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What is RiteCare®?

Speech-Language-Hearing disabilities inflict approximately six million children in the United States. These children have at least an average or even superior intelligence but they lack the ability to normally communicate. A great majority of these children can overcome the speech, language and hearing disabilities with professional help. Since the early 1950s in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has supported and expanded a program to help children with speech, language, and hearing disorders. This program led to the establishment of RiteCare® clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities. Today, there are approximately 180 RiteCare® clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned throughout the United States and funded by Scottish Rite Brothers. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists, audiologists, or other trained personnel and supported by Scottish Rite members. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly.

Facilitating the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved dramatic successes. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

Here in the Kansas Orient we help to support RiteCare® Clinics located at the: Richard L. Schiefelbusch Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at the University of Kansas, Lawrence (with a satellite clinic at our Topeka Scottish Rite Center); Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic Wichita State University, Wichita; KU Medical Center, Hearing and Speech Clinic, Kansas City; Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, Ft. Hays State University, Hays; and, Kansas State Speech and Hearing Center, Kansas State University, Manhattan. The Kansas Orient of Scottish Rite is very proud of the Speech, Language, and Hearing Services it financially supports and provides to Kansas children.



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The Valley of Salina has been active with the Herndon Clinic at Fort Hays State University. Beyond our financial support via the Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation, Brothers went to Hays on August 29, 2017 to provide a picnic for the students, staff and faculty. More than 50 people were in attendance for a fine meal of hot dogs, chips and cookies. Three Scottish Rite Masons from Russell, Tom Krauss, 32°, Daron Woelk, 32°, and G. Jason Long, 32° came to cook the hot dogs. John Reynolds, 33°, P.R., James Winn, 33° Elect, and Donald Hamilton, 33°, were in support, as well as Nadine Gable, Bev Hamilton, Carolyn and Henry Burmiester, 32°, also attended and helped serve the food. Daron Woelk and G. Jason Long became Scottish Rite Masons August 26, 2017 at the Fall Reunion in Russell, Kansas.



The goal was for all to interact socially prior to the grind of the school semester. We were surprised when several members of the college administration also attended.



On October 12, 2017, the Flint Hills Scottish Rite Club, recently chartered by the Valley, hosted a similar event for the speech/hearing clinic at Kansas State University at Lafayette Lodge in Manhattan. Both events were well attended and provided valuable public relations with our clinics.

Bottomline, the children who are treated by Ft Hays Geneva Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic will benefit greatly from this close association between the clinic staff and the Scottish Rite Masons of the

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participants and an estimated \$2500 in earnings for children's scholarships and materials for the Herndon-Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic on Fort Hays State University campus.

Undergraduate and graduate students in the department of Communication Science and Disorders dedicated their time and talent to plan and host the event. The Delta Zeta Sorority braved the weather to maintain posts along the 5K route, ensuring runners and walkers knew where to go. The Methodist Church youth group set up and tore down for the event, in addition to creating and maintaining a photo booth for participants. Many sponsors donated money or items to ensure the event was a success and

The Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic along with the FHSU National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association hosted the fifth Annual Run/Walk to Help Children Talk on April 29th, 2017. This, the fifth annual Run/Walk to Help Children Talk, endured Kansas obtuse spring weather but hosted a record number of participants for the 2017 event. Although rain and low temperatures lead to a last-minute move to the Hays Methodist Church, the Run/Walk boasted over 170



that all participants were provided a delicious lunch after the Run/Walk

The FHSU department of Communication Sciences and Disorders were thankful for the many Masons who arrived and sponsored the event. Despite the cold weather, many made the trip from Salina to enjoy the company of students, faculty and local community. In addition the department and clinic are thankful for the financial and moral support from the Scottish Rite Masons.



ARMED FORCES SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY FORT LEAVENWORTH

CURRENT STATUS OF RITECARE AT FORT LEAVENWORTH

Army Community Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The collaboration with the University of Kansas Medical Center (KU MED CTR) – Center for Child Health and Development (CCHD) began in 2009; being administered through a Grant received by KU MED CTR – CCHD. The purpose of the Grant was designed to reach out to underserved populations of Children in the State of Kansas; needing Developmental Pediatric Assessments. Many of these Children would be diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, Feeding Issues, Sensory and/or Auditory Processing Disorders, Anxiety, Depression, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and other behavioral issues. Some of the Children needed follow-up with Pediatric Neurology, Genetics etc. Many of the Children received recommendations for Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and/or Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy – very intensive). The Developmental Pediatric Team is composed of a Developmental Pediatrician, a Nurse Practitioner, a Clinical Psychologist, a Speech & Language Pathologist; and Master's Level or Post Doctorate Candidates doing a fellowship at the CCHD. A Nutrition Specialist was added to the Team from the Feeding Clinic.

This collaboration was necessary, due to the sheer numbers of Military Children needing to be assessed; and the 9 month "Wait List" at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO and at the University of Kansas Medical Center – CCHD. For the Military Families stationed at Fort Leavenworth, and attending the Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), waiting 9 months was impossible; especially since they are only here for 11 months. Some of the Children had already been on waiting lists for up to 18 months at their previous duty stations. In-addition, with the military

operations tempo at an all-time high and 2 classes of CGSC Students rotating in during the same year, something had to be done.



The Ft. Leavenworth Masons—the Scottish Rite—stepped up to the plate to help. With the support and generosity of the Scottish Rite to pay for the team's visits, KU MED CTR – CCHD agreed to come to Fort Leavenworth 4 times per year instead of twice a year. So instead of seeing 8 Children in each of the 2 Outreach Clinics, the Developmental Pediatric Team agreed to see 6 Children at each Outreach Clinic, 4 times per year. This substantially increased the number of Children that could be evaluated by the Team. Word spread quickly about this collaboration, and this type of clinic was eventually replicated at Fort Riley, Kansas with the same Developmental Pediatric Team. At a time when "maximum capacity" was breached at Children's Mercy Hospital, they started turning away Children who lived in the State of Kansas that were needing Developmental Pediatric Assessments. This put an additional burden on

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Jennifer Burford, the Installation EFMP Manager at Fort Leavenworth, has been the bridge in this process. Jennifer notified the Medical Practitioners at Munson Army Health Center (MAHC), at the Unified School District (USD 207), and the Leavenworth County Early Intervention Services "tiny-k" program, when the clinics were scheduled. Parents could also make a referral. Jennifer would have the Parents complete the in-depth Developmental Questionnaires, and along with the other supporting documentation, transmit the information to the Team. Jennifer would then schedule the 6 Children per Clinic and administer the Clinic. The meeting locations were at the Pioneer Chapel on Fort Leavenworth or at the Methodist Church in Leavenworth. After the evaluations were completed, Jennifer would accompany the Team to provide the Parents with the Team's impressions, recommendations and the diagnosis (if given that day). A brief report would be provided to the Parents to take home with them; in-addition to resources provided by the Team and Jennifer. Sometimes, as mentioned previously, Parents would have to meet with the Child's Primary Care Manager to get the needed referrals back to KU MED CTR. In-addition, Jennifer would help the Families with the EFMP Enrollment process and help them navigate TRICARE-ECHO (the Extended Care Health Option) which pays for the needed therapy and the local resource providers who will provide the services.

Getting this all accomplished in a short period of time is definitely a "team effort".

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We are currently in a holding pattern, due to the requirements being placed on the Developmental Pediatric Team at KU MED CTR – CCHD. Due to the perceived on-going need for this type of team in underserved locations; it has necessitated the Team to conduct their outreach clinics in the more rural areas in Western Kansas.

The Developmental Pediatric Team no longer travels to Fort Leavenworth or Fort Riley. Military children are being sent off post with TRICARE Referrals. The original Team from KU MED CTR – CCHD has also changed due to turnover and retirement of personnel and downsizing of staff!

The way ahead remains a challenge and we must look at alternative means of assisting our Military Children. After so many years of war, and the on-going high operations tempo, the Children are less resilient and the Parents need support as well.

Northeast Kansas

Valley of Scottish Rite

The Northeast Kansas Valley supports RiteCare® through donations of funds from donations received through an annual pancake breakfast. The funds raised are the basis for scholarships to students attending KU Medical Center who will ultimately be trained in caring for children with speech and language difficulties. These students are selected by the KU Medical Center staff members within their departments in several categories. The student candidates are judged on their current or future potential in providing Speech Language and Hearing services to children.

Shown below (L-R): Dr. Debbie Daniel receives a Certificate of Appreciation for selecting and introducing her students, Hannah Robinson and Elizabeth Porter as recipients of RiteCare® scholarships presented by Ill\ David F. Kinzie, 33°, Personal Representative. Funds for the scholarships were raised through our annual RiteCare® Pancake Breakfast. The students will ultimately be trained to treat children's speech needs. After training, they will staff several facilities throughout the United States where they are needed to assist and treat children.



Topeka Valley

Scottish Rite



In the past, the primary RiteCare® philanthropic activity of the Topeka Valley Scottish Rite has been the RiteCare® Golf Tournament. The RiteCare® Golf Tournament was not held this year because sufficient golfers did not register to play. The RiteCare® Golf Tournament will be continued in the future.

New Fundraiser

The Topeka Valley of the Scottish Rite is now endeavoring to fill an Ama Waterways river cruise ship for a cruise on the Danube, visiting iconic European “Christmasfests”.



The Topeka Valley of the Scottish Rite is sponsoring a European River Cruise on the Danube in December of 2018—14-21 December 2018. This cruise will be extra special because it will be stopping along its route at various cities which hold “Christmasfests” or Christmas Markets! These markets are wonderful—a gift to each of your senses—sight, smell, hearing, feel and fun! Ama River cruises is rated the best in all of Europe and a cruise on the Danube contains beautiful country and a very peaceful, idyllic trip.

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We are offering this Christmasfest Cruise to Masons and non-masons alike. Our goal is to fill the entire cruise ship with our friends now, because the cabins fill up so quickly. The Ama Cruise Line will donate funds to the Topeka Scottish Rite for the people who we sign up for this fabulous trip. The funds raised will go to the Scottish Rite Philanthropy, **RiteCare®**.

Remember that this cruise is not until 14 to 21 December of **2018**, however, there are only 80 cabins and they will fill quickly.



National RiteCare®

Virtual Video Library

The five RiteCare® Clinics and their professional staffs in Kansas Have raised an interesting suggestion for a national Scottish Rite web-based program which could provide beneficial instruction to clinicians from experts in the various fields of child speech, language, and literacy. Knowing that this is a primary objective of the annual RiteCare® Conference the Directors of each of the RiteCare® Clinic in the Orient of Kansas were questioned concerning the RiteCare® Conference recently held in Colorado. Only one of the five Clinical Directors was able to attend this conference. It was stated that other professionals were unable to attend because of numerous factors:

- *Timing of the conference must take into consideration the cycles of the universities because most of the professionals instruct classes in addition to their clinical responsibilities;*
- *Cost of travel, both financially and in personal time, is cost ineffective. In Kansas, the universities are experiencing tremendous budget cuts, so the travel to these types of function is, in many cases, not covered;*
- *Although there is nothing wrong with the RiteCare® Conference agenda or the quality of the speakers, a small conference like the RiteCare® conference cannot attract more than one "headliner" expert, if that.*

It was the consensus of our RiteCare® Clinic Directors that the RiteCare® Conference as a method to deliver specialized information and technique to the speech, language, and literacy professionals, be discontinued. It was suggested that instead of the Conference, a more flexible and beneficial program of online courses or presentations be made available to the staffs of the RiteCare® Clinics across the country. In this manner, the experts—top of their field in various areas of speech, language, and literacy—could be contracted to create a video or a series of videos which could be made available, online and free of charge, for access by the staffs of all RiteCare® Clinics across the country. The topics of the videos and the specialists in those fields would become the basis of a *RiteCare® Virtual Video Library* of speech, language, and literacy which could be made available for all our RiteCare® Clinic Staff members at no charge. Other speech, hearing and learning professionals in the field could access these videos for a fee to help defray the cost of video production. Utilizing a board of prominent RiteCare® Clinic Directors, the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, 33° could establish a living, Virtual Video Library maintaining the videos and adding to them as demand dictates. These videos/presentations could be available year-around, twenty-four hours every day, at the convenience of the provider. The advantages of this concept over the present annual conference to deliver new concepts and techniques for working with children with speech, language, hearing and learning problems are numerous.

- *It would be much more effective and less parochial than the annual RiteCare® Conference;*
- *The Virtual Video Library would be available year-around, twenty-four hours each day;*
- *There exists a difficulty in attracting and affording outstanding experts to speak in their areas of specialty at a RiteCare® Conference regardless of where it is held;*
- *Even at the larger conferences available, it is not likely that more than one "Expert" will present, whereas the Virtual Video Library would contain the best and most timely presentations by multiple experts in their fields;*
- *By being free and online, the Virtual Video Library would save our RiteCare® providers a lot of money and time away from the provision of services at the RiteCare® Clinics;*
- *Virtual Video Library would involve more RiteCare® providers than just the one or two individuals from surrounding states who might attend the conference;*
- *It would be possible to recover some costs of producing the videos which will populate the Virtual Video Library by charging those who wish to benefit from the videos and are not service providers through a RiteCare® Clinic;*
- *Most importantly it would be possible to provide our RiteCare® providers with the latest, evidence based practices from the true experts in the field of children's speech, language, hearing and literacy.*

The concept of establishing and maintaining a Virtual Video Library to deliver new concepts and techniques, presented by the experts in the field, for working with children with speech, language, and literacy is a laudable role for the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. The initial start-up costs would be insignificant. A board of prominent RiteCare® Clinic Directors could be announced and they could meet via conference calls to arrive at the areas of instruction and experts in those fields who first needed to be approached for video production. From there it is simply a matter of getting the videos, hanging them on a website, etc. and providing this great service to our RiteCare® providers. This would be a substantial service/benefit which we can provide the RiteCare® Clinics—a method of expressing our deep thanks for all they do for our philanthropy

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It is the Mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity and Truth while actively embracing high Social, Moral and Spiritual Values including Fellowship, Compassion and Dedication to God, Family, and Country.

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