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The picture below is from the Scottish Rite Journal, May – June 2016 issue. Read additional articles in the Journal detailing other Valley's RiteCare® fund raising efforts.

CURRENT INTEREST

“Death by Champagne and Chocolate” —All for a Good Cause!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016, the Wichita State University Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, a RiteCare Clinic, received a donation of \$20,000 from the Scottish Rite Valley of Wichita.

Wichita's 14th annual RiteCare event on Friday, October 2, 2015, raised funds for the donation. The fundraiser traditionally has included food, champagne, and chocolate. As an additional piece this year, Wichita Scottish Rite Signature Theatre, directed by Deb Campbell, presented a dinner mystery theatre titled “Murder at Venue 332–Death by Champagne and Chocolate.” Dinner, a silent raffle, and live auction were interlaced with the mystery theatre. More than 200 brothers and guests guessed “Who Done It?” by voting for the most suspicious character and competing with each other in the live auction for various items including, airplane rides, Wichita Symphony tickets, Music Theatre Wichita tickets, and lunch with WSU Basketball coach Gregg Marshall.

Most memorable were the comments made by the guest family. They recounted the excellent care their child receives from the WSU clinic using RiteCare® funding as the Scottish Rite continues Helping Children Communicate.

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Left to right: Mary Beasley, Clinic Director; Julie Scherz, Department Chair Communication Sciences and Disorders; Ill. R. Scott Kailer, 33°, Personal Representative, Wichita Scottish Rite; Brian Ray, Clinical Educator; Sandra Bibb, Dean, College of Health Professions; and Ill. Jim R. Davenport 33°, Executive Secretary, Wichita Scottish Rite.

The Beginning...



The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, initiated a program in the early 1950s in Colorado to help children with speech and language disorders. This program led to the establishment of RiteCare clinics throughout the Southern Jurisdiction to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders and learning disabilities.

Today, there are 178 RiteCare® clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been served. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.



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The WSU Difference...

Families served by the **Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic at Wichita State University**, a RiteCare® clinic contend that WSU therapy is set apart from many of the other speech services provided in Wichita. At WSU, graduate clinical students are taught and clients benefit from their cutting edge methods and research based approaches; but parents also learn how to help their children by learning how to "do" speech at home. This is the primary reason families recommend WSU to others in the community. The culture of education is so pervasive at the clinic. One mother says, "I don't just drop off my children to 'get' their speech, I get to watch, listen, ask questions and make sure I understand how to apply what they are working on and learning to our home environment."

WSU is structured to provide sliding scale services so families don't have to worry if they are going to get turned away "because their insurance isn't 'good enough'", or "that they just lost their job, or that they can't get \$640 more dollars out of their monthly budget." A mother contends, "parents want the best for their children, tough choices have to be made for their families and food and shelter have to come first."



2016 RiteCare® Benefit

Prairie Quilt Guild (PQG) visited the Wichita Scottish Rite Friday, April 22, and donated a quilt to be auctioned at the 2016 RiteCare® Benefit. PQG held meetings in the Dining Room and Auditorium during 2015 after their regular meeting location had been damaged by fire.

Pictured (left) (L-R): Olivia Jacobs, PQG Librarian; Tami Carlson, PQG Librarian; Susan Tigard, PQG Library Volunteer, quilter; Barbara Kroeger, PQG quilt maker. Quilt is named "Country Days" by Thimbleberries size – 60" x 60", quilting motif – fall leaves, pieced by Barbara Kroeger, Machine-quilted by Susan Tigard, Kit donated by Maureen Gribben



Planning is already underway for Wichita Scottish Rite's 2016 RiteCare® benefit. **Save Friday, October 7, to attend this year's event.**

You can help by being a table sponsor, providing auction items, and letting your friends know so they can join in the fun and have an opportunity to help children in our community. A dinner, murder mystery, and live auction will be part of the activities. Details for 2016 RiteCare® Benefit will be announced in June.

The mother of a child at the clinic declares "Communicating effectively is an amazing gift and it isn't one I take lightly". Families served by the WSU clinic are very appreciative of the support we provide at WSU. Be sure to watch for details and get your tickets early since last year's event sold out.