

RiteCare of Washington News

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The chill is the air and I know you are all thinking about going to warmer climates. This is the perfect time for you to try our new travel website,

www.ritecareofwashingtontravel.com

I can see that some of you have already book some travel with us and I look forward to hearing about your adventures. So go on and **turn your travel into donation** for RiteCare of Washington.

I was sorting through a large pile of papers on my desk, getting ready to prepare our RiteCare of Washington budget for 2009 and I came across two letters to our speech therapists from grateful parents and I thought I would share them with you. Kim and John have twins and both boys were a part of our RiteCare Seattle program.

Dear Miss Barb,

We would like to thank you with this little garden turtle. Like a turtle, you have shown such persistence and determination in getting Angus to communicate. Without your unending patience and grace I don't know how we would have made the progress we have. Angus learned so much more than we ever would have hoped because of you. Now as we get ready for kindergarten, I know it would not have happened if not for you and the generosity of the Scottish Rite masons and RiteCare of Washington. Please know each time you see this little turtle in your garden, you are loved by a little boy and his family for giving him the power to use his words.

Dear Jackie,

When you met Colin almost three years ago you saw he needed a lot of patience and nurturing to get him ready for kindergarten. You kept plodding along, working hard and never giving up on Colin even when progress was slow. Now as I look back at how much Colin has achieved because of you we are so thankful we have found you. We can never thank you enough for everything you have given our family.

We will miss you. Many Thanks, Kim and John Gillespie



On a side note, Kim was so moved by the care and love of Barb and Jackie that she has enrolled in the speech therapy assistant program at Shoreline Community College. Now that her boys are in kindergarten she is volunteering at the RiteCare Seattle program.

I was fortunate enough to share the RiteCare of Washington story at the Scottish Rite Scholarship dinner. What an inspiring experience to be around young people who are so dedicated to learning and pursuing meaningful careers that will make such an impact on this world because of the Scottish Rite scholarship program. You are all, my hero's.

I am looking forward to my visit to Walla Walla, where I will be speaking for their Feast of Tishiri. I will tell you all about it next month.

Warm Regards,

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