

▲ Communication

When speaking or writing intelligibly becomes a problem caused by a progressive neuromuscular disease, mental retardation or other disabling condition, individuals may benefit from the aids and techniques available through the **Center for Augmentative Communication**. Here speech pathologists work with individuals, their families, teachers and other therapists to evaluate communication problems and to develop solutions ranging from signalling "yes" or "no" to using computers and other sophisticated electronic devices at home, in the classroom or the work place.

▲ Genetics

Information about inheritable conditions and reproductive risks is important to families with a history of known or suspected physical or mental conditions or disorders including birth defects, metabolic errors, heart disease, cancer, diabetes or renal disease. For these families and their physicians, the **Center for Human Genetics** provides medical evaluation, diagnosis, laboratory testing and genetic counseling.

▲ Habilitation

Custom designed equipment enables function, positioning and comfort for an individual with muscular dystrophy, head injury, limb deficiency or other disabling condition to sit, stand or walk. At the Habilitation Technology Center, a specialized team offers custom seating, adaptive equipment, braces (orthotics) and artificial limbs (prosthetics) constructed in a fully equipped workshop. Devices are fabricated from lightweight, state-of-the-art materials and custom-fitted for each individual.

When walking or coordination of movement becomes a problem, individuals may also be assessed in the **Motion Analysis Laboratory**. The laboratory, equipped in part by the Variety Club of Nebraska Tent #16, enables therapists and physicians to identify movement problems and develop treatment strategies.

▲ Recreation

Fun and friendship are fundamental for children and young adults everywhere. At the Hattie B. Munroe Pavilion, young people with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Down syndrome and other inherited or acquired conditions are no different. They thrive on activities designed just for them. Sports and games, arts and crafts, music, cooking, field trips and special events are all part of the many activities organized through the **Munroe Recreation Program**. Activities are offered after school, Saturday mornings and all day during the summer. Participants, who range in age from 3 to 21, are assisted on a one-to-one basis by experienced program staff and trained volunteers.



Our mission

... to develop and support, through financial and other contributions, programs which provide diagnosis, treatment, research, recreation, training and support services for children and youth with chronic disabilities and to provide education and support for their families.

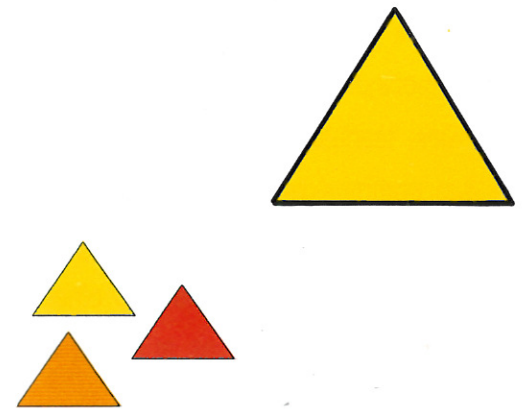


The tradition continues. When, in 1922, retired Union Pacific executive John A. Munroe established a children's home for orthopedic and convalescent care in memory of his wife Hattie Baker Munroe, he began a tradition of caring that continues to meet the changing needs of youngsters and their families. Through the efforts of this non-profit, charitable organization, programs are available for children and young adults with developmental disabilities and their families in:

- Recreation
- Augmentative communication
- Habilitation technology
- Genetics laboratories and counseling
- Pediatric research

For more information about Munroe programs and opportunities for volunteering or making gifts which are fully deductible for tax purposes, contact:

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