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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2010, the Scottish Rite Foundation (SRF) helped almost 400 children receive speech, language, learning, and/or parent education services at The Children's Hospital (metropolitan area and Pueblo Therapy Center). The table below shows the contributions by Scottish Rite Foundation and *Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation* to evaluation, therapy, camp, and parent education programs in 2010. The overall average cost per child for services at The Children's Hospital in 2010 was \$ 1,708, a remarkably small investment for a lifetime of communication and learning.

Program (# Children)	Scottish Rite Foundation or <i>Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation</i> contribution	Average Cost per Child
Individual Therapy (228)	\$ 508,499	\$ 2,230
Group Therapy (38)	\$ 37,668	\$ 991
Individual and Group Therapy (21)	\$ 70,203	\$ 3,343
Cleft Palate Clinic (81)	\$ 12,208	\$ 151
Talking with Technology Camp (24)	\$ 44,659	\$ 1,861
* <i>First Steps Camp</i> (4)	\$ 3,140	\$ 785
TOTAL (396)	\$ 676,377	\$1,708

*Includes support to five siblings and ten parents who attended this weekend program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The department offers a wide variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of children with speech, language, learning, and communication disorders. Services are provided in locations convenient to the families' homes at The Children's Hospital Main Campus (Aurora) and community-based Care Centers (Westminster, Littleton, Parker, and Pueblo). Youngsters who receive services at The Children's Hospital include children with autism spectrum disorder, apraxia of speech and other motor disorders of the oral mechanism, augmentative/alternative communication needs, cleft lip and palate, developmental delay, dysfluency, head injury and stroke, learning disabilities, sensory dysfunction such as deafness, and voice disorders. Currently, more than 65 speech-language pathologists, 17 audiologists, 10 learning disabilities specialists, a clinical social worker, deaf educator, and family consultant provide care to children and their families through the Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services at The Children's Hospital.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Children's Hospital is committed to documenting the effectiveness of treatment through validated, standardized clinical measures, and parent assessment. To contribute to the statewide database documenting treatment effectiveness in all RiteCare Programs, families complete the Child Development Inventory, a 360-item questionnaire probing developmental domains of social interaction,



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language comprehension, expressive language, fine and gross motor, and general development, upon their child's entry to therapy and at six months intervals thereafter. Since database inception, The Children's Hospital has contributed parent assessments for 405 children to this database (N = 966 in statewide database). Summary tables from this database consistently show rapid increase in children's social interactive skills and slower, but persistent, gains in language development in the first two years of therapy.

LEADERSHIP

The Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology, and Learning Services is committed to leadership through development of future generations of professionals and through supporting colleagues in rural and remote communities. In 2010, 10 graduate students in speech-language pathology and 15 in audiology benefited from clinical externship experiences at the hospital. The Cochlear Implant Team provided community-based outreach programs in Grand Junction, Montrose, Breckenridge, and Bozeman, Montana. These programs provided professional educational training and consultation as well as parent support for families of children with special communication needs. The department also sponsored two major conferences/lectures in 2010. The Annual Language-Learning Conference focused on *Developmental Speech Disorders: A Neurologic Perspective* (Ken Bleile, Ph.D., Professor, University of Northern Iowa). The Annual Advances in Children's Hearing Lecture highlighted *New Frontiers in Pediatric Otologic Disorders* (Craig Buchman, M.D., Professor, University of North Carolina).

Department leadership and staff contribute professional service to many state, national, and international associations including the Colorado State Department of Public Health and Environment Infant Hearing Advisory Committee, the Colorado Cochlear Implant Consortium, the Colorado Department of Education, the Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American Academy of Audiology, the International Society of Audiology, and the international Newborn Hearing Systems Conference Committee.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Although the economic forecast for our nation brightened in the closing days of 2010, many families continue to struggle with job loss, insurance premium price hikes, and lost savings. For parents, ensuring that their children receive the care they need for optimum development is one of their greatest anxieties. Scottish Rite Foundation support allows us to reassure families that needed care is within reach. We are grateful not only for this sustaining support, but also for the trust of Masons throughout our state in allowing us to serve children and families with your resources.

Respectfully submitted,
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