

LASE

2014-2015

Annual Report

“I thank my God every time I remember you.”
Philippians 1:3

Dear Friends of LASE:

Over the years, thousands of children’s lives have been impacted by the ministry of Lutheran Association for Special Education. The children have learned when learning was not easy. They have developed productive lives. They have learned to learn on their own. Most importantly, they have come to know Jesus as their loving savior. The fine faculty and staff of LASE are the main reasons for its success. Their hard work and their love for the children in their care provide an environment where the children can grow in their understanding of the world as well as understanding the Gospel.

The success of LASE is also due to many others who work behind the scenes volunteering at the office and at our events to support the teachers and staff. Funds raised at our events provide the teachers with the resources and support needed to reach each child. The generosity of the many individuals who give regularly to LASE is also a critical source of support to the teachers and children.

Despite the challenges of the last several months, LASE has continued to thrive and even expand its ministry among the Lutheran Schools of the St. Louis area. Special thanks goes out to Chris Tomlinson, our Acting Director, and to Board Members who have stepped up to take on additional tasks to keep LASE strong.

Thanks for believing in LASE and for caring for our children.

In Christ,



Dr. Joe Bordeaux, *LASE Board Chair*



CHILDREN’S LIVES TOUCHED BY LASE IN 2014-15

7	Learning Connection Tutoring
35	English Speakers of Other Languages
57	Speech and Language Therapy
185	Observations, Monitoring, and Consultation
153	Resource Services
145	Educational Resource Consultant Services
298	Speech and Language Screening and/or Testing

880 Total Lives touched by LASE

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION

\$6,880	Elementary Scholarships
\$48,900	High School Scholarships for LASE Learning Center (Luth. High St. Charles)

\$55,780 Total Scholarships Awarded 2014-15

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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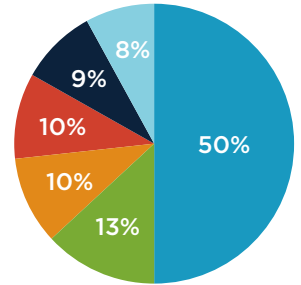
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LASE Revenue and Expenses

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2014 TO JULY 31, 2015

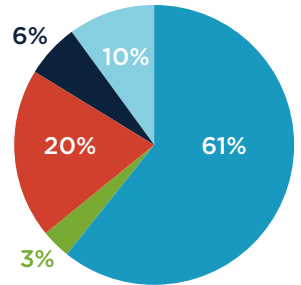
Revenue

Contract and School Tuition	548,198	50%
Fundraising	139,906	13%
School Health Services	107,264	10%
Donations	113,498	10%
Grants	96,846	9%
Interest and Dividends	89,086	8%
Total Revenue	\$1,094,798	100%



Expenses

Educational	\$650,856	61%
Tuition Assistance	34,467	3%
Management and General	220,243	20%
Fundraising and Development	66,995	6%
Health Services	102,378	10%
Total Expenses	\$1,074,939	100%



Total Operating Gain (Loss) \$19,859

Net Gain (Loss) on Investments \$56,640

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets \$76,499



"One of the most meaningful notes a parent wrote to me included thanks for helping her daughter learn that she can do the work herself and teaching her how and when to ask for help."

"School is like gym for your brain."



"I have had many parents this year especially appreciate that there is not a "one size fits all" attitude with LASE or our school. They very much appreciate that we can make a plan that fits each child."

The LASE Difference

The defining factor of the uniqueness of the LASE ministry is the collaboration of the LASE team of experts with principals, teachers, parents and students in the faith based education setting. Alicia Klug, Principal of Word of Life Lutheran School states, "LASE is a highly influential and prevalent part of our school. The LASE staff exhibits genuine care and concern for all of our students. It is apparent that they have serving hearts as they help our students to grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. We thank God for the blessing that LASE is to Word of Life Lutheran School!"

PARTNER SCHOOLS 2014-2015

SPECIAL EDUCATION

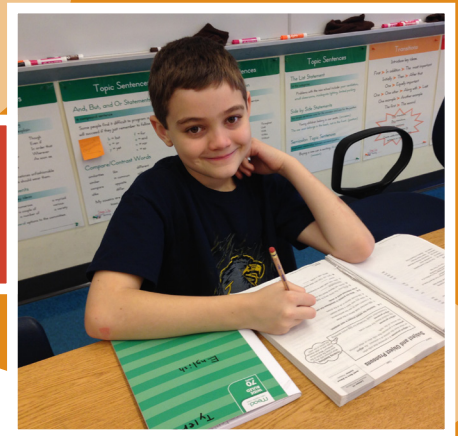
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 Child of God
 Green Park
 Immanuel, Olivette
 Immanuel, St. Charles

Immanuel, Wentzville
 Lutheran High, St. Charles
 Messiah, Weldon Spring
 Our Savior, Fenton
 St. Mark's, Eureka

Salem, Affton
 Salem, Black Jack
 Word of Life
 Zion, St. Charles



"A mother told me her son never wanted to pick up a book to read unless he had to do it. When she first saw him pick up a book to read on his own, she had tears in her eyes. She had always loved to read and wanted to share that with her son."



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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN!
EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THIS LIST.**

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Green Park (Associate)
Immanuel, Olivette

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

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