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Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

Celebrating 60 Years!

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This year, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) of Colorado celebrates its 60th Anniversary. Incorporated in February, 1953, the Foundation has donated more than \$26 million dollars to RiteCare Clinics and Treasure Chest Programs in Colorado and to fund graduate student scholarships in speech-language pathology. Never wavering in their commitment to meeting the speech-language therapy needs of children with language disorders, the Foundation's Board of Trustees look forward to the day when all children with language disorders in Colorado will have access to the treatment they need.

We are so fortunate to be partners with this great and enduring organization and the Scottish Rite Masons who truly care for the children and families of our state!

Children's Hospital Colorado became the first RiteCare program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 1953. Celebrating 60 years of partnership this year!



Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado 2014 Annual Program Calendar

The annual program calendar is scheduled for printing early this year to ensure timely delivery to all programs before the end of the 2014 calendar year. Please contact Valerie Hernandez with any questions regarding your submissions.
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Judge Haslett Burke with RiteCare children



Ruth Anderson with RiteCare child



Steve Munsinger with RiteCare children



Deborah Hayes with RiteCare child

The Piñon Project, Treasure Chest became a program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 2000. Celebrating 13 years of partnership this year!

Treasure Chest Program - Cortez

Submitted by: Karen Winchester, Treasure Chest Coordinator at The Piñon Project

Greetings from the Treasure Chest Program at the Piñon Project Family Resource Center in Cortez!

This summer, The Treasure Chest Program collaborated with two community programs to provide information and access to the literacy tubs and materials. The *Montelores Early Childhood Center for Family Night*, was held on July 18, 2013 at Centennial Park in Cortez. Summer themed literacy tubs including books, toys and activities were made available for families to check out at the event.

The second event was organized with the *Parent's As Teachers Program* Coordinator, Maggie Tivault for the *Kid's Olympics at ParQue De Vida* held in Cortez on July 26, 2013. There was a great turnout from families where parents and their children (ages birth-8 years), participated in outdoor games and activities followed by a family picnic.

Lori, who is a Family Support Specialist at The Pinon Project, participated with her children Kaiden age 2 and Kadence age 7 (right). Lori also assists with the *Parents As Teacher* family events. Her children have enjoyed The Treasure Chest Program literacy tubs for the past two years, since Kaiden was 6 months old. Kaidence will enter first grade this year and she loves reading with her little brother.



Another family pictured here on the left (Delaney-mom, Emily age 4 and Landyn, age 2), have been involved with The Treasure Chest Program for over a year. This year they are participating with *Parents As Teachers* home visits. Mom reports that both children have been showing really noticeable gains in language and other areas of development! As a single mother of two children under 5 years old, she greatly appreciates having quality books and materials available at no cost. She enjoys time with her kids while knowing this is helping with their development and early literacy skills.

Mom says she would not be able to afford to purchase the materials herself on her current income. There is also limited transportation to the local library. Delaney has encouraged other young moms to participate in both programs and is herself a supportive community peer.

In honor of the 60th Anniversary for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado, I would like to thank the Scottish Rite Masons of Colorado and RiteCare on behalf of all of the families that we serve here in Montezuma and Dolores Counties. Due to the generous support, The Treasure Chest Program is able to continue promoting early literacy skills, school readiness, and encourage positive parenting practices.

The Ft. Collins community established a RiteCare program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 1998. Celebrating 15 years of partnership this year!

Children's Speech and Reading Center, Ft. Collins

As professionals, we know well the dramatic affect our work can have on the little clients we treat, but there are times we are reminded of how communication delays/disorders can affect the children's loved ones.

Sean began therapy at the Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC) in June of 2011. At this time, he was 3 ½ years old and was very hard to understand. Diagnosed with Apraxia, he presented with a number of speech sound errors, deleting final consonants (e.g., "mat" would be pronounced "ma"), deleting initial consonants (e.g., "chair" would be pronounced "air"), deleting syllables in words (e.g., "balloon" would be pronounced "hoo") as well as others. These errors made it very difficult for Sean to be understood by family and friends. Often, when unsuccessful in conveying his message, Sean would simply give up and walk away. This inability to communicate caused great frustration and worries for the family, and unfortunately was often the trigger for fights between Sean and his siblings.

Sean made quick progress and in September of 2012, he was discharged from therapy having met all of his goals! His speech intelligibility improved a great deal and his articulation skills were in the average range for his age. During the fifteen months of weekly therapy Sean and his family were a delight to work with and the staff at the Center forged a strong relationship with them. It has been nearly a year since Sean was discharged and the family often comes by to visit. Sean still runs up to his therapist, Sarah, with a big hug!



"Prior to coming to CSRC, Sean (left) was a frustrated child. We were frustrated parents. We could not understand what Sean wanted or needed. His speech was very delayed and we were very worried about his future. After his first evaluation at CSRC a lot of our fears were laid to rest. We knew he had serious speech delay (apraxia) but that he could overcome it. We came weekly throughout the summer and into the fall. This spring he has been coming twice a week. The improvement in his speech over the last year has been remarkable. His behavior and confidence improved tenfold with his ability to communicate. Without the funding from the Scottish Rite, our family would have struggled to get him into private therapy... Thank you so much to CSRC for improving Sean's life, as well as the rest of the family." – Sean's Family

Sarah Markel, RiteCare Program Director, meets with two Scottish Rite Masons at Children's Speech and Reading Center. Robert Gregory (left) and Wayne Davis (right) serve as important members of the Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee for Northern Colorado children and their families. Robert shares, *"Serving on the Appraisal Committee has been a tremendous and very rewarding experience for all of us. When we see little kids who cannot communicate or really struggle to communicate when they enter our program, and graduate with the ability to communicate, and see the joy and excitement on their and the parent's faces, it really warms the heart. There is no higher calling than helping a little child and giving them a second chance in life."*



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**Vernon B. Ingraham, 33^o, Grand Cross Executive Secretary
 Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado**

Five Graduate Students Receive Speech-Language Scholarships in 2013

Five graduate students in speech-language pathology received scholarships this year and will be recognized at the September 16, 2013, meeting of Denver Consistory. The scholarships were awarded to second year graduate students in speech-language pathology attending the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU-Boulder).

Since 2003 when the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado implemented the graduate scholarship in speech-language pathology, 40 scholarships totaling \$200,000 have been awarded through 2013. Each scholarship is for \$5,000 and awarded to students who plan to work in Colorado upon graduation. The Foundation's scholarship is named for Dwight A. Hamilton, former Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado (1994-2005) and then-president of the Foundation.

*The **Hamilton** Scholarship was begun in 2005 in honor of the Orient's then recently retired SGIG, Illustrious Brother Dwight A. Hamilton.*

Congratulations to; Alexandra Bresler, graduate student from UNC, and Miranda Aragon, Noell Mitchell and Sarah Gyory graduate students from CU-Boulder, recipients of 2013 Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology.

*The **Hilburn** Scholarship was begun in 1999 with a generous gift to the Supreme Council by Illustrious Brother Sam and Millie Hilburn. Since then seven Colorado students have received this scholarship.*

Congratulations to Angela Wuelling, graduate student from University of Colorado at Boulder, recipient of 2013 Supreme Council's Sam and Millie Hilburn Scholarship in the field of Childhood Language Disorders.

Alexandra Bresler, graduate student at UNC, and Miranda Aragon, Noell Mitchell, and Sarah Gyory, graduate students at CU-Boulder, each received the \$5,000 *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology*.

Upon graduation from UNC, Alexandra Bresler plans to work with diverse populations of preschool-age children with speech-language disorders in Colorado. She states, "I strive to persistently exhibit integrity, perseverance, a strong work ethic, and passion."

Upon graduation from CU-Boulder, Miranda Aragon plans to work with low-income families in early intervention in Colorado. She states, "I am passionate about this population because of my interest in family-based intervention."

Upon graduation from CU-Boulder, Sarah Gyory plans to provide speech therapy services in Colorado's public schools working with young children. She states, "They inspire me to take risks toward betterment, but need me to be the careful one, the safety net."

Upon graduation from CU-Boulder, Noelle Mitchell plans to provide speech therapy services in a school setting in Colorado. She states "I look forward to working with children in this setting."

In addition, we are again pleased that a Colorado graduate student has been awarded the Supreme Council's Sam and Millie Hilburn Scholarship in the field of Childhood Language Disorders. The 2013 Colorado recipient is Angela Wuelling, a graduate student at CU-Boulder. She is the sixth Colorado recipient of this prestigious scholarship. Having six Colorado students as recipients to date speaks highly for the quality of education in this field at CU-Boulder and UNC.

University of Northern Colorado, Audiology & Speech-Language Sciences



Above, Cameron holds streamers used to build a colorful spider web after reading, "The Very Busy Spider".

By Cameron's Mother

"The TALP program at UNC is phenomenal. From day 1, I have been impressed with both the clinical supervisor and the graduate students working with the kids. I love how the time is structured for the children, how professional the graduate students and clinicians are, and how the curriculum comes to life for the kids. My son has grown tremendously just in the past 6 months since he has started. He LOVES going to TALP; not only has his speech improved markedly, but it has spilled over into his other academic habits as well. One day in the car he just started doing addition and subtraction, and I couldn't figure out where he had learned it! The next week I saw them doing it in TALP. This program is amazing and I am so very thankful my son is a part of it."

The University of Northern Colorado became a RiteCare program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 2000. Celebrating 13 years of partnership this year!

Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center became a RiteCare program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 2006. Celebrating 7 years of partnership this year!

Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center

Klarissa receives speech therapy at Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center through a Scottish Rite Foundation scholarship. Her mother Dee states, "I am very happy with the excellent progress Klarissa has made in a short period of time. She has progressed from being very quiet and using only a few words to being a **chatterbox** with many words and lots of things to say! Her speech is more clear and most people are able to understand what she is saying."

Dee also reports that Klarissa loves to come to therapy and asks most days, "See Miss Carol?" Klarissa's mom concludes, "Therapy has really helped Klarissa and now I am not worried about her starting preschool in the fall. Thank you Scottish Rite Masons!"



Above; Dee and Klarissa have fun with a game during a RiteCare therapy session.

Montrose Memorial Hospital

Article Submitted by: WB Bill Kledas

“And I do Windows too!”

When I first inquired of WB Jack Ward, KCCH, how I might serve the RiteCare Foundation, I had in mind simply doing a few chores at the Montrose, CO speech and language facility to lessen some of the workload the staff there seemed to be doing endlessly, in addition to their regular duties. I can swing a mop or a broom with the best of them; cleaning windows and bathrooms are no challenge at all. Imagine my true disappointment when my offer was rejected.

Many months passed during which I found other ways to be involved in Masonry. Many months later still, I was surprised when approached by MW and Illustrious Bro. Tom Cox and Ills. Bro. Paul McCabe. They asked if I still had an interest in serving the Foundation as a member of the Montrose Appraisal Board. (Evidently, I needed to “wait with patience”). My janitorial skills were still not needed.

That appointment has brought more satisfaction and pure joy to my life than I have words to explain. Assisting a very skilled staff as a team member in making such huge differences in the lives of “Our Kids” and their parents and caregivers is truly SPECIAL! (I get to do clean-up duties too, after each RiteCare picnic and “Brecky” with Santa event).



Left to right: Rodney Johnson-(past appraisal committee member), Jeneine Stevenson, Paul McCabe, Patti Anderson and Bill Kledas. (Jack Ward-not pictured)

Montrose Memorial Hospital became a RiteCare program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 1998.
Celebrating 15 years of partnership this year!



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The Colorado Springs community established a RiteCare program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 1997. **Celebrating 16 years of partnership this year!**



Children's Hospital Colorado

Children's Hospital Colorado, Therapy Care at Printers Park & Outpatient Specialty Care at Briargate



Staff in Colorado Springs enthusiastically express their gratitude to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

Thank You Scottish Rite!!!

Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs would like to thank Scottish Rite for 60 years of serving the children of Colorado by supporting speech, language, and learning programs!!! Your generous support allows us to do what we love to do – help children communicate with friends and loved ones! Our programs, communities, and families are improved year after year by the support you give us. Thank you so much for your generosity and giving spirit!

Connor

Connor is a five-year-old boy who receives speech and language therapy at Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs thanks to the generous funding provided by the Scottish Rite. Connor has a diagnosis of autism and has difficulty communicating basic wants, needs, and ideas.

His mother says that speech and language therapy has *“given me a more organized approach to assist me at home with helping Connor learn to speak and teaching me how to use everyday objects as tools to help me to teach Connor how to organize his thoughts and create complete sentences.”*

Connor has difficulty using language to communicate his emotions, but his mother has noticed that he has started *“to express his thoughts and emotions without being upset.”* Connor loves playing in the sensory gym while working on speech and language tasks, which provides excellent opportunities to put his communication skills to use!



The Pueblo community established a RiteCare program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 1987. Celebrating 26 years of partnership this year!

60th Celebration in Pueblo



Children's Hospital Colorado

Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care. Pueblo



By: **Deluvina Marmolejo, Staff Assistant II, SRF Support for Southern Colorado Families**

Our clinic is honored to have Les Tedrow serve on our appraisal committee here at Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo. He has served for the last four years. During our appraisal meetings we also have a special guest, "Muffin" who accompanies Les. Muffin is Les's poodle, and she loves the attention everyone pays her. Les finds it most rewarding being involved with our program and helping children with speech and language disorders. Les has expressed how his involvement has informed him what Rite Care is all about, and how important the program is for the children. Les is also very active in Scottish Rite activities such as our annual picnic at the Pueblo zoo and the annual Scottish Rite Christmas party.

Les is a 33rd Mason, former Potentate for the Shrine and on the Board of Governors for the Salt Lake City Shrine Hospital for nine years. Les has stated many parents have expressed to him how grateful they are for the services the foundation offers to families.

By: **Martha Drake, RiteCare Program Director, Pueblo**

Approximately 40 Scottish Rite Masons and guests attended the 60th anniversary year dinner at Country Buffet in Pueblo on July 31, 2013. Les Tedrow presented the history of the speech-language therapy scholarship program in Pueblo. He pointed out that communication disorders are the number one handicapping condition in children impacting 10% of the pediatric population. Martha Drake, RiteCare Director in Pueblo, discussed the role of the Masons in the program and invited everyone attend the picnic at the Pueblo Zoo on September 15th.

Vern Ingraham presented the 2011 Distinguished Service Award to the Pueblo Masons for their participation in events at Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care, Pueblo. A duplicate award had previously been presented to the Masons in Colorado Springs for their work at Memorial Hospital. He informed the audience that 1.3 million dollars has been awarded in scholarships to over 1,000 children in the Pueblo area since the program began in 1987. It was an informative and enjoyable evening.

Among guests were Karl Hinkle, Ben Crossno and James Nunn, as well as their wives. Valerie Hernandez, Deluvina Marmolejo and Vern's Aunt Margaret also joined the festivities.



Above from left: Dick Sater, Bob Burr, Martha Drake and Bill Goodman.

"James began receiving speech-language therapy in Pueblo at Children's Hospital Colorado in November 2011 around the time he turned 3 years old. When he started therapy James did a lot of talking but not much of what he said could be understood. Most of what he said did not even sound like real words.



The therapists James has seen have been wonderful to work with him and are very patient with him. They read books together and do activities so that he thinks they are just having fun and doesn't realize they are working. We are also given assignments to do at home which he also enjoys.

In the last year and a half, since receiving therapy, James' language has really turned around. We can now understand almost everything he says and have identified specific sounds that he needs to work on.

James has received a scholarship from Scottish Rite Foundation since the beginning of his therapy. The therapy has been life changing for James and without the help from Scottish Rite I don't know what we would have done. We will always be thankful for what Scottish Rite and the therapists at Children's Hospital Colorado have done for our family." - With sincere appreciation, James' Family

By: **Stacey Bernal, SLP Pueblo**

On May 17th, Phyllis Sanders, Patient Services Coordinator and Stacey Bernal, Speech-Language Pathologist from Pueblo attended the 3rd Annual Community Baby Shower. This event was presented by Pueblo Early Childhood Council and Colorado State University – Pueblo. There were over 40 information booths on various early intervention services for newborns and children offered in the Southern Colorado area. Many people who visited our booth were unaware of Children's Hospital Colorado speech-language therapy services in Pueblo. Handouts were given to parents, families and professionals on our services at the Pueblo Clinic, as well as information on the Scottish Rite Program and the wonderful scholarship opportunity they offer for families with children who have communication disorders. Additionally, a gift basket filled with new books, toys and teddy bear was given away. The winner was a grandmother raising five of her grandchildren.



St. Mary's Life Center

By Amy Neilsen, RiteCare Director, St. Mary's Life Center
Rite Care Families are Thankful

The Scottish Rite Foundation has been supporting children's learning in the Grand Junction, Colorado area for over 26 years now. Through that time, they have provided the financial support for over 2,050 children, giving over \$2,700,000.00 during this time. When I asked a few of the families that are currently receiving therapy services at St. Mary's, to share how Scottish Rite has benefited their family, here are some of their comments:



Above, Amy Neilsen engages RiteCare children in a group music activity.

"Thanks to the Scottish Rite Foundation my son was able to continue his speech therapy when my husband lost his job. If it weren't for them, my son would have missed out on this greatly beneficial therapy. Thank you for all you do. You are all greatly appreciated and wonderful!"

"I would like to tell Scottish Rite Foundation how much they helped my family. I had two daughters in the program barely able to talk when they started. Over the years they have grown so much in their speech; social development. My girls worked with some wonderful therapists. Again, thank you for all you do for families."

"Thanks to you, my son is getting the help he needs. With our limited coverage for therapy in an otherwise great insurance policy, we would not be able to afford the needed amount of speech therapy. However, with your assistance, he is learning more and more every visit. Thank you for making this a possibility."

"The St. Mary's speech and language program has opened a door for my family. They have helped both my sons accomplish so many milestones that at one time seemed impossible. Because of St. Mary's we have met so many amazing people and learned nothing is impossible. All of this would not be possible without the generosity from the Scottish Rite Foundation. My family is forever grateful."

The Grand Junction community established a RiteCare program with The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in 1986. Celebrating 27 years of partnership this year!

In 2013 the St. Mary's Hospital RiteCare program has provided financial support for a total of 81 children, 70 of those children are still currently receiving therapy services. These children may attend individual therapy sessions, group therapy sessions or a combination of group and individual therapy sessions. Thanks to the financial support of Scottish Rite we can select a therapy program that meets the needs of the child rather than one that is primarily decided upon for financial reasons. We are so fortunate to have the Scottish Rite Foundation looking after our children. I most definitely believe it "takes a village to raise a child", we are so grateful the Scottish Rite Foundation is part of our village.
 We are blessed!

Photo: from the left, Richard Carnett and Don Hobbs faithfully serve on the Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee at St. Mary's Life Center in Grand Junction – not pictured are Jimmy McBride and Mark McGarry, also members of the committee.





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Colorado RiteCare Program Directory

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