

Scottish Rite
Clinic
1988-2013

Annual Report 2013

Dear Friends,

After the Clinic's 25th Anniversary, we look back and reflect on a fantastic year with our Clinic kids at the center of it all. The Clinic Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers and Scottish Rite Leadership all worked side by side to serve the children and advance the mission of the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic.

Earl Walker, Les Denney and countless Brothers opened the Clinic over 25 years ago and we owe them a lionshare of gratitude. Our gratitude extends to every friend who contributed to this

Clinic and the families that have brought their children through our doors for care. We appreciate the trust to help their most precious commodity, their children.

Though we reflect and savor our first 25 years, we are geared and ready for our next 25 years. We have much work to do, kids to treat and funds to raise to further the mission of the Clinic. Because as a wise friend once said, "a gift to help children is an investment in the future."

Here's to the Next 25 years,



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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 15 member board of directors. In its 25 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.

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 Prep 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.

KidTalk Prep Therapy = 12*

*duplicate number, counted in
individual therapy

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 (two days a week).

Children served at each Outreach Location:

Elsberry = 14 Crystal City = 11

Union = 9 Total = 34

Hanen "It Takes Two to Talk"

"It Takes Two to Talk" is a program for parents of children ages two- through four-years-old who have language delays. The program is designed for a small group and provides parents with practical strategies to help their children develop language skills. Two Clinic SLP's organize eight group sessions (parents only) and three individual sessions (with their child). All Clinic SLP's are Hanen certified.

Hanen = 7



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 = 105



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 = 83

KidStart Program

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

KidStart = 14

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 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 location.

Screenings:

Area Daycares/Preschools = 598

St. Louis Clinic = 139

St. Louis Headstart = 4

Crystal City = 9

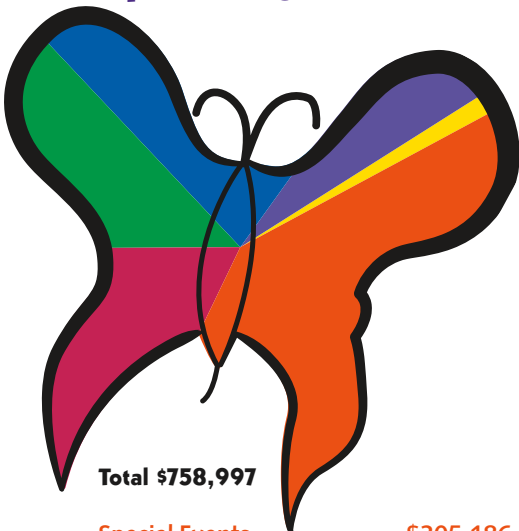
Elsberry = 12

Union = 19

Total = 781



2013 Operating Income



Total \$758,997

Special Events	\$305,186	40%
Individual Donations	\$138,565	18%
Foundations (Private/Corp)	\$94,820	13%
Investments & Misc	\$168,676	22%
Scottish Rite Foundation	\$41,688	6%
Reserves	\$10,062	1%

2013 Operating Expense



Total \$758,997*
(*less \$402,225 pledged
Scholarship Program expense)

Program	\$533,58	70%
Administration	\$60,528	8%
Fundraising	\$164,888	22%



Maryville University Transition

Maryville University broke ground for the Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall, the new home for Maryville's School of Health Professions and the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic on September 28, 2013. The Clinic is projected to transition to Maryville University in early 2015.

In 2010, Earl and Myrtle Walker made a gift to Maryville University to help underwrite a new Health Professions building. Walker Hall will include facilities for the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, along with classrooms, meeting spaces, laboratories, and offices to encompass the entire School of Health Professions at Maryville University.

Clinic Special Events & Clubs

Pull For Kids Trapshoot

In April, over 50 Participants came to the Gateway Gun Club for a morning event that raised over \$10,000.

Silver Anniversary Kidtalk Celebration

The 25th Anniversary KidTalk Celebration dinner auction in November had more than 200 guests at the Purser Center at Logan College of Chiropractic and generated over \$173,000.

52 Club Luncheon

In April, over 70 52 Club Members and guests enjoyed a meal and program given by a Clinic graduate and child currently in therapy.

Golf Outing

In June, 132 golfers were present at Tapawingo Golf Club for the Earl E. Walker Memorial Golf Outing raising over \$85,000.

Volunteer Support

In 2013, over 200 adult and youth volunteers donated 3,000+ hours of their personal time to support the mission of the Clinic. Thank you!

Trivia Night

Over 400 trivia enthusiasts attended '80's Trivia Night and helped raise over \$20,000.

25th Anniversary Celebration

The 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 3 was filled with excitement and laughter. Friends and families gathered and enjoyed games, crafts, Shriners clowns and face painting. The bounce slide, the Fire & Ice Cream truck and the Bubble Bus were a BIG hit for the youngsters and the young at heart. Many thanks to the Earl E. Walker & Myrtle E. Walker Foundation for underwriting all of the fun!



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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.

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