



**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO  
2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

In 2020, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped eight children receive speech and language therapy at Gunnison Valley Hospital (GVH). The table below summarizes the services provided.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
<b>Therapy, Individual</b>	8	4329.02	541.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4329.02</b>	<b>541.12</b>

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The program at GVH is part of the outpatient rehabilitation clinic. There are currently two speech-language pathologists, one who works full time (30 hours) and one who is currently PRN that is completing her CFY at Gunnison Valley Hospital. Children who receive services at Gunnison Valley Hospital include children with an autism spectrum disorder, apraxia of speech, Down Syndrome, swallowing/feeding, augmentative/alternative communication needs, developmental delay, and TBI. Our services are now one of two options in the valley for families seeking speech-language, learning, and hearing services outside the educational system for their child.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

Gunnison Valley Hospital documents the effectiveness of treatment through validated, standardized clinical measures and parent surveys entered into REDCap.

**LEADERSHIP**

The speech-language pathologists continue to provide an opportunity to help preschools who do not receive Part B services through public education for children to remain at their preschool/daycare without transitioning to a public preschool and then to the elementary school. The speech-language pathologists continue to offer free screenings for families now at three preschool/daycare facilities in Gunnison and all three sites in Crested Butte. This has provided not only new referrals but for families to remain at their daycare facility. The SLPs continue to present developmental information on communication and information on Scottish Rite to all the family care doctors in the area as new doctors move to the area, including a new pediatrician. The speech therapists now provide speech therapy services at three daycares in Gunnison and all three daycares in Crested Butte. Daycare providers and teachers are pleased with the quick, easy process and are seeing dramatic results right away.

Due to covid-19, the grant program for Baby Sign Language in the community was unable to be accomplished. Since we are in a rural area, having in-person contact is much more beneficial. We will be focusing on implementing this class this year.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We are honored to partner with the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado RiteCare program to provide therapy services and support for children with language disorders and their families here in Gunnison. In the years ahead, we will strive to meet the Foundation’s vision that all children have access to speech-language therapy services.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children.

Respectfully submitted,

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