

Want to get involved with the department?

- We are forming an alumni email list! Contact twenzl@unm.edu if you'd like to join.
- We are also forming an alumni group—see story on reverse for details.
- Consider donating to the UNM SHS Client Scholarship fund. Details below.

How to donate:

Client Scholarship Fund
The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to Speech-Language-Hearing Center clients who demonstrate financial need. The Center is the first year practicum placement for all graduate students.

To donate:

To make a tax-deductible credit card gift, visit www.unmfund.org/online-giving, choose "Arts & Sciences, College of" as the primary college and enter "UNM SHS Client Scholarship Fund" in the secondary program field, and submit the completed form. To give by check, make it payable to UNM Foundation, write "UNM SHS Client Scholarship Fund" on the memo line and mail to: UNM Foundation, 700 Lomas NE, Ste 108, Albuquerque, NM 87102. You will receive a heartfelt thank-you and a receipt of your gift.

Hello, alumni!

We hope you enjoy the first issue of the SHS Alumni Newsletter. In future issues, we'd like to feature updates on alumni and the work of our active and distinguished faculty, as well as informing alumni of upcoming conferences and continuing education opportunities.

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Comunidad Crecer Mexico City Program dates for 2012 set

The Comunidad Crecer program has been an international initiative offered through UNM Speech and Hearing Sciences for the past 21 years. The program is an interdisciplinary effort between the UNM Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences (SHS), the UNM Health Sciences (UNMH) Occupational Therapy program, and the UNMH Physical Therapy program.

The SHS Department continues to fund 5 graduate students and 2 clinical supervisors to provide clinic services to students with severe disabilities at the Comunidad Crecer private school in Mexico City. The SHS department also funds airfare for an adaptive equipment technologist, Ruben Castillo, to assist in adapting wheelchairs and work surfaces for the CC students. The participants spend 10 days in Mex-



UNM students and staff with school employees and students



UNM students assist Comunidad Crecer staff and students while gaining valuable multicultural and AAC experience

ico City where they obtain invaluable experience in working with professionals and families from the Mexican culture, improve their Spanish language skills, and extend their knowledge base to individuals who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems. The Comunidad Crecer staff and parents benefit from state-of-the-art practices and training in facilitating oral speech and language, in AAC systems, and in proper management of motor skills in orthopedic involved individuals.

The next the Mexico City trip is scheduled from May 20th through May 29th, 2012. Re-

cently, SHS was awarded funding for the first time through UNM International Programs, which will allow us to continue the program, including funding half of student airfare, as well as expanding the program to fund a behavioral specialist for the first time in 2012. Even with this very welcome university support, we would welcome donations from individuals and organizations to provide additional support for student airfare and other costs.

For questions regarding the program or funding, please contact Sandy Nettleton, Clinic Director, at sandynet@unm.edu or (505) 277-0822.



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UNM Speech and Hearing Sciences Alumni Group forming



Email Sandra Nettleton at sandynet@unm.edu to get involved with the new alumni group.

Would you like to stay connected with fellow graduates? Are you interested in staying current on topics and practices within the field of Speech Pathology? If you answered “yes!” to either or both of these questions, then please consider joining the UNM Speech and Hearing Sciences Alumni Group!

The SHS faculty have enthusiastically endorsed this project to begin the alumni group with a potential start date in January, 2012. It was suggested that the group meet one evening a month from 4:30-6:30 at the UNM SHS Department. The content for each meeting may include social time, a presenter on a topic of interest to alumni, and discussion and questions. ASHA and state Continuing Education Units can be offered through the SHS Department. Refreshments will be served, along with dinner at a restaurant following the meeting (for those who can attend).

If you are interested in participating in the monthly alumni group, please email Sandy Nettleton, Clinic Director, at sandynet@unm.edu preferably by January 15, 2012. If you would, please email Sandy your responses to the following questions:

1. Are you interested in participating in the UNM Alumni group now, or would you like to be contacted later, once the group is active?
2. What evenings work best for you to meet? We are considering weeknights (Monday through Thursday.)
3. What content and/or format interest you?
 - Presenter on topics chosen by the group
 - Case studies and discussion
 - Time for socializing- chat and fun!
 - Other (please let us know what you'd enjoy!)

We welcome your input and suggestions, and hope that you can be a part of the UNM SHS alumni group!