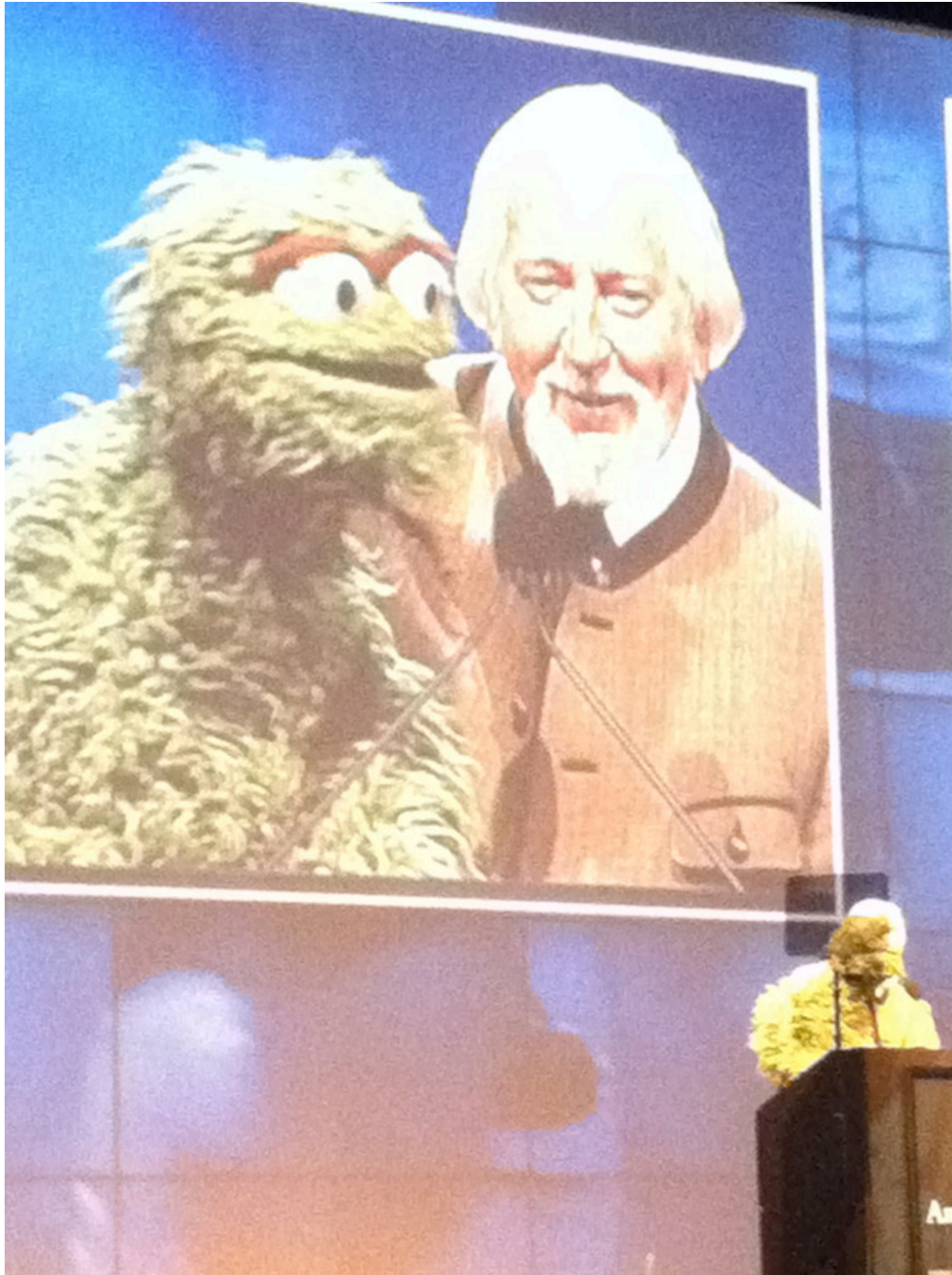


# Tribute to Big Bird and 6 year olds



We were thrilled to hear Carroll Spinney, a.k.a. Bird Bird and Oscar the Grouch, address the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference back in 2011 (Dr. Lai's iPhone 3 or 4 captured this "high" quality photo).

Caroll Spinney, the late puppeteer who was both Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch on *Sesame Street*, had the idea back in 1969 to make Big Bird a forever 6 year old. We were sad to hear of his passing today, but glad that Big Bird's portrayal of 6 year olds lives on. Please [read our post](#) to learn more about 6 year olds.

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