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Chit Chat

newsletter

Santa Barbara Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders



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Scottish Rite Center Welcomes New Speech Therapist!

The Santa Barbara Scottish Rite Language Center is excited to announce and welcome an additional and new full time Speech & Language Pathologist, Dee Anne Barker!

Dee Anne brings to the center nearly 25 years of experience as an SLP. She has worked both in the public school system as well as in private practice. She is excited to once again work at the Scottish Rite Language Center after 9 years in private practice and says that working in the center feels like "home."

She also worked in a Scottish Rite Language Center in Northern California at the University of the Pacific in the early 90's where she supervised both undergraduate and graduate students who were obtaining their Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

She is well-known both in the education and the Santa Barbara communities for her expertise in many areas including phonology, apraxia, preschool language and social-cognitive communication.

Because Dee Anne will be working full time at the Center, our

waiting list for therapy will hopefully be minimal! Between Julie and Dee Anne, nearly 45 children will be receiving speech and language therapy each week.

Both Julie and Dee Anne are very excited that they are able to meet the needs of so many young children in the area. And, both therapists are thrilled to work together to develop new programs and fundraisers for the center.

So please call the center to put your child on our waiting list.

CENTER DAYS & HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 4:30

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SUPPORT OUR CENTER!

The Language Center would not be able to survive without private donations of our wonderful supporters. Please support the language center and help us continue to provide this valuable service to children in Santa Barbara! Look for our booth at Fiesta, Avocado Festival, and Lemon Festival! You can also donate new or gently used toys, books, board games or educational materials to the language center. Our wish list includes a Mac desktop.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS!



2nd ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP!

2011 will be the second year of Camp Chit Chat. Last year, 48 children attended camp for 10 weeks. This year we hope to see even more children.

Dee Anne and Julie are also coming up with new ideas for the camp, such as a social skills group for children on the Autism Spectrum.

The camp will be over the summer months. It is a fantastic way for children to keep up with their speech and language skills over the summer. Typically, children do not receive therapy over the summer from the school system so this is a great way to keep things going.

Parents can call at anytime to put their child's name on the camp list. More details will be coming soon!

Please also support the camp by making a donation or buying a shirt!

Camp Chit Chat is a speech and language summer camp for preschool children.

65
Children
received
therapy in
2010!

AT FIRST GLANCE - JOHN DIAZ

One of the first people you might meet when coming into the Language Center is John Diaz. John has worked at the Language Center for 7 years and wears many hats to help the therapists keep everything running smooth. Besides the ideas and support he brings to the center, he writes successful grants and proposals that continue to help fund many aspects of the center. Without his expertise in this area, the Language Center would miss out on important community grants that keep it running. John is also bilingual in Spanish and has often helped translate for our clients both in the clinic and on the phone. So, a big THANK YOU to John for all of his hard work and dedication to the center!



MY PRETTY Clothing Gives Back!

Denice Dir is a parent of a language center student and a local fashion designer. She is launching her children's clothing line, My Pretty, on February 14, 2011. Denice is a wonderful supporter of the language center and Camp Chit Chat and has graciously chosen the Language Center as her way of giving back to our community. A portion of the proceeds from her My Pretty line will be donated to our summer camp as a way of helping other children in Santa Barbara receive their summer services.

My Pretty is a collection for girls, age 2 – 12, inspired by kids and designed for the flexibility parents need, with an aesthetic they can appreciate; clothes with practicality in mind and imagination at heart. Based in Santa Barbara, My Pretty embraces the Southern California lifestyle of the community we all build with family and friends. These are the clothes for kids to wear while we're all making memories. Whether at the beach, listening to great local music or creating a magical story in the backyard, My Pretty offers the

creativity and comfort your family deserves.

The cornerstone of the clothing line is the "Creatures" collection. Available in a variety of prints, these faux-fur jackets go a step beyond with detachable hoods featuring various animal ears, silk-cotton lining and special details like hand-sourced buttons and exclusive trims. Like everything from My Pretty, production is local and fabrics are always manufactured without harmful processes and organic whenever possible. This benefits the environment, the little ones who wear My Pretty and the workers involved in all levels of production. The Spring/Summer lines will also offer t-shirts, knickers, dresses, bloomers and bathing suit cover-ups.

You can find My Pretty at Amelia Jane in Carpinteria, or ask for it at your favorite children's boutique.

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WHO DO WE HELP?

At the language center, we help children ages 3-6. Some children might be working on *articulation*, for example, a child might say, "tat" for "cat". Some children have *language* goals. We might be targeting skills such as sequencing a story, understanding and answering questions, language processing or following multi-step directions. Some children might also need work on early literacy skills, such as rhyming or identifying initial sounds. We use a variety of techniques such as computer programs as well as hands on activities to help children meet their speech and language goals. Most of all, we aim to empower children's communication!

Did you know?....

Roughly 5% of first grade children have noticeable speech disorders with the majority of them having no known cause

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About our Organization

The Santa Barbara Language Center is a non-profit center that provides evaluations, referrals, parent education, and individual speech therapy for preschool-aged children. The Language Center has operated in Santa Barbara since 1984. The

Center is philanthropy of the Scottish Rite, a concordant body of Freemasons. Therefore, all services are a gift to the community. There are Rite Care Centers and special programs for children throughout the United States.

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