



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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2020, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped children receive therapy:

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	26	\$53,366.25	\$ 2,052.55

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, all children were scheduled as individual sessions.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Mountain View Therapy provides speech and language services for a five-county area with Montrose's main office. Two full-time SLPs work in the pediatric program. Our clinic is open year-round, serving toddlers through high-school-age-children. We provide speech/language therapy in English and Spanish, literacy support for children who have delays in reading skills, diagnosis and program development for children who may require augmentative communication devices, and those with hearing loss. A sensory room is available for children on the autism spectrum or those who may experience anxiety or hyperactivity. When appropriate and allowable, we offer small group sessions to work on social interactions between children. RiteCare funding is available only for children aged eight and younger, with exceptions of the summer program and special circumstances agreed upon by our Appraisal Committee members.

ACCOUNTABILITY

In 2020, our program conducted monthly SRF appraisal committee meetings to review applications for new RiteCare applicants and six-month review for children continuing in the program. We used the REDCap statistical program, which tracks the progress of our clients. In 2019, data for nine clients was entered into this database. Due to Covid-19, our clinic closed in March 2020, and after reopening in May, only four of nine clients returned for therapy. In December 2020, six clients enrolled in the RiteCare program, four qualified age-wise for the REDCap program. An improvement of 15 and 17 points were noted for two clients, and no improvement of scores noted for two clients. This might be due to the tests used not being sensitive to the minor improvements noted on the test record. We provided reports with test results and updates to the referring physicians and educated families on in-home program activities.

LEADERSHIP

The SLPs at MVT continue to participate in conferences and community educational opportunities when available. The current pandemic eliminated face-to-face training and conferences this year. This clinic participated in a weekly virtual class presented by clinicians from Children's Hospital Colorado who specialize in autism spectrum disorder. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado funded this program. We continue to support high school students enrolled in classes that allow observation and participation with different therapies to explore career opportunities. This clinic was the final practicum location for an SLP graduate student from Eastern New Mexico State University.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our RiteCare program is successful because of the commitment of SRF, the partnership with MMH and MVT, and the Speech-Language Pathologists in our department. The RiteCare grant provides the opportunity to offer a program of excellence for speech/language/literacy services to children in our areas. We are grateful to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado members for their ongoing financial assistance and our local Appraisal Committee members to participate in activities for our families. The support and guidance from the personnel at Children's Hospital Colorado are appreciated beyond words. Our goal for 2021 is to work with small groups of children and continue the informative classes concerning autism. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children on the Western Slope of Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,

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