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**STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

In 2010, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped 51 children receive therapy at Mountain View Therapy–Pediatrics @ Montrose Memorial Hospital (MVTP). We have been very frugal with the funding this year, seeing many of our children in small group settings to help stretch our dollars.

In addition, MVTP has not raised the charges for speech therapy since 2006. This decision was based on the value that MVTP places on our partnership with the SRF. There will not be a rate increase for 2011.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	33	\$50,260	\$1523
Therapy , Group	42	\$30,379	\$723
<b>TOTAL CHILDREN</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$80,639</b>	<b>\$1,581</b>

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

MVTP provides therapy in a five county area with clinics in Montrose and Delta. In June we moved into a newly remodeled building where pediatric Speech-Language-Hearing Therapy and Literacy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy services are provided. Our families enjoy having all pediatric therapy services in one location.

The summer focus included speech and language groups for students whose primary language is Spanish, therapy programs for school aged children and ongoing therapy for toddlers and preschoolers. Our Delta site summer program consisted of two, 3-week blocks of intensive speech and language therapy. All children who consistently attended made significant improvement in their communication and social skills. The families and school personnel continue to comment on the success of these children in their community and classrooms. We are looking forward to continuing with this model of intensive speech and language therapy for the summer of 2011.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

MVTP participates in the individualized measurement of children's outcomes using the Child Development Inventory Profile for the SRF. We have a monthly appraisal meeting with our RiteCare Masonic committee. We also ensure that our services are consistent with community expectations by relying on:

1. accountability to the administration and physicians of Montrose Memorial Hospital through electronic medical records;

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2. standardized testing, family home programs, and meetings with families;
3. collaboration with agencies that serve the pediatric population including meetings with school district personnel; the community center staff for individuals with special needs; monthly meetings with personnel from the pediatrician's office and monthly meetings with the pediatric therapy team.

## **LEADERSHIP**

MVTP RiteCare co-directors were able to attend the biannual RiteCare Director's Meeting in New Orleans. The information presented at the poster session from Montrose was informative and well received. It was beneficial to network with Masons and directors from programs across the country. Colorado continues to be the benchmark for RiteCare programs as noted by SRF support and program development.

We were pleased to host Dr. Tracy Kovach, The Children's Hospital (TCH), who provided outreach to children with augmentative communication systems, their families and school personnel. We also sponsored a two day outreach with assistance from the Cochlear Implant team from TCH. This provided information and education to therapists, parents and school district personnel.

Partnering with University of Northern Colorado's Speech-Language Department, our families were able to participate in a research program. Students from UNC were able to document parental perception of their child's needs and services that are delivered.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Montrose County's unemployment rate accelerated to 10.5% by March and continued at that level through the end of 2010. This rate is higher than the average for surrounding counties, our state and the nation (reported in Daily Press January 2011).

As the downturn in our economy continues to impact families, the support of the SRF is increasingly important. Certainly, individual effects of unemployment are devastating, but reductions in health insurance benefits for the employed also impact a family's ability to access therapy for their child. Our families are grateful, as are we, for the continued commitment of the SRF to make sure that children with speech and language deficits receive the therapy that they need. These services provide each child and family with the groundwork for establishing communication that will last for a life time. Thank you for your partnership with us.

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