

Annual Report

Dear Friends,

The theme for the 2020-21 school year was: **Pivoting with Grace and Joy!** We started August 2020 by continuing to balance the convergence of special education programming while focusing on the health and wellbeing of our students and educators. With the pandemic, our educators became ‘frontline workers’ within their host schools. Some had to concurrently teach in person and virtually to ensure our students thrived during a difficult time for both students and their families. Speech and language screenings and therapy had to take a hiatus due to the intimate nature of this kind of therapy, but there were no lapses in LASE educational services. Even though quite challenging, the focus and commitment remained steadfast: teach to each child’s social/emotional needs, model grace and empathy and continue to pivot according to God’s plan for each student.



Special Education programming wasn’t the only thing that had to evolve and change. Our fundraising event, *Herald the Holidays*, transitioned to an interactive virtual event. The need was great as our learners faced challenges in a world of social distancing, virtual learning and a world of uncertainty; however, our donors and friends stepped up and we were able to reach our goal! The *LASE Golf Tournament* in June of 2021, which was held in person, was also successful. This is a true testament to the commitment and dedication of our amazing volunteers who want to make an impact for children who learn differently.

We continue to be in sound financial condition but, like previous years, show a shortfall between our total expenses in excess of revenues. As health insurance, salaries and other administrative expenses increase, we continue to develop new strategies to help narrow this gap to offset the operating deficit.

Additionally, the net increase in value of investments improved significantly by over \$500,000. LASE is blessed to receive a distribution of 5% of the value of our endowment funds to provide student/school scholarships and offset administrative costs.

You will also see that we were fortunate to have received a PPP loan which was 100% forgiven. This money was used to help pay salaries, benefits, and other operating expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Extra funds will be invested in building capacity for future growth and development, outreach and new staffing.

Thank you for your continued support to provide opportunities to students so they can reach their God-given potential in a safe, supportive Christian environment. Together, our students will continue to thrive and experience His grace according to His purpose.

BY THE NUMBERS 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

598 Children Directly Impacted by LASE Services

17 Lutheran schools that partner with LASE

\$110,437 in Scholarships/Grants Awarded

200 Lutheran School Educators attended the LASE Insight Series Workshop.

1 in 10 children have a learning disability.

10 out of 10 children are loved by God.

In His Service,



Jackie A. Smith
Executive Director

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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LASE Revenue and Expenses

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2020 TO JULY 31, 2021

REVENUE

Contract and School Tuition	\$774,802	67%
Fundraising Events	187,644	16%
Grants	83,873	7%
Donations	67,165	6%
Interest and Dividends	47,706	4%
Other	1,830	<1%
Total Revenue	\$1,163,020	



EXPENSES

Educational	\$864,749	70%
Management and General	194,038	16%
Development	122,379	10%
Tuition Assistance	43,770	4%
Total Expenses	\$1,224,936	



TOTAL OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)	\$(61,916)
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	509,715
INCREASE/DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$447,799

LASE Program Services Data

- 229 Direct Resource Services
- 78 Indirect Resource Services (Consultations, Observations & Monitoring)
- 273 Educational Resource Consultant Services
 - 0 Speech and Language Screening and/or Testing*
 - 3 Speech and Language Direct Services*
 - 9 Indirect Speech and Language Services (Consultations, Observations & Monitoring)
 - 6 English Language Learners
- 598 Students Directly Impacted By Your Generosity**

* Speech Language services were limited during 2020-21 due to COVID.

Scholarships/Grants for Special Education

\$29,490

Elementary Scholarships

\$21,440

High School Scholarships for The LASE Learning Center (Lutheran High St. Charles)

\$59,507

Grant Support to Lutheran Schools

\$110,437

Total Scholarships/Grants Awarded 2020-21

LASE PARTNER SCHOOLS

2020-2021

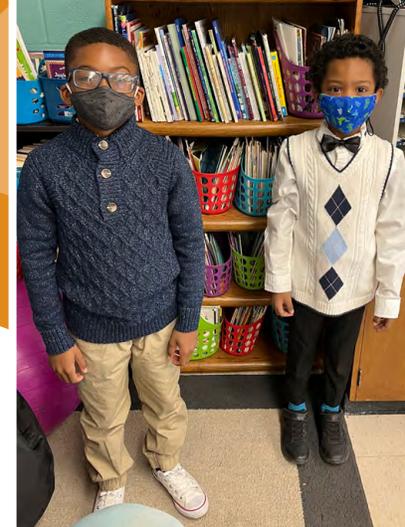
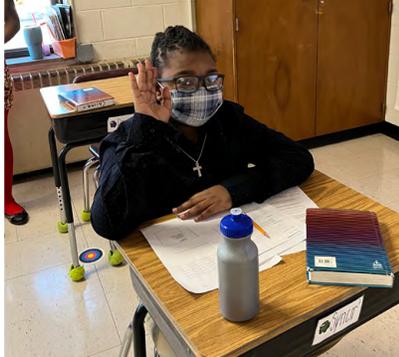
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Atonement
 CCLS Early
 Childhood Center
 Child of God

Grace Chapel
 Green Park
 Immanuel, Olivette
 Immanuel, St. Charles

LASE Donors, Sponsors and Event Supporters: Fiscal Year August 1, 2020–July 31, 2021

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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list.*



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Salem, Black Jack

Word of Life
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