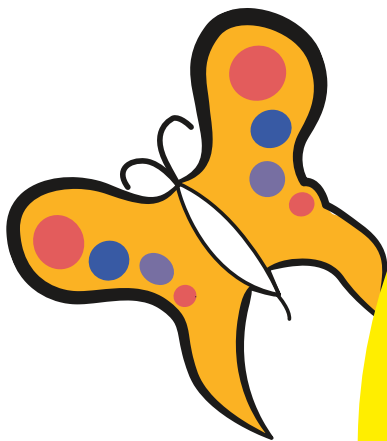


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ANNUAL REPORT  
TO THE COMMUNITY 2012



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends,

The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic proudly shares this 2012 Annual Report with you as the culmination of a year where young children have been cared for and friends have been given—all with the same goal, to help children communicate.

The Clinic continues to grow on three principles: Family, Program and Community. In 2012 the Clinic has worked toward realigning therapeutic staff (and adding a new team member), updating program goals and systems, redefining our bilingual services, expanding parent education opportunities and assessing and addressing community needs.

Over the past 24 years, the Clinic that has grown to a staff of 12, a vested Board of 12 committed volunteers (2012) and 720 generous donors (2012) and over 15,000 children served at the Clinic to date—and all have worked together to further the Clinic's mission. All services have remained free and accessible to the preschool age children that so ardently seek to communicate.

2013 and beyond will bring many changes but the constant is—and will always be—the Clinic's mission and the commitment to help children communicate.

This Annual Report is dedicated to the families that have entrusted the care of their children to the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic. These children are at their brightest hour.

Gratefully,

Ed Kellogg  
Chairman

Sheri Mistretta  
Executive Director  
sheri@srclinic.org



# 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 and is one of 180 "RiteCare" clinics around the country; each clinic operating 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 24 years of providing speech and language services to children ages two-six years old, all services have remained free and more than 15,000 children have been served.

## 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

**Edward J. Kellogg, Chairman**  
**Howard I. Hurwitz, Vice Chairman**  
**Greig Gatzert, Treasurer**  
**John W. Siscel, Recorder**

### DIRECTORS

**Gale F. Bennington**  
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**Alden G. Hacker (Emeritus)**  
**Russell Lampertz (Emeritus)**  
**Mark A. Lyles (Emeritus)**

## 2012 CLINIC STAFF

### ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT STAFF

**Sheri K. Mistretta, Executive Director**  
**Mona Monteleone, Development Director**  
**Shelly Dale, Special Events Coordinator**  
**Terri Wingert, Development Database Coordinator**  
**Sharon Young, Office Manager**

### SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

**Carrie Barry, MS, CCC-SLP**  
**Kate Bockhold, MS, CCC-SLP**  
**Jacob Gutshall, MHS, CCC-SLP**  
**Margaret Guzzardo, MA, CCC-SLP**  
**Brandy Harrelson, MS, CCC-SLP**  
**Ali Manahan, MA, CCC-SLP**  
**Beth McCarthy, MS, CCC-SLP**  
**Laura Rose, MHS, CCC-SLP**

### CONTRACT STAFF

**Gayle M. Santucci, Ph.D., CCCA Board Certified Audiologist**

## 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 they can use with their children at home.

## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

The Clinic is very fortunate to have the wonderful support and dedication of committed volunteers who assist with events and helping out with special projects at the Clinic. Over 200 adult, youth, and group volunteers have donated 3,000+ hours of much needed help in 2012.

## 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 receives therapy sessions with a Masters-level speech and language pathologist 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 each child's particular needs. Services are provided at two locations in the greater St. Louis area, including the main site on Olive Street and a St. Louis City Head Start, as well as three outlying sites in Crystal City, Elsberry and Union. The Clinic Team 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.

## KIDTALK

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.

St. Louis = 87

## 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 = 21

Crystal City = 15

Union = 4

Total = 40

## KIDSTART PROGRAM

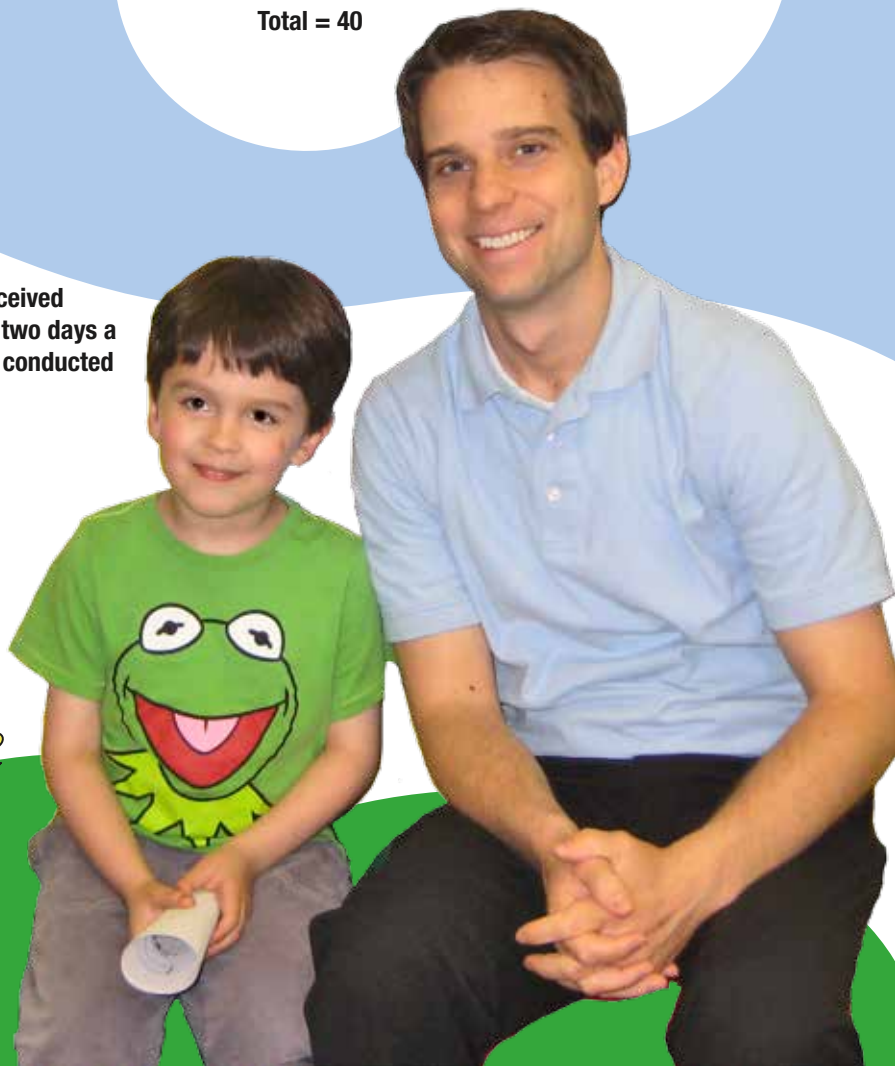
Children at South Grand Grace Hill Head Start received therapy from speech and language pathologists two days a week. Therapy at the South Grand Head Start is conducted exclusively in Spanish.

KidStart = 15

## ALL EARS

Children enrolled in Individual Therapy receive a hearing test evaluation by a licensed and certified audiologist onsite at the Clinic. Hearing issues often accompany speech and language disorders.

Evaluations = 82





# 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.

The Clinic partners with Fontbonne and Saint Louis University by providing speech and language students with practicum hours. Additionally, 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.

Group Therapy = 12\*

\*duplicate number,  
counted in individual  
therapy



# 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 = 461  
St. Louis Clinic = 96  
St. Louis Headstart = 20  
Crystal City = 12  
Elsberry = 16  
Union = 3  
Total = 608

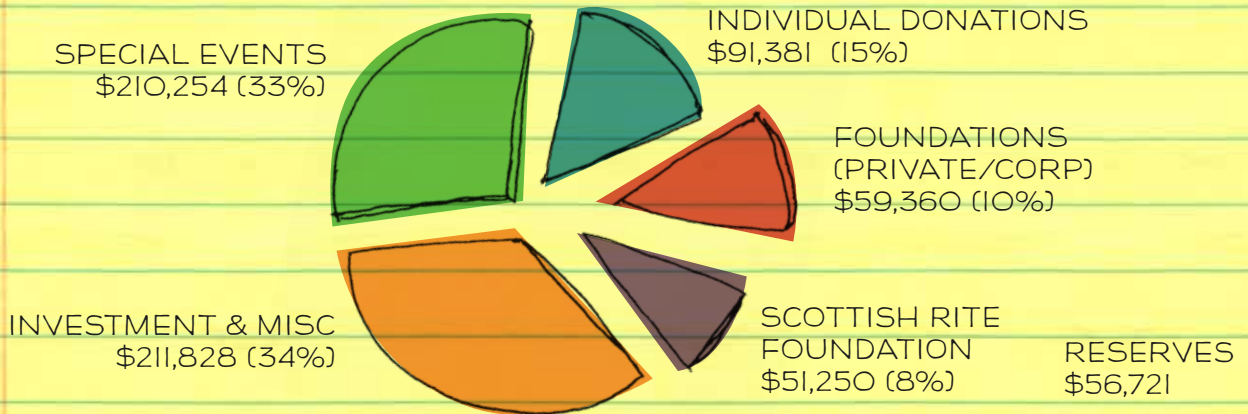


# 2012 FINANCES AND BUDGETS

The Clinic's 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, appeal mailings, investment income, and the many, many gifts from individuals who support the Clinic's mission. Thank you!

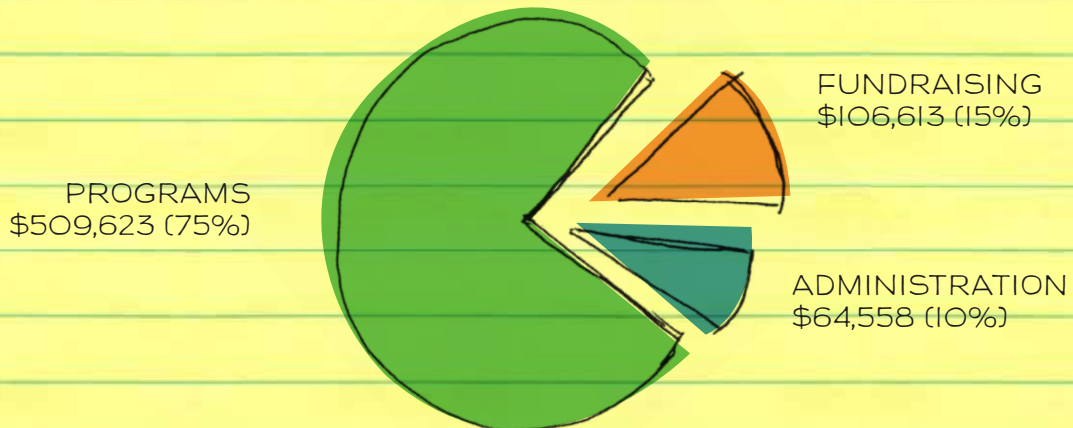
## 2012 OPERATING INCOME

TOTAL \$680,794



## 2012 OPERATING EXPENSES

TOTAL \$680,794





Eddie and Millie Gilmore loved the Clinic and the children it serves. After his death, Millie continued her advocacy. She volunteered for the Clinic, was a member of the 52 Club, and was a regular at KidTalk Celebration. Millie was a one-woman force, whose delightful charm brightened any room she was in. As a forward-thinking couple, Eddie and Millie made arrangements in their will to continue helping the children at the Clinic. They left an unrestricted estate gift to help the Clinic provide the much needed services. Many children will be helped because of their thoughtful planning and caring hearts.



LEAVING A LEGACY  
THE GILMORE GIFT

# CLINIC SPECIAL EVENTS & CLUBS

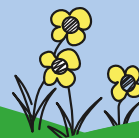


## TRIVIA NIGHT

Nearly 350 trivia enthusiasts attended “Mustache Mania” and helped raise over \$16,000 for the 8th annual Trivia Night in March.

## GOLF OUTING

In June, 131 golfers were present at Tapawingo Golf Club for the inaugural Earl E. Walker Memorial Golf Outing raising over \$86,000 for speech and language services for Clinic children.





## KIDTALK CELEBRATION

The annual KidTalk Celebration dinner auction "Puttin on the Ritz" in November had more than 200 guests at the Purser Center at Logan College of Chiropractic and generated \$103,000.

## 52 CLUB LUNCHEON

The April 52 Club Luncheon welcomed 65 committed supporters of the Clinic.



## WINE TASTING

Nearly 80 people attended the Wine Tasting event in September. This is a great fun-raiser and helps create awareness about the Clinic's mission.



Each year the Clinic hosts three major events that help raise the much needed funds to support Clinic services. In 2012, the Clinic hosted the 8th annual Trivia Night, the annual KidTalk Golf Outing and the annual KidTalk Celebration dinner auction. Along with these events, the Clinic hosted a Wine Tasting to benefit Clinic Services and the annual 52 Club Members Luncheon.



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