



SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO: 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICAL SUMMARY In 2020, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped 12 children receive speech, language, and literacy services at the UNC SLP and AuD Clinic and via teletherapy services. Through the Greeley Treasure Chest Grant, an additional 36 children and 25 parents were served. The table below shows the contributions by the SRF.

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	7	\$3,569.74	\$509.96
Talking and Listening Preschool (TALP)	5	\$990.24	\$198.05
Greeley Treasure Chest	36	\$50,000	\$1,388.89
Summer Treasure Bags (NFP COVID-19 support)	164	\$15,000	\$91.46
TOTAL	212	\$69,559.98	\$328.11

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION The UNC Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences Program provides educational opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students. Our clinic offers diagnostic and intervention services across the age span to individuals with communication needs. With COVID-19, we pivoted to provide services via teletherapy to approximately half of our clinic clients. In 2020, with the generous grant from the foundation, we also continued our Greeley Treasure Chest Program. First-year graduate students learn evidence-based coaching strategies to support parents of young children. We also pivoted to provide virtual parent-coaching in the summer and fall semesters due to the pandemic. We focused on supporting the neediest families by collaborating with the Weld County Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) and the Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS) Family Resource Center.

ACCOUNTABILITY The UNC Clinical Supervisors and their students monitor the progress of each child receiving speech-language intervention services. Before each semester (12-14 week



sessions, three times per year), each child receives a pre-therapy file review, assessments as needed, and new goals and objectives are developed in consultation with the child's family. Progress is monitored and documented routinely, and a detailed progress report is shared with the family each semester. Families in the Treasure Chest Program complete pre-and post-assessments of their child's communication and social development, and self-efficacy; however, we had trouble with families completing outcome measures with virtual services. To address this, we will use an over-the-phone interview format to gather data in 2021 while virtual. Virtual formal assessments also proved to be a challenge for our clinic families.

LEADERSHIP I continue to serve on the NFP Advisory Board, the Colorado Department of Education Speech-Language Advisory Committee. I represent the UNC College of Natural and Health Sciences as a Faculty Senator and the Senate Secretary. We continued our outreach by attending several Greeley community events (e.g., International Saturday, Immigrant and Refugee Center Drive-Through Services) in 2020 to support families struggling with the COVID-19 and recruit families into the program. Please see [this article](#) for additional data.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT The SRF of Colorado has significantly improved opportunities for many children and their families in Northern Colorado. The support from the SRF has also provided our graduate students the opportunity to work in the TALP program and Treasure Chest Program. These initiatives would not be sustainable without support. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children.

Respectfully submitted,

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