



**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO  
2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

In 2010, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 136 children receive therapy at Children's Speech & Reading Center (CSRC). The table below summarizes the type of services offered, number of children served, SRF contribution for each service, and average cost per child for these services.

Program	# of Children	SRF Contribution	Average Cost Per Child
Individual Therapy	37	\$ 70,598	\$ 1,908
Group Therapy	8	\$ 12,855	\$ 1,606
Early Literacy Programs	91	\$ 39,705	\$ 436
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>\$ 123,158</b>	<b>\$ 905</b>

A \$4,000 matching grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation helped CSRC continue to provide free Speech-Language and Reading screenings on an ongoing basis. Our families come from the communities of Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley, Estes Park, Johnstown, Berthoud, Windsor, and Wellington. CSRC provided 181 free screenings in 2010.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

In response to our community’s need, CSRC added an additional social skills group, “High 5 Club”, for children five to seven years old, diagnosed with autism or Asperger’s Syndrome. This group addresses friendship skills, such as *sharing, it’s okay to lose, feelings, and conversational turn-taking*. Our “Making Friends” group addresses turn-taking through playing games with another child or group of children, initiating play with another child or group of children, playing beside and joining in physical play with another child or group of children, and asking and answering questions with a child or group of children. “Super Friends” addresses verbally initiating play with one peer and a group of peers, asking and answering questions with peers, expanding length of conversational turns with peers, repairing communication breakdowns, and increasing complexity of pretend play with peers.

In 2010, CSRC also added augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) evaluations and therapy to our services. We successfully acquired a device for one child through his Medicaid benefit. We are currently trialing various devices for three other children with either autism or childhood apraxia of speech. AAC devices can give a non-verbal child a way to communicate and can supplement existing speech or replace speech that is not functional. The use of these tools may increase social interaction, school performance, and self esteem.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

Children’s Speech & Reading Center continues to participate in the statewide Scottish Rite Foundation



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accountability project by administering the Child Development Inventory (CDI). This "parent report" inventory provides information on the family's perception of their child's performance in the home environment. This information is shared in a statewide survey to evidence the success of early intervention programs.

At the individual level, each child's baseline skills are assessed and used to set short- / long-term goals for the therapy program. Six-month treatment plans are developed and modified in accordance with the child's progress toward goals. Progress is measured by both functional gains and standardized measures. The family is included in development of individualized goal setting.

Every six months, families respond to a Satisfaction Survey by answering questions about quality of service and child's progress. Once again, this year, families have given the Center a 95% approval rating.

### **LEADERSHIP**

Children's Speech & Reading Center gave 12 presentations in 2010, including the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County, two Masonic Lodges in Fort Collins, two local preschools, three United Way agency fairs, two service clubs, the RiteCare Biennial Conference, and an educational psychology/learning center. These presentations focused on speech, language, and reading development from birth to 12 years, signs of delay, what CSRC is doing to help serve the communities in Northern Colorado, and how the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado helps support our mission.

In order to maintain the most current best practices, CSRC staff have participated in workshops and conferences this year to increase skills in the areas of cochlear implants, memory, autism, neurological perspectives of developmental speech disorders, cleft palate, stuttering, feeding disorders, reading disabilities, augmentative and alternative communication, fundraising, and social media marketing.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The state of Colorado is extremely fortunate to have RiteCare centers in their communities. The Scottish Rite Foundation's financial support has made a tremendous difference for our families, who otherwise would not have been able to afford therapy services. We are very grateful to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado for their annual support and matching funds; we couldn't do what we do without your help! We appreciate the Foundation's commitment to the families and children of Northern Colorado and look forward to this continuing partnership.

Respectfully submitted:



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