



# The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders

## Annual Report to the Community 2008



## Board Members 1988-2008

### A 20th Anniversary Salute to the Board Members Who Have Guided the Clinic During These Past 20 Years

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(**Bold** indicates Charter Board Member  
 \*indicates 2008 Board Member)

Dear Friends,

We are very pleased to present this annual report to you in celebration of our 20th anniversary. Since opening its doors in May of 1988, many people have worked hard to support the work of the Clinic as it provided speech and language services to more than 12,000 children. What was originally a dream of a few good men to help a few children has now become a vital community resource for hundreds of children and their families. THANK YOU all for making this happen.



Earl and Sheri

We have stayed true to the original mission and work daily to fund the services so they may remain free to our children and their families. While the waiting list at each location continues to grow, our services remain as long as needed for each child and our therapists continually design individualized therapy for each one.

In early June of 2008, we took a 'timeout' to celebrate our 20th Anniversary with a picnic in Kirkwood Park. Many old friends, graduates, former families and past staff joined current families, staff, volunteers and donors for a delightful day. It was a wonderful reminder of the great work being done by the Clinic. Please enjoy this recap of our 2008 efforts and help us keep the good works flowing.

*Earl*

Earl E. Walker  
 Chairman of the Board

*Sheri*

Sheri K. Mistretta  
 Executive Director

## Our 20th Anniversary Picnic



**Saturday, June 21, 2008**

Clinic kids – past and present - families, friends, staff and volunteers all came together to help celebrate the Clinic's 20th Anniversary with a fun-filled picnic in Kirkwood Park. What a great day it was!



**Executive Directors 1988-2008**  
 (in chronological order left to right)  
 Sarah Wheeler, Lori Linder, Barbara McQuitty  
 Laura Rossmann, Sheri Mistretta



## Our History

The Clinic was founded in 1988 by Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of St. Louis and is one of over 180 clinics around the country. Each clinic operates independently. Originally known as the Aphasia Clinic, that name was soon changed to the Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders to more accurately reflect the children served. The Clinic is governed by a local 15-member board of directors. In 2008, the Clinic celebrated its 20th anniversary of providing speech and language services to children ages two through six. In that 20-year period, all services have remained free and more than 12,000 children have been served. The Clinic is a 501(c)(3) charity organization.



**Our Mission:** The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders of St. Louis, Inc. is committed to teaching two through six year-old children with speech and language disorders the communication skills necessary to succeed in school and throughout their lives. This goal is achieved through early identification and long-term therapy and by training parents in techniques to use with their children at home.

## The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders

### 2008 Program Services and Statistics

Free speech and language services are provided at three locations in the greater St. Louis area and at three outlying sites in surrounding communities. Group Therapy is done only at the St. Louis Clinic.

#### Individual and Group Therapy - 2008 (12-18+ months of services per child)

St. Louis Individual Therapy	St. Louis Headstart Individual Therapy	St. Louis Group Therapy	Crystal City Outreach Individual Therapy	Elsberry Outreach Individual Therapy	Union Outreach Individual Therapy	TOTALS
93	42	12*	15	31	16	197
Children served	Children served	Children served	Children served	Children served	Children served	Children served

Two locations

\*duplicate number, counted in Individual Therapy

Services 2 days/week

Services 5 days/week

Services 2 days/week

Unduplicated

#### Screenings - 2008

	St. Louis	St. Louis Headstart	St. Louis Group	Crystal City	Elsberry	Union	TOTALS
Individual	169	N/A	N/A	22	27	14	232
KidScreen	697	68	N/A	7	13	N/A	785
Children served	Children served	Children served	Children served	Children served	Children served	Children served	1,017

**Individual Therapy (KidTalk - St. Louis, Outreach, Headstart)** – Each child receives one-on-one 30-minute therapy sessions with a Masters-level speech-language pathologist. The twice-a-week sessions are tailored to each child's particular needs.

**Screenings** – Parents may bring their child to a Clinic location to receive a speech and language screening to identify potential concerns. Through KidScreen, Clinic therapists travel to daycares, preschools or community locations to provide screenings onsite.

**KidTalk Prep Group Therapy** – Children, ages two to three, who are speaking very little or not at all, are seen in a small group format. This allows them to learn to socialize with their peers as their speech and language skills are stimulated. Children then generally go on to Individual Therapy as well.

**All Ears Program** – Children enrolled in Individual Therapy receive a hearing test by a licensed and certified audiologist. Hearing issues often accompany speech and language disorders.

#### Meet Kaylie

Kaylie began at the St. Louis Clinic when she was three years old. She had trouble with language comprehension and verbalizing. Her dad noted, "My wife is a teacher and she realized Kaylie was not saying words as early as she should. So we asked our pediatrician and he referred us to the Clinic. The results have been wonderful." Both parents worked hard to help Kaylie at home -- an important ingredient to each child's success. Kaylie is now a graduate of the Clinic enjoying life as a pre-schooler.



Therapist Jacob and Kaylie work on her vocabulary



## Volunteer Support

No agency can meet its workload and leadership demands without the help of volunteers. The Clinic is very blessed to have several groups that work on our special events, help out in the office, serve on the board and just show up to do whatever is necessary. We also partner with Fontbonne University and Saint Louis University students in speech and language to provide practicum hours for their coursework. And, a special thanks goes to our 20th Anniversary Committee for putting the exciting Anniversary Picnic together in June. A sincere THANK YOU to each of them for being a part of a very successful 2008.

### Meet Sam

Sam entered therapy at age three in 2004 and was in therapy for over four years. Initially his vocabulary was limited and his speech hard to understand. After months of sessions and great support from mom and dad at home, Sam graduated in April 2008! "What a blessing the Clinic has been for Sam and for us" said Kim, his mom. "We can't thank you enough!"



Sam and his parents  
on graduation day

	Number of Volunteers	Total Hours	Value per Hour	TOTAL VALUE
<b>Board and Governance Volunteers</b> (Board, board committees, task forces)	19	308	\$ 20.25/hr*	\$ 6,237
<b>Special Event Volunteers</b> (Trivia Night, Vegas Night, Celebrity Golf, and KidTalk Celebration Gala Dinner, 20th Anniversary Picnic)	166	1,529	\$ 20.25/hr*	\$ 30,962
<b>Special Project Volunteers / Lodges</b> (One-time projects; special project assistance)	57	229	\$ 20.25/hr*	\$ 4,637
<b>SLU and Fontbonne Graduate Students</b> (Group Therapy and community screenings)	24	706	\$ 20.25/hr*	\$ 14,297
<b>Weekly Office Volunteers</b> (Administration and Development Projects)	15	1,320	\$ 20.25/hr*	\$ 26,730
<b>Totals</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>4,092</b>	<b>\$ 20.25/hr*</b>	<b>\$ 82,863</b>
Less volunteers on multiple lists	15			
Unduplicated Volunteers	<b>266</b>			

\*value per Independent Sector's annual volunteer "value of service" guideline for 2008

## 2008 Clinic Staff

### Administration and Development Staff

**Sheri Mistretta**  
Executive Director

**Diane B. Ludwig, CFRE**  
Development Director

**Mona Monteleone**  
Development Coordinator

**Sharon Young**  
Office Manager

### Therapy Staff

**Carrie Barry, MS, CCC-SLP**  
Clinic Co-Supervisor

**Laura Rose, MHS, CCC-SLP**  
Clinic Co-Supervisor

**Kate Bockhold, MS, CCC-SLP**  
Speech-Language Pathologist

**Margaret Guzzardo, MS, CCC-SLP**  
Speech-Language Pathologist

**Jacob Gutshall, MHS, CCC-SLP**  
Speech-Language Pathologist

**Brandy Harrelson, MS, CCC-SLP**  
Speech-Language Pathologist

**Beth McCarthy, MS, CCC-SLP**  
Speech-Language Pathologist

### Contract Staff

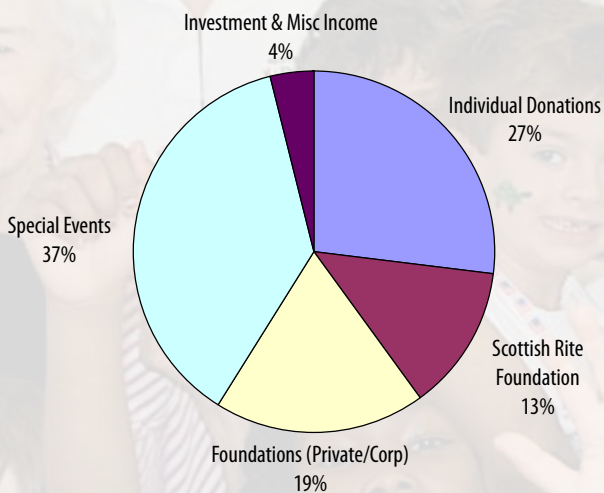
**Gayle M. Santucci, PhD, CCCA**  
Board Certified Audiologist

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## Finances and Budgets

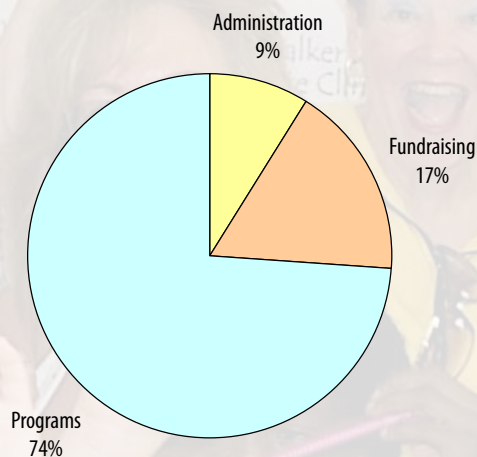
The Clinic had a very big task in 2008 to raise the funds necessary to provide the free services to more than 1,090 children. Our budget is met by a variety of sources - - foundation and corporate grants, the Scottish Rite Foundation, special events (Trivia Night, Vegas Night, Celebrity Golf, and KidTalk Celebration), gifts from individuals through tribute gifts (in Honor and in Memory of), the 52 Club, the Giving Tree, the Guardian Angels program, appeal mailings and many personal gifts. Our sincere THANKS to each one.

### 2008 Operating Income



Individual Donations	\$ 192,274
Scottish Rite Foundation	92,250
Foundations – Private/Corp	135,687
Special Events	264,822
(net of \$76, 910 expenses)	
Investment and Misc	<u>32,377</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 717,410</b>

### 2008 Operating Expenses



Administration	\$ 62,892
Fundraising	125,499
Programs	541,764
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 730,155</b>

(\$ 12,745)

## Meet Natalie

Natalie is the third child in her family to attend our Clinic. Older brother Eddie and sister Eliana each went through the program. Now Natalie attends our Elsberry Outreach site. Her parents noted, "The Clinic has really helped ease the frustration on the part of all our children and us by making better communication possible. The children are able to clearly express their needs and we are able to understand them so much better." Reading is a family pastime, so Natalie and her family enjoy taking books from our "Take Time to Read" library at the Clinic each week to help increase her vocabulary.



Therapist Brandy works with Natalie on the "SP" blends



Therapist Laura helps a child work on a new sound.



## 2008 Board of Directors

### Officers

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**Thank  
You!**

Thanks to our many partners for helping provide funding for the services to our children. We highlight our two major fund raising events and thank the dozens of volunteers that helped to fund ALL our efforts this year.

### Celebrity Golf – June 8, 2008

The 2008 Celebrity Golf event at Stonewolf Golf Club, with Ram's Wide Receiver Dane Looker, was a great success as more than 140 players hit the links to help the children. Joe Dale and John Bittner served as co-chairs for the day of golf, dinner and an exciting auction with Malcolm Briggs as auctioneer. In all, the event netted approximately \$82,000 for therapy services.



*St. Louis RAMS players and coaches before tee off*



*Ben (Clinic child) and Mr. Walker at Golf '08*



*Scenes from KidTalk Celebration '08*

### KidTalk Celebration's "Grand Gala" – November 15, 2008

It was indeed a Grand Gala as more than 220 people gathered in the historic theatre/auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the pinnacle event of our 20th Anniversary year. It was a grand evening of celebrating, auction bidding, and elegant dining - all to benefit the children. Ivy Hartman and Kirk Hutchison served as emcee and auctioneer, respectively, in addition to being the event co-chairs. More than \$83,000 was raised for Clinic services.