

LASE

2012-2013

Annual Report

Our Common Bond

Dear Friends of LASE:

The past year was a defining moment in LASE's history. We dug deep to explore who we are, what we do, where we are going, and why it all matters.

LASE is much more than a special education service provider or a program. LASE is a cause that includes everyone with a heart for reaching, inspiring, and strengthening the potential and purpose of every child of the King. We are linked by a common bond: parents who strive to help their child flourish, Lutheran educators who dedicate their existence to teach all children, a supportive team of special education experts driven by their shared passion for educating the potential in every child of God, and volunteers and donors with their unique stories of why they engage in this compelling mission. Our new logo, revealed this year, reflects the community of LASE connected together in pursuit of Christian education for children with special needs.

Thanks for being an integral part of this association and for embracing our children.

In Christ,

Lori O. Christiansen

Lori Christiansen
Executive Director

Joe Bordeaux

Dr. Joe Bordeaux
LASE Board Chair



Children's Lives Touched by LASE in 2012-2013

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 7 | Learning Connection Tutoring Services |
| 33 | Early Childhood Developmental Screenings |
| 46 | Speech and Language Therapy |
| 126 | Observations, monitoring, and consultation |
| 149 | Resource Services |
| 186 | Educational Resource Consultant Services |
| 454 | Speech and Language screening and/or testing |
| 1001 | Total lives touched by LASE |

"My son is a very intelligent young man who has Asperger's Syndrome and is misunderstood by most people. It's hard to find words to express what an impact LASE and the school have made on one boy's life. Thank you." - LASE Parent



LASE MISSION STATEMENT

Lutheran Association for Special Education will assist and support schools to address the cognitive, social and spiritual development of children with special needs, so they may fully enjoy their God-given potential.

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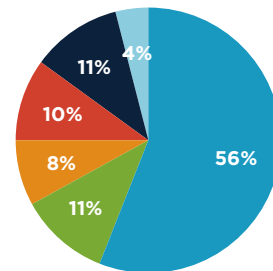


LASE Revenue and Expenses

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2012 TO JULY 31, 2013

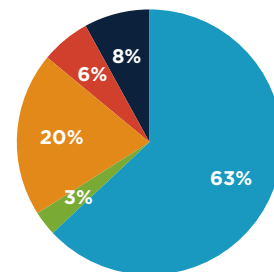
Revenue

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Contract and School Tuition | \$586,884 | 56% |
| Fundraising | 111,366 | 11% |
| School Health Services | 85,171 | 8% |
| Donations | 100,250 | 10% |
| Grants | 120,315 | 11% |
| Interest and Dividends | 44,934 | 4% |
| Total Revenue | \$1,048,920 | 100% |



Expenses

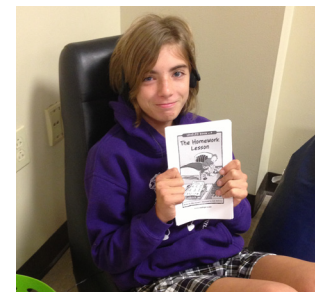
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| Educational | \$666,638 | 63% |
| Tuition Assistance | 25,835 | 3% |
| Management and General | 209,450 | 20% |
| Fundraising and Development | 58,868 | 6% |
| School Health Services | 89,553 | 8% |
| Total Expenses | \$1,050,344 | 100% |



Total Operating Gain (Loss) \$(1,424)

Net Gain (Loss) on Investments \$248,210

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets \$246,786



A Heart for Kids

One of the reasons LASE works is because of the dedicated, competent team of special education experts that make each day count for kids with special needs. Here's why our teachers are committed to our mission:

the best of their ability."

"After more than twenty-five years of working for LASE, I am still motivated to come to work each day. Teaching for LASE allows me to use the gifts and talents God has given me to help His children with special needs. It is a joy to help each child learn and succeed to

"I get out of bed in the morning and go to school because I want as many little children as possible to hear the Good News about Jesus every day. I know in my head that we can't reach everyone, but I know in my heart that we have to reach as many as we can."

"I want to help 'my kids' to be the best that they can be so that their days will be fulfilled and that in return they can reach out to others and make their dreams attainable."

PARTNER SCHOOLS 2012-2013

SPECIAL EDUCATION

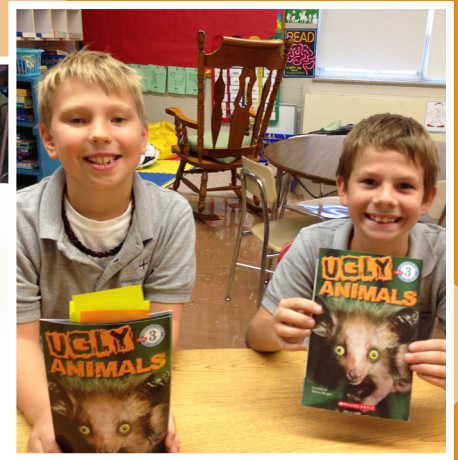
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 Immanuel, St. Charles

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Our Savior, Fenton
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St. Paul's, Des Peres
Zion, St. Charles

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"I plan to use the education LASE has given me to go to college for a degree in psychology so I can help other people. If it weren't for LASE I doubt that dream could ever become a reality. Thank you for guiding me this far." - LASE Student

