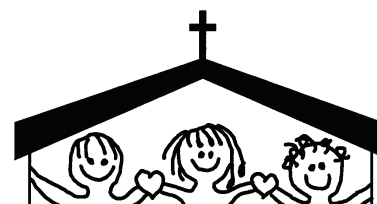


# Lutheran Association for Special Education 2011-2012 Annual Report



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Dear Christian Friends,

Lutheran Association for Special Education (LASE) is more than just a special education service provider. We champion the cause of children who learn differently, knowing that they have much potential to live out their lives as ambassadors for Jesus. We teach the mind but connect it with our faith in Jesus for a holistic approach to nurturing children. We are not an island in our mission. Ours is a unique partnership between schools, teachers, parents, volunteers and donors who are all committed to do what's best for the kids we serve. We walk side by side with parents who are disheartened about their child's progress and collaborate with teachers who cultivate kids in their classrooms. Our partnership with parents, schools, and teachers has a deep impact on the quality of services that Lutheran schools provide.

The 2011-2012 school year has many noteworthy accomplishments. The faculty sponsored an "Ability Awareness" day at Lutheran High St. Charles with guest speakers on several disabilities. Our goal was to promote education and instill compassion for those with differing abilities. LASE once again received accreditation from the Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association for meeting standards and school improvement goals. The faculty grew professionally by spending the year studying research based intervention strategies as well as mental health issues in children. They are dedicated, competent professionals who see potential in each and every child. LASE was able to award over \$40,000 in scholarships for special education tuition to help our kids get the help they need. The School Health Services nurses provided health and wellness activities in schools for a healthy learning environment. God has once again been bountiful in His blessings. We count you as a blessing for your continued support for our children. Thanks.

Lori B. Christiansen, Ed.S., Executive Director



Lori Christiansen and  
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## From the LASE Board Chair

Dear Friends of LASE,

The Board Members and Staff of Lutheran Association for Special Education (LASE) have been working hard this year to continue the excellent ministry that is provided through this important organization. Under the leadership of our retired chairman Don Hugo and our Executive Director Lori Christiansen the members of these groups have spent many hours recognizing areas where LASE can continue to provide its excellent services by carefully examining the present strong program. We are working toward an understanding as to how LASE can serve more individuals through new opportunities and partnerships. We have also examined the financial health and the marketing of the organization to continue to work to make what has been a great ministry, even better. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work this year. A special thanks is extended to Don Hugo for his strong leadership as Chairman of the Board. We are happy that he will continue as a member of the Board. Thanks to all of the Board members for the extra time they have spent in Board meetings as well as in special committee meetings. The faculty and staff have also worked extra to help plan for a strong future. They provide a very fine leadership for LASE.

Thank you for your interest in LASE and your ongoing support of the ministry to all of our children. We welcome your participation in this exciting ministry to children and families. Please take time to review the annual report to better understand how God is blessing others through LASE. We look forward to your continued support and your prayers. It is through your assistance that we grow in our ministry.

Dr. Joe Bordeaux, Chairman, Board of Directors

# LASE 2011-2012 Annual Report

## Revenue and Expenses Fiscal Year August 1, 2011-July 31, 2012

### Revenue

Contract & School Tuition	\$504,000	54%
Fundraising	188,000	20%
School Health Services	90,000	9%
Donations	68,000	7%
Grants	88,000	9%
Interest and Dividends	3,000	1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$941,000</b>	

### Expenses

Educational	\$527,000	57%
Tuition Assistance	31,000	3%
Management and General	216,000	23%
Fundraising & Development	52,000	6%
Health Services	97,000	11%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$923,000</b>	
<b>Total Operating Gain</b>	<b>\$ 18,000</b>	

## How LASE is Making a Difference: *“Bringing Hope and Help, to One Child at a Time”*

<b>Lutheran Schools Served by LASE:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Students Served through Educational Consultant Services:</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Additional Preschools Served:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Other Consultations and Tutoring:</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Students Served by Resource Services:</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>Early Childhood Screenings:</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Students Served by Speech &amp; Language Therapy Services:</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>English Language Learners</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Speech Language Screen/Test:</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>Total Students Served:</b>	<b>781</b>
		<b>Schools Served by School Health Services (School Nurses)</b>	<b>8</b>

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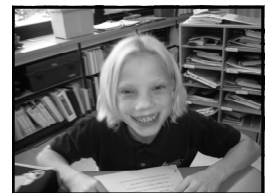
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