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A letter from the Chair...

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As we look forward to the new year, the upcoming Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Luncheon provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the past year's accomplishments. In 2006, the Foundation initiated three new programs, a pilot with a private practice in Canon City, a rearrangement of the University of Northern Colorado and Sterling Regional MedCenter program into two separate stand-alone programs, and the development of a brand new program at the Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center (La Junta). Although we have not renewed our contract with the private practice in Canon City due to lack of referrals, we have enjoyed enthusiastic growth of the program in Sterling, and initial development of the program in La Junta. When I visit the rural areas of our state, I am continually impressed by the need for Scottish Rite support for children and families in these communities. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of all of the Scottish Rite Foundation-affiliated clinical programs in meeting the Foundation's vision "... that all Colorado children with language disorders will have the opportunity to receive treatment and care." As always, if you are aware of colleagues in rural communities who might wish to develop a Scottish Rite Foundation affiliation to help children and families, please contact me. We look forward to explore opportunities for program expansion in 2007.

Two programs in Northern Colorado report notable events in fourth quarter 2006. First, *Children's Speech and Reading Center* (Fort Collins) re-located from the Masonic Center to a professional office building in October (see Joan Larsen's article, page 5). Because the Center had outgrown their space in the Masonic Center, the opportunity to expand was indeed welcome. Valerie Hernandez and I visited the new location in December and were impressed by the cheerful, child-and-family friendly, yet professional atmosphere.

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Sadly, Debra Dunn resigned as Center Director in December to accept a clinical position in Wyoming. We will miss her many positive contributions, both to the children and families at the Center, and to the Scottish Rite Foundation. As Interim Director, Joan Larsen, a co-founder of the Center, will provide able leadership.

Second, the University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) is expanding their childhood language programs through financial support from both the Scottish Rite Foundation and the Daniels Fund. Kathy Fahey describes these new programs, to be offered in spring 2007, on page 2 of this newsletter. The Speech and Audiology Clinic was fortunate to receive additional space from the University; the Scottish Rite Foundation will assist in remodeling the space for new programs and the Daniels Fund will assist in personnel support.

I look forward to welcoming you to The Children's Hospital on February 12th for the Annual Luncheon. The Luncheon provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our incomparable relationship with the Scottish Rite Foundation!



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Greetings from the **Montrose Memorial Hospital** RiteCare Program. We continue to be impressed with the various programs supported by the Scottish Rite Masons, and the generosity the gentlemen practice. The monthly appraisal meeting with our committee is a way we stay informed of the many benevolent endeavors of the Masons. We are proud to be a part of this amazing group.



Families gather for a tractor ride!

The fourth quarter activities at our clinic that are supported by the RiteCare grant have become a tradition that our families have begun to anticipate. In October we again sponsored the Pumpkin Patch activity. This provided an opportunity for dads, moms, grandparents and siblings to share in a special activity with "our kiddos". The weather was slightly damp and chilly, but the warmth of family togetherness more than made up for it.

In early November, Dr. Tracy Kovach returned to her home-away-from-home for an additional augmentative communication clinic. She evaluated or followed-up on 11 children. We are always happy to see her come. The second annual "AAC Storybook Journey Camp" is currently being planned for the summer.

The year ended with our annual group therapy sessions and a visit from Santa Claus. Each child and his family were able to visit with Santa on an individual basis. Thank you to the Ladies of the Denver Consistory for the stuffed toys. Because of this, each child in attendance was given a special present.



Patty and Tom Cox with Santa



Andrew with mom and sister meet with Santa

We are looking forward to another busy, productive year at the RiteCare clinic. See you in 2007.

Submitted by Patti Anderson
Scottish Rite Program Co-Director

New Early Language Intervention Program at UNC

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado and the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Clinic at the University of Northern Colorado are expanding their partnership to broaden the scope of the intervention services to preschool-age children. The Scottish Rite Foundation was awarded a grant from the **Daniels Fund** to support personnel costs for the new program. A grant from the Wells Fargo Bank will be used to purchase instructional materials, and a grant from the Scottish Rite Foundation will be used for remodeling of a adjoining rooms dedicated to this program.

Talking and Listening for Preschoolers (TALP) is a two day per week intensive group experience for children with language problems and their typical (non-language impaired) peers. Professionals and graduate students will work in collaboration with parents to create individualized language-learning plans. The curriculum will employ evidence-based practices that focus on literacy and interaction.

Speaking and Signing Stories (SASS) is a six week program for school-age children who are deaf/hearing impaired to facilitate language and literacy development. This research-based and multi-sensory approach uses narratives in oral and sign language. A family service model will used with younger children to facilitate language intervention in small groups and in the home. The UNC Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Clinic is excited to launch these programs in May, 2007.

Kathleen Fahey, Ph.D.
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**A note from the desk of
Vernon B. Ingraham, 33°
Executive Secretary,
Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado...**

During 2006 we received \$147,210 from nine non-Masonic organizations. This is a major accomplishment for the Foundation and we anticipate this type of fundraising to continue and grow in the future.

Regarding a separate fundraising effort, in December 2006 the campaign for the group therapy room at The Children's Hospital – Fitzsimons achieved and exceeded its goal with \$173,000 raised. This exceeds our pledge of \$150,000. The balance of the funds raised - \$23,000 - will be deposited to the graduate scholarship fund. At the annual luncheon on February 12, 2007, Board President Stephen M. Munsinger will make a special presentation to the hospital for the new "Colorado Masons – Scottish Rite Foundation Group Therapy Room."

Regarding a third fundraising effort, every year the Foundation conducts a letter appeal fundraising campaign in the fall. In 2006, we achieved overwhelming success with the campaign. More than \$51,000 was raised, primarily from Scottish Rite Masons. This represents a 163% increase over the previous year high in 2005 when we received \$19,500.

So many good things happened in 2006, including funding development, program expansion, the cornerstone ceremony at The new Children's Hospital, and some exciting work with the University of Northern Colorado in helping create some landmark *Early Language Intervention* programs for northern Colorado. But the most meaningful accomplishment has been the success each speech therapist and learning specialist has had with the youngsters you are treating. I never cease to be amazed at your dedication to excellence and to the communication health of these kids and their families. It is a true joy to be associated with all the clinics and their staff that we partner with in Colorado and I look forward to a great 2007. I hope to be able to personally visit with a number of you this year.

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Children's Therapy Center-Pueblo

The 2006 Pueblo Scottish Rite Holiday party on December 15, 2006 was a huge success!



(Martha Drake reads *Twas the Night Before Christmas* to children and families)

Approximately 80 children participated. The dining hall of the Masonic Building was filled with happy children, busy therapists, Scottish Rite Masons and parents.

Children went home with a book, stuffed animal, ornament, craft and a bag of goodies.

We look forward to 2007!

Martha Drake, M.A., CCC-SLP,
Manager and Scottish Rite Program
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Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing

announces the selection of our program as one of ten national Widex Pediatric Hearing Assistance Program Loaner Network award recipients for 2007. This partnership with Widex Hearing Aids will enable children receiving audiological management through the Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing *immediate* access to advanced technology digital loaner hearing aids while awaiting approval of funding for their permanent hearing solution. For more information about our program and services, please contact Valerie Hernandez at 303-861-6531.

The Children's Hospital has expanded to Parker!

The Children's Hospital is pleased to announce the opening of a new satellite location in Parker, Care by The Children's Hospital. Beginning January 29, pediatric specialists, therapists and sports medicine specialists will be available to care for your patients and families at this location. All pediatric therapy services will relocate to Parker from Children's Therapy Center Aurora, which will close January 26, 2007. Care by The Children's Hospital in Parker is located in the Crown Point Professional building, on the southeast corner of E-470 and South Parker Road, and just minutes from The Children's Hospital at Parker Adventist.

Care by The Children's Hospital in Parker will offer these extensive pediatric services

- Specialist care to include: Adolescent Gynecology, Cardiology, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Neurology and EEG, Pediatric Surgery, Pulmonary, Synagis Clinic and Urology
- Sports Medicine for Young Athletes
- Therapy care to include: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, **Speech Language Therapy and Learning Services**

Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing at The Children's Hospital offers a wide-range of clinical outreach programs for professionals serving deaf and hard-of-hearing children and families. For more information about an outreach opportunity in your community, please contact Marcia Taber, manager of deaf and hard-of-hearing services at 303-861-6531.



Children's Speech and Reading Center moved to its new location in October, 2006. As a part of sharing the news about our new facility, we scheduled two holiday events including a Chamber of Commerce Red Ribbon cutting ceremony on December 19th.



The ceremony was attended by a group of area business leaders to recognize the Center's Chamber membership and involvement in the northern Colorado community. On the same day, we invited staff, board and friends of the Center to attend an Open House to celebrate the season and our move.

Our Director for the past 7 years, Debra Dunn, has taken a clinical position in Cheyenne, Wyoming. At a Christmas dinner in Debra's honor, Center staff and board members thanked her for her years of leadership. Joan Larsen, a co-founder of CSRC, is serving as the Interim Director.

We are looking forward to the next steps in our development as we address the need for services to children and families in the northern Colorado Front Range area.

Joan Larsen
Interim Director
Children's Speech and Reading Center



Memorial Hospital had three exciting events to close out the 2006 year. Our annual *Harvest Fest* was initially cancelled due to snow, however, was rescheduled to the Monday prior to Halloween. Several games were provided for patients and siblings to celebrate this season. Children and staff put on a great show with a variety of costumes and interactive fun.

We also had the privilege to host our own artist visiting us from Knott's Berry Farm (son of one of our occupational therapists). David Wolter donated his time and talent by spending an afternoon with us and creating cartoon caricatures of the children.



The children were allowed to select what type of character they would like to be. This was great fun for all the children and staff. It provided an excellent break from traditional therapy.

The benefit of using this activity to support therapeutic goals was fantastic. Speech/Language therapists used this experience to encourage children to express their thoughts and feelings about their personalized picture and the character they selected.

Finally, our annual day with Santa Claus was held on December 12, 2006. Jim Stivers has been generous to us through the years to donate his time as Santa Claus for this event. The children are able to visit with Santa Claus in a non-threatening environment. The families were each provided with a photograph of their child with Santa Claus after they visited with him shortly.

Not only did these different activities provide great opportunities for speech and language development in a naturalistic setting but also opportunities for our patients to practice social interaction skills.

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