

# Annual Report



Dear Friends,

The theme for the 2018–19 school year was “Be the Light” taken from Matthew 5:14–16, “*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*”

These passages symbolize what we strive to do every day—to ‘Be the Light’ in the eyes of every child we serve. We do this by embracing the changing needs in our schools, developing solutions for educators, facilitating training and professional development for teachers, providing resources to parents, individualizing instruction for students and building collaborative partnerships and programs that impact our community.

Thanks to the generosity of the Kaufmann Foundation, 2018–19 was marked by the opportunity to step back and evaluate our ministry. Based on valuable feedback from you—our donors, volunteers, educators, parents, faculty & staff, we have refreshed our brand, developed new core beliefs (see our beliefs, pg. 5), and created a new mission statement that encompasses who we are as an educational entity within the Lutheran community. The results of this process were instrumental in showcasing our successes

(and there were many), while highlighting our need for diversifying our funding sources so future generations will have access to specialized education. We have lots of work to do, *but God will provide*—He always does.

We continue to be in sound financial condition, but show a shortfall between our total expenses in excess of revenue. This is a result of increases in salaries, health care benefits, and our reluctance to pass off these expenses to schools and families. In order to continue to do this, new strategies are being implemented to increase funding from other sources (mainly fundraising) that will offset this deficit. We also continue to be blessed with income generated from endowment funds. These funds are restricted for student scholarships and other specific expenses. This along with gifts from our dedicated donors, provided *over \$105,000* in scholarships during the 18-19 school year.

Our program continues to be top-notch with compassionate and dedicated educators supporting students, general education teachers, parents, and administrators so every child receives the services they need to be successful. It’s now time to respond to existing and growing needs that require a generous community of supporters.

Thank you for “being the light” for the children of LASE. Your support provides opportunities to students so they can reach their God-given potential, in a safe, supportive Christian environment. Together, we create happy, successful students—no matter the disability!

In His Service,



**Jackie A. Smith**  
Executive Director

## We believe

**We believe** educational services should reflect the uniqueness of every child.

**We believe** we are called to reach and teach all children regardless of abilities.

**We believe** helping children with special learning needs is a vital part of a Christian education.

**We believe** in empowering educators, to teach all children, regardless of ability.

**We believe** obtaining services for students should be simple, stress-free and child-focused.

**We believe** in changing perceptions of special education and promoting communities of inclusion and acceptance.

**We believe** in nurturing and cultivating lasting relationships with each other, our families, our schools, and our community.

## LASE MISSION STATEMENT

LASE provides Christ-centered education to students with unique learning needs so they can grow academically, socially and spiritually.

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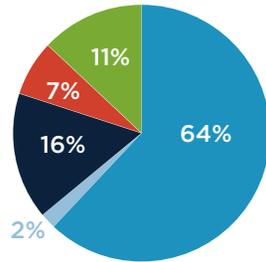
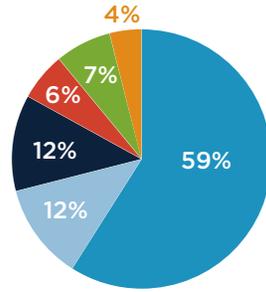
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“The LASE teachers truly see every child as a child of God and do everything within their power to empower their students and support them to feel loved, accepted, and smart!”

—LASE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION PARENT

## LASE Revenue and Expenses

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2018 TO JULY 31, 2019



### Revenue

Contract and School Tuition	\$762,157	59%
Fundraising	150,456	12%
School Health Services	151,312	12%
Donations	79,672	6%
Grants	96,689	7%
Interest and Dividends	56,559	4%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,296,845</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expenses

Educational	\$880,215	64%
Tuition Assistance	22,800	2%
Management and General	221,651	16%
Fundraising and Development	91,691	7%
Health Services	149,711	11%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,366,068</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Total Operating Gain (Loss)** \$ (69,223)

**Net Gain on Investments** \$ 43,935

**Increase/Decrease in Net Assets** \$ (25,288)

## CHILDREN'S LIVES YOU SUPPORTED IN 2018-19

- 283 Direct Resource Services
- 223 Indirect Resource Services (Consultations, Observations & Monitoring)
- 268 Educational Resource Consultant Services
- 391 Speech and Language Screening and/or Testing
- 52 Speech and Language Direct Services
- 35 Indirect Speech and Language Services (Consultations, Observations & Monitoring)

**1,252 Students Directly Impacted By Your Generosity**

## SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

- \$14,200 Elementary Scholarships
- \$8,600 High School Scholarships for The LASE Learning Center (Lutheran High St. Charles)
- \$82,525 Grant Support to Lutheran Schools

**\$105,325 Total Scholarships/Grants Awarded 2018-19**

LASE PARTNER SCHOOLS 2018-2019

SPECIAL EDUCATION  
 Atonement  
 Child of God  
 Grace Chapel  
 Green Park

Immanuel, Olivette  
 Immanuel, St. Charles  
 Immanuel, Wentzville  
 Lutheran High, St. Charles

Messiah Lutheran School—  
 Weldon Spring  
 Our Savior, Fenton  
 St. John's Arnold  
 St. Mark's, Eureka

Salem, Affton  
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 Word of Life  
 Zion, St. Charles



## LASE Donors, Sponsors and Event Supporters: Fiscal Year August 1, 2018–July 31, 2019

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Immanuel, Olivette  
St. John, Ellisville  
St. Paul's, Des Peres  
Zion, St. Charles

**OUR LASE PROMISE:** LASE partners with parents, educators, and schools by providing solution-focused expertise and encouragement that transforms their desire to inspire the God-given potential of every child into reality.

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