to offer this program in order to empower parents!

Community Partners Making a Difference!

Contributing Authors; Face-to-Face: Jamie Bell, President/Co-Founder and Jamie Idelberg, Vice President
 Children's Hospital Colorado: Jennifer Maybee, Speech-Language Pathologist



Face-to-Face Colorado, through community activities, educational events, and an online presence, work with youth born with clefts, their families, friends, and care providers to ensure they have the resources to thrive and be agents of social change.

In May 2014, Face-to-Face Colorado held the first Colorado Cleft Conference, a day-long retreat for families. Gathering at Colorado College for the day, we started the day with a keynote speech on Emotional Resiliency. The Colorado Insurance Commission spokesperson spoke about [Colorado insurance law and cleft lip/palate coverage](#), followed by a lively question and answer session. Other presentations offered: *Your Cleft Team, How to Handle School-age Bullying, and Sibling Strategies*.

Roundtable discussions on the topics of speech therapy, psychosocial needs, and dental needs were also provided. We concluded the conference with a very poignant panel of adults and teenagers with cleft lip and/or palate, who provided families with younger children the opportunity to ask questions of "the real life experts". This was a highlight for all who attended.



Parents and children who may have felt isolated before the conference found support and a new confidence in knowing they are not alone and now have new friends to connect with.

There was such positive emotional feedback; we are planning another Colorado Cleft Conference October 10, 2015. For more details please visit us at www.facetofacecolorado.org.

Leadership Changes in Montrose RiteCare Program

Submitted by Patti Anderson, RiteCare Director Montrose

As the school year comes to an end, we at Montrose Hospital are getting ready for our summer program. It is always a busy and exciting time preparing for the school-aged children that will be joining our sessions.

Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) announces the resignation of Jeneine Stevenson, one of the co-directors of the RiteCare program. Jeneine started the speech-language program at the hospital in 1977 and has been involved in providing therapy and developing new programs since then. She was instrumental in developing the pediatric program at the hospital, and supported the initiation of the RiteCare Grant at MMH in 1999. In 2005, Jeneine and Patti Anderson became co-directors of the RiteCare program. With her skills as a clinical therapist, passion for program development, leadership and compassion for others, Jeneine has been, and will continue to be, an advocate for children and their families and a great resource for speech-language pathologists. We will miss her in our daily routines at MMH, but wish her success and fulfillment in her new ventures.

The RiteCare program will continue at MMH under the guidance of Patti Anderson, CCC-SLP.

PEDIATRIC TRACHEOSTOMY:

Interdisciplinary Care and the Speech-Language Pathologist Role at Children's Hospital Colorado

**Submitted by Arwen Jackson, Speech-language Pathologist
Swallow Disorders Clinic Team Lead
Children's Hospital Colorado**



Many children require tracheostomy tube placement for severe breathing problems. A surgical procedure called a tracheostomy creates an opening in the neck to the trachea (windpipe) through which a tube is placed. This allows air to go in and out through the tube instead of through the mouth and nose. Some children also require a mechanical ventilator. A ventilator is a machine designed to breathe for a child who cannot breathe sufficiently.

There are many conditions that could cause a child to require a tracheostomy and mechanical ventilation. Some common conditions include severe narrowing of the airway (subglottic stenosis), tracheal collapse (tracheomalacia), chronic lung disease, or when one or both vocal cords are unable to move (vocal fold paralysis). Children with tracheostomies often benefit from providers working together as an interdisciplinary team to manage their complex medical needs. Speech-language pathologists serve as critical team members in the comprehensive care of patients with tracheostomies, as we provide expertise in voice, feeding, swallowing and communication skills.

At Children's Hospital Colorado, speech-language pathologists serve this patient population in both the inpatient units and outpatient clinics. Services include speech-language and feeding evaluations, augmentative-alternative communication evaluations, instrumental assessments of swallowing, one-way valve evaluations (in collaboration with respiratory therapy), individual therapy, and consultative care within multidisciplinary clinics.

Over the past three years, Children's Hospital Colorado has served an increasing number of children who are tracheostomy and ventilator dependent.

Through the *Ventilator Care Program* (VCP) children and families have access to best practices and a comprehensive interdisciplinary care model. Treatment begins while the child is an inpatient and continues upon discharge into the child's home.

The VCP outpatient clinic team is comprised of specialized providers including a pulmonologist, nurse, dietitian, speech-language pathologist, social worker, and respiratory therapist. The overarching goal of the outpatient clinic is to provide patients with mechanical ventilation the ongoing medical and therapeutic care needed to help each child meet his/her full medical and developmental potential.

In addition to our successful VCP, we are beginning a *Tracheostomy Clinic* this month (May 2015) to provide children with tracheostomies (without ventilators) the same comprehensive care. This clinic is in collaboration with otolaryngology (ENT) and our successful *Aerodigestive Program*. The speech-language pathologist will be actively involved in the *Tracheostomy Clinic* as well.

In these interdisciplinary clinics, one of the speech language pathologist's primary roles is to determine candidacy for use of a one-way valve. A one-way valve (also called a 'speaking and swallowing valve' or "Passy Muir valve") is a specialized device that is placed onto a tracheostomy to allow air to enter through the tube and exit through the mouth and nose. This may restore a child's voice and in some cases improve feeding and swallowing.

In the future as the program develops, there is potential to expand speech-language pathology services in this specialty to include more of the Children's Hospital Colorado Network of Care locations as well as increased utilization of telemedicine.

OPPORTUNITIES!



Registration NOW OPEN!

***The Journey Through Adolescence Conference:
Empowering Youth Who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing***
Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Children's Hospital Colorado

To register or request more information, please email us at: BillDanielsCenter@childrenscolorado.org

2015 Summer Group Programs for Children who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing

Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing, Children's Hospital Colorado will offer a variety of summer group programs throughout the Metro area for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. For more information about these programs, please contact Lindsay Kendall by email: lindsay.kendall@childrenscolorado.org



Event supporting Children's Hospital Colorado in Southern Colorado

Join us for the inaugural Climb for Courage stair climb on Saturday, June 27 when the U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium becomes home to Colorado Springs' only stair climb race. Participants can register as individuals or as part of a team to climb more than 2,700 stairs or 2.7 kilometers around Falcon Stadium. Not up for the race but want to Climb? Register for the Fun Wave to help raise money for the patients and families served by Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs and Southern Colorado.

After the Climb, stay to enjoy the free Family Festival with games, vendors, food and fun for all ages! There will also be awards presented in the following categories: overall male/female, age groups, top teams in three categories and top fundraisers. If you are unable to climb, visit the Ability Challenge featuring adaptive cycling, wheelchair basketball, obstacle course, guided running and more.

The rehab team at Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs will be participating as a part of team "We Are The Dinosaurs, Marching, Marching!" Visit www.childrenscoloradofoundation.org/events/climb-for-courage for more information, to register, or to donate!



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