



The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic
for Childhood Language Disorders



Helping



Children



Communicate

Annual Report to the Community
2011

Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends,

The year 2011 marked a time of great change, sustaining leadership and the passing of an eternal friend of the Clinic, Earl E. Walker. Earl Walker, Les Denney and brethren from the Scottish Rite of St. Louis were architects of the program in 1988 that now serves over 870 St. Louis area children annually with free, professional speech and language services at the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders.

What was true in 1988 still holds true today, communication is a critical, viable part of a child's life and the ability to communicate is an express need in everyone's life. At the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, we continually strive to serve two- through six-year-old children that may not be able to access therapy elsewhere and allow them the communication skills necessary to succeed in their lives.

The Clinic Board, Staff, Volunteers and over 700 donors (in 2011) join together to make sure this Clinic continues to thrive and serve. We invite you to read the stories and program data within this report and reach out to you to join us in the mission of the Clinic - to help children communicate!

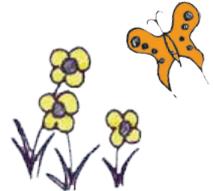
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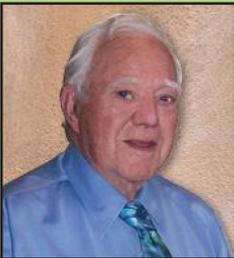
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Earl E. Walker, Clinic Chairman and Co Founder 1988-2011



**“An
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Earl Earnest Walker was born on February 12, 1920 and passed away on August 26, 2011 - and in that 91 years, Earl created a positive impact on countless individual's lives forever!

Earl E. Walker is survived by his bride of 68 years, Myrtle Walker, and was a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and brother to many. While Earl's life story has so many wonderful chapters to regale, the lifelong partnership with Myrtle and their commitment to help others was always his storyline.

Earl E. Walker was a member of the Kirkwood Masonic Lodge #484, an Honorary Member of DeMolay International, and was bestowed the Grand Cross of the Scottish Rite, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. And, through the tireless efforts of Earl, Myrtle, Les Denney and many St. Louis Scottish Rite Brothers, the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders was founded in 1988, and has served over 15,000 St. Louis area children to date with speech and language concerns. In 2010, Earl and Myrtle made a gift to Maryville University to help underwrite a new Health Professions building to ensure the good works of the Clinic for generations to come.

Both together and independently, Earl and his wife Myrtle are that special breed of people that live their life to the fullest, work hard, give often and nurture lifelong friendships and take care of others in need. In Earl's eternal words, “an investment in children is an investment in the future.” A man remembered, a friend regaled, always.

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Clinic History

The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders is a 501(c)(3) charity organization and was founded in 1988 by St. Louis Scottish Rite Masons. The Clinic is one of 180 RiteCare® 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 fifteen-member board of directors. In its 23 years of providing speech and language services to children ages two through six years old, all services have remained free and more than 15,000 children have been served.



Clinic Services

The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic provides free services to children ages two through six years with communication disorders. The goal of the Clinic is to reach children who do not receive the help they need elsewhere. Each child enrolled in therapy receives sessions with one of the Clinic's seven Masters-level speech and language pathologists who are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Hanen Centre as well as being licensed by the Missouri State Board of Healing Arts. Therapy sessions are tailored to meet each child's particular needs. Services are provided at three locations in the greater St. Louis area, including the main site on Olive Street and two St. Louis City Head Starts, as well as three outlying sites in Crystal City, Elsberry and Union. The Clinic also focuses on community screenings at area daycares and preschools as well as coordinated outreach events. An additional focus is on parent education - giving the parents the tools they need to support their child's needs.

For more information or to schedule a screening, contact the Clinic at 314.533.7415 or www.srclinic.org.

KidTalk Individual Therapy

Children, ages two through six, enrolled in the KidTalk program receive individual therapy (available in both English and Spanish) tailored to meet their specific speech-language needs twice weekly for an average of 12 to 18 months.

Children Served in 2011 = 92

Aidan had a lot to say, but no one could understand him. Aidan was originally diagnosed with Childhood Apraxia of Speech when he was just 20 months old. At age three, Aidan began to attend the Clinic in the KidTalk Individual Therapy program. The initial focus was on teaching Aidan to make one specific sound and then later, to blend sounds together. First this was done in single words, then in short phrases, and finally in sentences.



KidTalk Outreach

The KidTalk Outreach program offers individual therapy to two- to six-year-old children in Elsberry (four days a week), Crystal City (two days a week) and Union (one day a week).

Children served at each Outreach

Location:

Elsberry = 29

Crystal City = 14

Union = 10

Total in 2011 = 53

Ruthie began therapy at the Union Outreach at two and a half years old. Her speech was comprised of mostly vowel sounds and few, if any consonant sounds. Remarkably, Ruthie's expressive language (vocabulary and sentence length) was considered normal; she was just extremely difficult to understand. As therapy progressed, Ruthie began putting endings on her words and began to produce various speech sounds in words.



KidTalk Prep Group Therapy

Groups of four children, ages two through three, who are speaking very little or not at all, are seen during an eight or 12 week session. The small group format allows them to learn to socialize with their peers as their speech and language skills are stimulated. Children then may go on to receive individual therapy as well.

A music therapist along with a music therapy student from Maryville University participate in KidTalk Prep's circle time where the music therapists use guitars, instruments and singing to help increase language and social communication skills of the children in the group.

Children Served in Group Therapy in 2011 = 12*

*duplicate number, counted in individual therapy

Amara first came to the Clinic when she was two years old. She understood speech but did not talk, instead used gestures and pointing to communicate. When she was not understood, she was frustrated. Amara began in the KidTalk Prep Group Therapy with three other children her age. In that program, she finally began to 'use her words' and was even combining some into short sentences.





KidScreen

Children at St. Louis area daycares/preschools receive speech-language screenings to identify potential problems through the KidScreen program. KidScreen takes place twice a year. Children receive an initial 30-45 minute screening session. The Clinic partners with Fontbonne University and Saint Louis University (SLU) by providing speech and language students with practicum hours as they help the Clinic's speech and language pathologists with annual screenings. Screenings are also conducted at the St. Louis Clinic as well as the Outreach and Headstart locations.

Screenings:

Area Daycares/Preschools = 571

St. Louis Clinic = 144

KidStart = 35

Crystal City = 10

Elsberry = 16

Union = 8

Total in 2011 = 784

Screening Hours provided by Fontbonne & SLU Students = 460



KidStart

Children at South Grand Grace Hill Head Start and Magnolia Head Start receive therapy from two speech and language pathologists two days a week. Therapy at the South Grand Head Start is conducted exclusively in Spanish.

KidStart Children Served in 2011 = 25

When Juan was four years old he talked in sentences but no one could understand him. Juan had velopharyngeal dysfunction. He could not move the muscles of his soft palate and throat well enough to close off air from escaping through his nose. He had hypernasality and nasal emission of sounds. Sister Margaret Guzzardo, a Clinic speech-language pathologist, was the first to evaluate Juan for communication at Grace Hill Head Start. She noted his abnormal speech, recognized the severity of it and advised Juan's parents to seek a medical diagnosis. Sister Margaret helped the family to navigate the maze of doctor visits, surgery preparation, and recuperation. Juan then began receiving speech therapy in Spanish at the Clinic.



All Ears

Each child that enters into individual therapy at the Clinic receives an audiological exam from Gayle Santucci, Ph.D., CCC-A and board-certified audiologist. Gayle works with the Clinic on a contract basis as part of her private practice. Middle ear problems, including ear infections or fluid behind the eardrum, will cause hearing loss and can inhibit speech and language skills. After the initial exam, children receive follow-up exams periodically while enrolled in therapy at the Clinic.

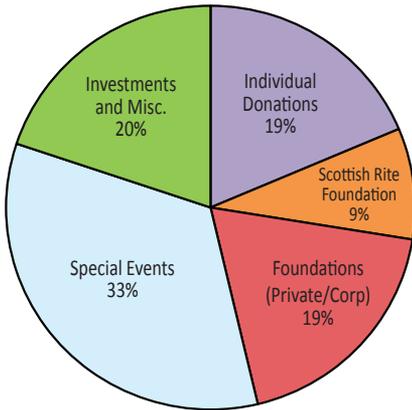
Evaluations in 2011 = 84



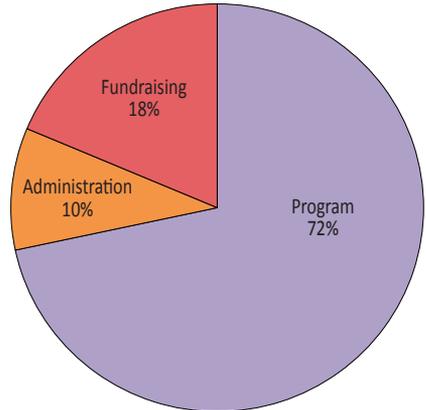
Clinic 2011 Finances and Budgets

Our budget comes from a variety of sources -- foundation and corporate grants, special events (Trivia Night, Golf Outing, and KidTalk Celebration), tribute gifts (in Honor and in Memory gifts), the 52 Club, the Giving Tree, the Guardian Angels program, appeal mailings, investment income, and the many, many gifts from individuals who support our work. Our sincere THANKS to each one.

2011 Operating Income



2011 Operating Expense



2011 Operating Income

Individual Donations	\$107,628
Scottish Rite Foundation	51,368
Foundations (Private/Corp)	108,281
Special Events	195,425
Investment and Misc	<u>114,738</u>
Reserves	119,501
Total	\$696,941

2011 Operating Expenses

Programs	\$499,449
Administration	67,431
Fundraising	130,061
Total	\$696,941

The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization

Leaving A Legacy – The Krehmeyer Gift

Lewis and Melba Krehmeyer, two very forward thinking and caring individuals, left a legacy gift to the Clinic. When the Clinic was being formed in the late 1980's Lewis was part of the group helping to make it happen. He and Melba could see the vision and knew the Clinic would need funding for years to come. They made a decision that is having a strong impact on the Clinic today. They decided to leave a bequest gift directed to the Clinic's endowment fund. Thanks to this generous and thoughtful gift, the Clinic's endowment fund will now generate many additional dollars in income for the general fund each year while the gift corpus remains untouched.



Melba & Lewis



Clinic Volunteer Support

The Clinic is very fortunate to have the wonderful support and dedication of over 200 adult, youth and group volunteers who donated countless hours of much needed help in 2011. For more information about volunteering, please contact Mona at mona@srclinic.org.

Clinic Special Events

Each year the Clinic hosts three major events that help raise the much needed funds to support Clinic services. In 2011, the Clinic hosted three annual events - Trivia Night, KidTalk Golf Outing and KidTalk Celebration. Along with these events, the Clinic hosted its inaugural "Pull for Kids" Trapshoot to benefit Clinic Services.



Trivia Night

More than 300 Trivia players helped raise over \$16,000 (gross) to help the children at the 7th annual Trivia Night in March.



Golf Outing

Tapawingo Golf Club provided the setting for more than 90 players in June as the 14th annual Golf Outing brought in more than \$72,250 (gross) for Clinic services.

The annual KidTalk Celebration dinner auction in November had more than 200 attendees at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. More than \$105,000 (gross) was generated to provide speech and language services for the children.



KidTalk Celebration



Pull for Kids

The inaugural "Pull for Kids" Trapshoot in September had 52 shooters and friends in attendance raising over \$6,500 (gross).



Annual Luncheon



Party with a Purpose

52 CLUB

The April 52 Club annual Luncheon joined together over 60 vital supporters to the Clinic. The September "Party with a Purpose" showcased how the 52 Club serves the children of the Clinic.

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.



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