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RiteCare® in the Orient of Kansas



Clinics Review and Update



Kansas Orient and Scottish Rite Valley Support to **RiteCare®**



Clinics of Kansas

Within Kansas, the Orient of Kansas and Scottish Rite Masons representing seven Scottish Rite organizations, called Valleys, throughout the State provide support and critical funding to maintain five RiteCare® Clinics, located at State universities across Kansas.

Nationally, there are approximately 180 RiteCare® clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned throughout the United States. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have received significant help in language and communication skills. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

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Helping Kansas Children Communicate

The Scottish Rite Orient of Kansas and the Valleys thereof should be very proud of the Speech, Language, and Hearing Services which were made possible during 2014. During 2014 the Kansas Orient expanded the number of RiteCare® Clinics it supports to five, by welcoming the Kansas State University Speech and Hearing Center to our family of Kansas Scottish Rite RiteCare®.

*2014 Number
of Clients*

140

*2014 Number
Hours of Service*

1841.5

Wichita State University



Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

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Congratulations on
your NCAA Tournament
successes



Greetings from the Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. As a *RiteCare® Clinic*, our semester is off to a good start.

The Kaleidoscope Language Development Preschool and Reading Explorers programs serve the needs of young children who are ready to learn. Our social skills groups for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are in high demand. We continue to provide individual or small group sessions in the areas language/literacy, speech-sounds, stuttering, and aphasia.

The audiology clinic is growing. We are now providing audiology services to veterans through a contract with TriWest/Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The satellite clinic at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School continues to provide community outreach services. Four graduate students, per semester, receive clinical training at the facility and serve the speech and language needs of approximately 25 children.

Other community outreach services include the Autism Interdisciplinary Diagnostic Team (AIDT) which includes WSU faculty, clinical educators, students, and community professionals. This team continues to provide identification/diagnostic service for autism spectrum disorders (ASD) to children and families throughout South Central Kansas.



Champagne & Chocolate Event

In October 2014, the Wichita Valley Scottish Rite hosted the twelfth annual "Champagne and Chocolate" auction to raise funds for the clinic. This event yielded a profit of \$19,000 to be used for scholarships partially funding needed services for many children at the WSU clinic.

Champagne & Chocolate

by: Lisa Sparks, Office Manager, Wichita Scottish Rite

The Champagne & Chocolate Fantasy Evening to raise money for RiteCare® Clinics in Kansas is a tradition 12 years in the making. The live auction is the highlight of the evening. Good-hearted razzing between warring bidders drives up prices and increases the philanthropic spirit of the event. Quips of "we're doing this for the CHILDREN, after all!" can be heard whenever bidders doubt themselves on whether or not to spend more money on a given item. Of course, the flowing champagne & fountains dripping with chocolate help a little, too!

RiteCare® Clinics help children overcome speech, language, and hearing difficulties through regular therapy. The therapy can be expensive and not all families are able to cover costs. Jim Davenport, 33°, Executive Secretary of the Wichita Scottish Rite and former Chairman of the Champagne & Chocolate committee noted that "The therapy provided by WSU and funded by the Scottish Rite gives children the educational opportunities they deserve by helping them overcome their speech and hearing problems,"

The Scottish Rite receives letters from thankful parents of children who received therapy as a result of Scottish Rite funding. These letters underline that their children



Front Row (R-L): Dr. Sandra Bibb, Dean, College of Health Professions; Bob Giesen, 33°, Champagne & Chocolate Chairman; Mary J. Beasley, Clinical Director, Dept. of Comm. Science and Disorders; Dr. Kathy L. Coufal, Chair, Dept. of Comm. Science and Disorders; Jim Davenport, 33°, Executive Secretary; Second Row (R-L): Hugh W. Gill, III, 33°, SGIG; Brian Ray, Clinical Supervisor.
Photo Credit: Lisa Kat Sparks

develop more confidence, improve their school work, and feel better about themselves. A lot of the children blossom under the care of the RiteCare® Clinics due to their ability to communicate better. All agree that this is why we do it: *for the children.*

Wichita State University

Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic



Mary J. Beasley, MA, CCC-SLP is the new Clinic Director at the Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech Language Hearing Clinic. Mary joined the WSU Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in July, 2014. In addition to being a service provider, she has extensive professional experience in special education administration and program development in metropolitan areas of Wichita and Kansas City. Most recently, she was Assistant Director of Special Education at Harvey County Special Education Cooperative, Newton Public Schools, USD 373.

Mary led a Pilot Study in Kansas on Caseload/Workload sponsored by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (KSHA). She has provided articles for the ASHA Leader and Division 16 Perspectives and was a speaker and panel member at the ASHA 2008 Schools Conference and at KSHA Conferences. Mary has served as the KSHA President and received the Honors of the Association in 2006.

Recently, Mary has supported efforts to secure a contract with *PresenceLearning* so the Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech Language Hearing Clinic can begin to provide Telepractice services in the near future. The Wichita alley Scottish Rite provided two laptops, two head sets and a web camera to assist in this outreach project.

It's all about Children . . . Featured Client

All of Patricia ("Trish") and Stephen Hileman's children have participated in either individual or group services provided by the Evelyn Hendren Cassat RiteCare® Clinic. Four of their children, Bram, Evan, David, and Joseph, have received partial support for these services from the Wichita Valley Scottish Rite. Their daughter, Adeline, has been a peer model in the Kaleidoscope Language Development Preschool and attends Reading Explorers. To show their appreciation for the Scottish Rite, the Hilemans made a presentation at the 2013 "Champagne and Chocolate Event". In addition, Trish spoke at the 2014 Society of 1895 Luncheon sponsored by the WSU Alumni Association, an excerpt from that presentation continues on the next page.



Wichita State University

Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

It's all about Children . . .

Featured Client (cont.)

"My kids have all benefited greatly from WSU's speech, language and hearing clinicians and clinical supervisors but I think I've probably benefitted the most. You see the thing that I feel sets WSU apart from many of the other speech services provided in Wichita is the level at which teaching is done here. Yes the graduate clinical students are being taught and we benefit from their cutting edge methods and research based approaches, but I have learned how to be a better mother to my children by learning how to 'do' speech at home- this is the number one reason I recommend WSU to others in the community

Because I do recommend WSU speech services to others, I don't have to worry if they are going to get turned away because their insurance isn't "good enough". We all want the best for our children, but parents have to make tough choices for their families and food and shelter have to come first. But what you do here tonight changes those tough decisions, your willingness to share your resources and join with us in this difficult but important work, allows families that need these services to be able to do what is best for their children and not be swallowed up by medical bills."



Trish Hileman lauding the Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic to the WSU Alumni Association

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Highlighted Practitioners

Kathy Johnston, M.S., CCC-SLP has been a clinical instructor in the Hearing & Speech Department at the University of Kansas Medical Center for the past 17 years. Kathy provides pediatric clinical service within our department and also is contracted by KUMC to provide services at The Children's Place, where she works with children who are victims of abuse and neglect. In addition to her teaching and clinical assignments at KUMC, Kathy maintains a private practice in the Kansas City area.

Kathy is a life-long learner. She continually strives to provide the most up-to-date, evidence-based clinical instruction and intervention to her graduate students and her clients and their families. Recently, Kathy became the first person to earn certification in Kansas as an Early Start Denver Model therapist (ESDM) for working with young children with autism. ESDM, which is a comprehensive behavioral intervention for children from 12 to 48 months, defines a curriculum of skills to be taught and the associated teaching procedures to be used to deliver the content. To be ESDM certified, a qualified professional must attend a training workshop and then submit videos that demon-

strate reliable use of the ESDM techniques. Kathy has been selected to be a co-presented on the ESDM certification process at the Kansas Division for Early Childhood state convention in March of this year. She also is beginning to train other community providers on how to use the strategies within the model.

We are proud that Kathy continues to share her knowledge and expertise with our graduate students, as well as clients and families.



Kathy Johnston, M.S., CCC-SLP

Kansas State University

Speech and Hearing Clinic

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Greetings from Manhattan and the Kansas State Speech and Hearing Center.

Kansas State Speech and Hearing Center is an outpatient clinic providing approximately 4,000 clinic visits per year. Services include diagnostic and intervention for speech and language and audiology services to clients from Manhattan and the surrounding areas.

Since becoming an official member of the Scottish Rite in April of 2014 Kansas State Speech and Hearing Center has provided 16 clinic scholarships for children with communication needs on behalf of the Scottish Rite Foundation. The families are very grateful for this generous gift that provided diagnostic and therapeutic services for their children.

Kansas State University is appreciative for the support of the Scottish Rite Foundation and their generosity. We look forward to continuing to provide clinical services as well as educational opportunities to fellow Speech Language Pathologists and families. We are proud to be affiliated the Scottish Rite Foundation and to support their mission through work at our clinic.

We would like to feature our Kansas State graduate student Aisha Gonzalez. Aisha is from San Juan, Puerto Rico. She enjoys reading, volunteering in our community, hiking, playing guitar and photography. Aisha is recently engaged to her fiancé Charly and has one dog. Aisha is a second semester graduate student. Her areas of interest in CSD are cognitive impairment and cleft palate. Upon graduation, Aisha plans to pursue a position in a medical setting serving children and adults.

Featured Graduate Student



Aisha Gonzalez, K-State CSD Graduate Student

The Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

Ft. Hays State University



Jacque Jacobs, M.S. CCC-SLP, Clinical Coordinator/Program Specialist

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It's all about Children . . .

Featured Client

There is never a dull moment when spending time around Catie, an imaginative and thoughtful eight year old girl who attends the Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. The Herndon Clinic staff, supervisors, and student clinicians began seeing Catie in November 2013 at seven years of age due to concerns with her overall language and reading skills. At that time her parents reported that she has had difficulty with speaking, following directions, writing, and phonological awareness. A comprehensive speech and language evaluation revealed that Catie had a language disorder, characterized by decreased vocabulary, syntax, and basic concepts for her age level. She began receiving services at the Herndon Clinic to improve her overall language and reading skills; more specifically, story comprehension using story grammar elements (e.g., character, setting, feelings, etc.) as well as phonological awareness and early reading skills.

After a year of speech and language therapy, Catie is now able to identify story grammar elements within stories read to her, as well as stories that she creates. She works very hard in sessions in order to



Catie makes a final draft with assistance from her fall 2014 clinician, Michele Duryea

succeed and she continues to make steady progress. She is also able to independently read and write multiple words. She is most consistent with words that are simple consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) with short vowel sounds (e.g. hop, cat, bet, sit, etc.). She is beginning to read and identify more complex words containing consonant blends (e.g. /br/, /bl/, /cl/, /st/) and digraphs (e.g. /th/, /sh/, /wh/, /ch/). Included

are two examples from one of Catie's recent sessions. The first picture is a visual organizer that Catie used to make a first draft of a story that was read to her. The visual organizer assists Catie with including the appropriate story elements.

At the same time, Catie is also able to practice her spelling skills; on this form, she has completed spelling independently. After completing the visual organizer, Catie makes a final draft with assistance from her fall 2014 clinician, Michele Duryea. At this level, Catie is able to add an illustration for each story element, as seen in the second picture below. Michele provides different levels of assistance with spelling, dependent on Catie's skill level.

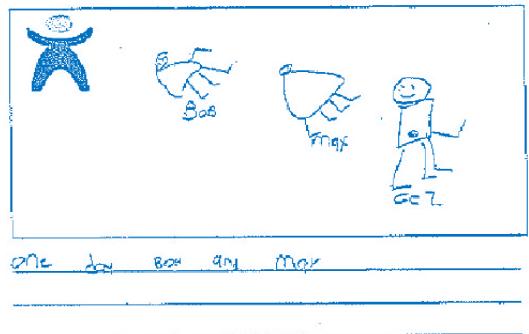
The Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

Ft. Hays State University

Featured Client (continued)

SKILL ELEMENTS				
Comprehension Inference To Infer From Itself Picture Action Given Information Left Side Widgit	 Bob madr Gcz	 Cot fors by	 Sad Gcz	 Sm
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Catie's Visual Organizers



Michele has had the opportunity to learn about and practice facilitation strategies with Catie including modeling, recasting, expansions, and verbal feedback. In addition, Michele is able to incorporate learning into interactive tasks such as going on scavenger hunts around the clinic, playing board games, and coloring. Catie has multiple opportunities to use her imagination and share stories with Michele; they have built an extraordinary relationship throughout the semester.

Thanks to the Scottish Rite scholarship, Catie is attending individual speech and language therapy sessions two times a week for an hour. Catie's mother, who is also her home-school teacher, has noted her continued success throughout the past three semesters and is happy to see this improvement. She indicated that the Herndon Clinic is able to offer more specialized skills that have allowed Catie to improve her reading skills.

Catie's mother is grateful that she can bring Catie to the Herndon Clinic for therapy and stated, "Catie would not overcome this wall without help." Her mom further stated that she is thankful to the Scottish Rite Organization for the scholarship Catie receives. The financial support "has been a blessing for our family. We couldn't afford it without their help."

The Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

Ft. Hays State University

Highlighted Practitioners

After earning both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Fort Hays Statue University (FHSU), Jacque Jacobs joined the faculty at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) during the summer of 2007 as a Program Specialist. Jacque's clinical teaching has focused on adult neurogenic communication disorders and augmentative alternative communication (AAC). In July 2014, she was appointed the Clinical Coordinator for the department.



Jacque Jacobs, M.S., CCC-SLP

the surrounding area both on campus and off campus. In the clinic, we continue to serve many children with developmental delays, speech sound disorders, language and reading disorders, fluency disorders, autism, and English language learners. Our adult clientele is comprised of those with developmental disabilities, voice disorders, neurogenic communication disorders, and fluency disorders.

During the fall 2014, the clinical services expanded to sites outside the Herndon Clinic. A partnership with Lincoln Elementary School in Hays, KS was established. Clinicians provided weekly small group activities that target phonological awareness (i.e., rhyming, blending and segmenting sounds, etc.) and pre-literacy skills to Kindergartners. The classroom teachers divided their students into small groups; clinicians collaborated with a co-clinician to plan interactive and educational activities that were implemented weekly. The classroom teachers have been pleased with the progress

their students have made with these skills and are looking forward to continuing this partnership in the future.

Also new during the fall 2014 semester was the addition of Sacred Heart Elementary School in Plainville, KS as a clinical setting for our students. Clinicians had the opportunity to go into the classrooms and work with 2nd and 3rd graders on creating summaries for the expository and narrative texts they were reading in class. Other clinicians used the *Supporting Knowledge in Language and Literacy* (SKILL) program to teach the 1st grade classroom about the parts of a narrative and to help them create their own narratives. In addition, graduate students worked with students in small groups and individually who had various speech sound production errors.

Finally, through a contractual agreement with the Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative District, the department hired a full-time faculty member to provide telepractice speech-language services to children in Kis-met-Plains, KS. Students have been observing as well as assisting in the implementation of intervention and administration of assessments. We hope to continue and expand this experience in the future.

The Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic along with the FHSU National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association will host the third Annual Run/Walk to Help Children Talk on April 25th, 2015 with some exciting new additions. A post-race celebration lunch will be provided and participants will have the option to sign up for a 5K, 1-mile walk, or for the lunch alone. The Run/Walk Committee predicts this will increase overall participation, including participation from supporters who choose not to run or walk. So far, the committee has raised almost \$1,000 in sponsorship money and gifts! Check out the department website for more information: www.fhsu.edu/csd



The Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

Ft. Hays State University

Highlighted Practitioners



Breanna Taylor joined the FHSU faculty in fall 2013 as a clinical supervisor and is now the assistant clinical coordinator at the FHSU Herndon Clinic. She received her bachelor's and master's degree at Wichita State University. Before joining the FHSU faculty, Breanna worked primarily in outpatient pediatric clinics with children on the autism spectrum, early language development, and augmentative/alternative communication.

At FHSU, Breanna has supervised summer preschool and school age groups for children to increase language, literacy, play, and social skills utilizing components of the *Early Literacy in Action Program*, by Betty Bunce (Kansas University). Because of valuable information learned in a session at the 2014 RiteCare Conference, Breanna hopes to add a toddler language group in the summer of 2015. Currently, Breanna is leading a Hanen *More Than Words Program* with two graduate clinicians. The Program was designed for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or social communication deficits and provides parents with the tools, strategies and support they need to help their children reach their full communication potential. Thanks to the support of the Scottish Rite Masons, the cost of summer groups

and the specialized programs such as Hanen can be offered at a reasonable cost that local families can afford!

Due to the generous support of the Scottish Rite Masons and the hard work of the creator and former clinic coordinator, Marla Staab, the Run/Walk to Help Children Talk will be hosting its third annual event! Breanna is now the coordinator of the Run/Walk and established a committee of faculty and students to help plan this year's event. A *Post Race Celebration* including lunch and prizes has been added to the itinerary to provide a family friendly event that all members of the community can attend. All proceeds from the Run/Walk will go towards client scholarships and much needed clinic materials.

RiteCare®
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Run Walk
to Help
Children





YOUR SUPPORT WILL:

Provide client scholarships to children in need of speech/language services and provide needed clinic materials to Herndon Clinic.

RUN/WALK TO HELP CHILDREN TALK
April 25, 2015

SPONSORED BY:
The Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
AND
The National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Join us for the new post-race celebration lunch!

Saturday April 25th, 2015 | Municipal Park | Hays, KS

Same Day Registration: 10:30am
Race: 11:00am
Celebration: 11:30-1:00pm
Early Registration includes: Race entry, t-shirt, and ticket for lunch

Early Registration Cost by 4-17-15
\$15.00 | FHSU Student
\$20.00 | Adult
\$10.00 | Child
On-Site Registration: Add \$5.00

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Check out our webpage and Facebook page for registration forms, ways to sponsor, and race updates!

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You can also contact Breanna Taylor at brtaylor2@fhsu.edu

Date: April 25th, 2015

Location: Municipal Park

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Early Registration includes: Race entry, t-shirt, and ticket for post-race celebration (lunch)

Early Registration Cost By April 17th

\$15.00 | FHSU Student

\$20.00 | Adult

\$10.00 | Child

On-Site Registration: Add \$5.00

Registration forms available at
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- recognition on social media
- recognition at the event

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- recognition at event
- name on Run/Walk t-shirt

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- name display in Herndon Clinic

For more information on sponsorship, please contact Breanna Taylor at
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Telepractice Pilot Project

Though our services keep us busy, it has not stopped us from initiating a new project – our telepractice pilot. We are fortunate to have Alli Meder, a Ph.D. student in speech-language pathology, to coordinate our new endeavor. Telepractice is the use of technology to deliver speech language pathology and audiology services at a distance. Telepractice enables speech-language pathologists and audiologists to provide services to individuals who are unable to come into a clinic. It also enables school districts who cannot find a speech-language pathologist to hire to provide services from a distance. We believe that telepractice is something that will be used with more frequency and that it can positively affect the work that we do. Because we have not provided telepractice before, we are beginning slowly with a pilot project. We will begin in mid-April by providing telepractice services to 3 children who come to the Schiefelbusch Clinic for services once a week but who could benefit from more frequent services. We will also provide services to 3 students in the Oskaloosa Elementary School. Starting small will allow us to work through the inevitable “glitches” that will occur. We are excited about the possibility of expanding our pilot to reach children who would otherwise not be able to receive services, to improve services to children who are receiving some service but need more, and the opportunity to train students to provide services at a distance. This project would not be possible without the support of the Topeka Valley and the Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation.

Thank you!



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University of Kansas

It's all about Children . . .

Featured Client

Meet Miss Faith Michels. Faith is a typical 7th grader who likes music, baking, science experiments, and texting and talking on the phone with her friends. She is involved with a school cheer team and participated in competitions this year!!! Faith has been receiving services from the faculty and students at the Schiefelbusch Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic since she was 2 months old. Her services have been at home, in school, and in the Clinic. Faith uses an augmentative and alternative communication system to clarify her speech when it isn't understood and continues to work on her language and literacy skills.

The following pictures were taken during a recent session at the Clinic that involved a scavenger hunt for items representing school vocabulary words. Participating in the hunt with Faith is Allison Davenport, a first year master's student.



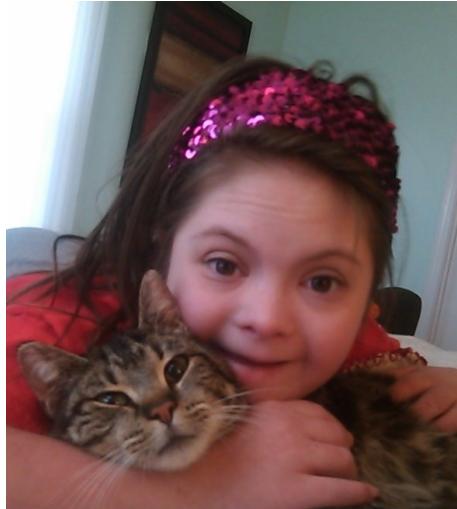
Schiefelbusch Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic University of Kansas

Thanks to RiteCare . . .

Grateful Parents

Faith is a huge blessing to her family and the youngest member in a family of five. Faculty and students from the Schiefelbusch Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic have been involved in Faith's speech and communication since she was a few months old. Caring for a child with many special needs was new to our family. It was like being sent to a foreign land with a new language. We are so thankful that people from the Schiefelbusch Clinic have been there to inform, educate, and encourage us along the path.

Faith's therapy sessions have always been a highlight for her and her family. Enthusiastic speech pathologists' provided family educational training and speech therapy with innovative tools, which drew her siblings to participate in her therapy sessions. The Schiefelbusch Clinic and the Scottish Rite Scholarship program have been a consistent bond and huge source of family support! They provide consistent therapy sessions in clinic and out of clinic, support in public school transitions between teachers, para professionals, grades, schools, and consistent support during life events. Schiefelbusch Clinic students and faculty have helped provide communication tools and advocated on Faith's behalf each year at IEP meetings. So important to Faith's progress in speech and communication are



the scholarships from the Scottish Foundation that Faith has received. This has created consistency in Faith's therapy when her father was injured, causing the family to derive primary financial support through a disability income.

We believe the consistent support that Schiefelbusch Clinic and the Scottish Rite Foundation offer has helped provide a foundation for Faith's success in speech, communication, and social skills important to her ability to access the curriculum and partake in society. For example, her interest in learning and her discipline to sit and attend in clinic transferred to her ability to now play the piano without key labels, memorize cheers as a cheerleader in seventh grade, attend to her coursework, read independently, and attend social events. Faith's improving speech and language enable more individuals to understand her. The Schiefelbusch Clinic with support from the Scottish Rite Foundation scholarship program has provided encouragement and support beyond Faith's speech and communication to increase family bonding and to create social independence, which positively affects her whole world.

Thank you!

sincerely,

Larry and Diane Michels and family

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AND LANGUAGE THERAPY WITH KANSAS CHILDREN



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