

LASE 2013-2014 Annual Report

Potential into Reality

Dear Friends of LASE:

Since its founding in 1956, Lutheran Association for Special Education (LASE) has nurtured the hearts and minds of thousands of children with special needs. Lutheran schools are still instrumental in unfolding the potential of every child, including those with mild learning challenges. Hope is unbridled for families who want their children to grow through a Biblically based education.

This past year LASE has focused on collaborating with our partner schools to ensure that all children learn and flourish. LASE began the 2013-14 school year with the LASE Insights Series Workshops which helped over 100 Lutheran school teachers work with children with learning challenges. LASE also launched a monthly e-news letter this year for Lutheran teachers with helpful tips and tactics for working with special needs children. By partnering with dedicated educators from Lutheran schools, LASE leads the way in inspiring the God given potential of every child into reality. Thanks for believing in our children and for your constant support!

In Christ,

Lori B. Christiansen

Lori Christiansen, Ed. S.
Executive Director

Joe Bordeaux

Dr. Joe Bordeaux
LASE Board Chair



Children's Lives Touched by LASE in 2013-14

5	Learning Connection Tutoring Services
36	English Speakers of Other Languages
52	Speech and Language Therapy
180	Observations, Monitoring, and Consultation
158	Resource Services
148	Educational Resource Consultant Services
321	Speech and Language Screening and/or Testing
900	Total Lives touched by LASE

Scholarships for Special Education Tuition

\$6,390	Elementary Scholarships
\$62,600	High School Scholarships for LASE Learning Center (Luth. High St. Charles)
\$68,990	Total Scholarships Awarded 2013-14

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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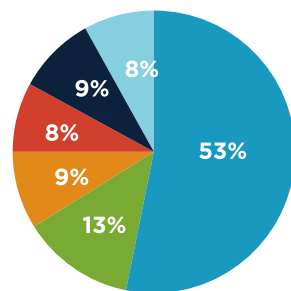
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LASE Revenue and Expenses

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2013 TO JULY 31, 2014

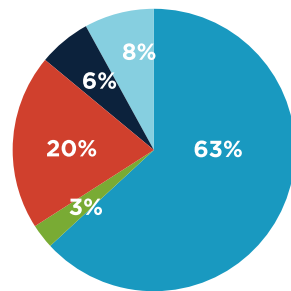
Revenue

Contract and School Tuition	\$584,714	53%
Fundraising	137,972	13%
School Health Services	94,759	9%
Donations	91,703	8%
Grants	94,314	9%
Interest and Dividends	88,594	8%
Total Revenue	\$1,092,056	100%



Expenses

Educational	\$688,119	63%
Tuition Assistance	37,181	3%
Management and General	219,587	20%
Fundraising and Development	62,552	6%
Health Services	89,958	8%
Total Expenses	\$1,097,397	100%



Total Operating Gain (Loss) \$(5,341)

Net Gain (Loss) on Investments \$136,401

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets \$131,060



Our Promise to You

Our LASE Promise is that we will partner with parents, educators, and schools by providing solution-focused expertise and encouragement that transforms their desire to inspire the God give potential of every child into reality.

Our teachers tell how they deliver on this promise daily:

“As an educator for LASE, I try everyday to make a difference in the lives of students, teachers and parents. It may be to give encouragement to a parent who had lost hope. It may be to play a game with a child to show them that yes indeed they can learn all the states and capitols.

It may be to demonstrate for a teacher an alternate way of teaching. Whatever it is, I try to inspire each child’s God given potential every day!”

“I deliver on the promise first by thinking of myself as a partner. I am not in charge, although I may at times sit in the driver’s seat. Nor am I an observer, although sometimes I need to observe to know what needs to be done. A partner is open to the ideas of others and flexible enough to make changes to find what works. A partner is supportive of the rest of her team. As a partner I seek out solutions where everyone wins.”

PARTNER SCHOOLS 2013-2014

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Atonement
 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

"Our son used to come home from school and cry every night. Because of the special help he now gets through LASE, our son is smiling again. Thanks for making a positive change in our family's life." - LASE Parent



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Abiding Savior
Christ Community
Grace Chapel
Green Park (Associate)
Immanuel, Olivette

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

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- LASE Principal