

Annual Report

Dear Friends,

The theme for the **2021-22** school year was: Serving as One—“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.” Romans 12:4-6. This is wonderful scripture to remind us that we depend on the many gifts of our community to impact children with special learning needs. We depend on the generosity of many to support the work we do. Educators, administrators, parents, volunteers, donors and the Lutheran community in general come together to help our students thrive.

In 2021-2022, the LASE program focused on developing strategies to support pandemic related learning recovery. Not only were we supporting those students with special education needs, but also supporting educators and students within the general education setting. Most students experienced learning loss primarily in the areas of math and reading while others were significantly impacted in their social/emotional development. We continue to address these issues as things begin to improve and rebound.

In fundraising, our Herald the Holidays event celebrated 25 years of supporting God’s children and had to remain

an interactive virtual event.

We raised over \$40,000 to meet the ongoing needs of our educators and students. In the summer of 2022, the LASE Golf Tournament, which was conducted in person, exceeded their goal and raised over \$120,000! This is such a wonderful testament to the generous community of donors that help our students thrive!



As you will see from our financials, we remain in sound financial condition but, like 2020-21, we show a shortfall between our total expenses in excess of revenue. As health insurance, salaries and other administrative expenses increase, we continue to develop new strategies to help narrow this gap to offset the deficit. We continue to be blessed with income generated from endowment funds restricted for student & school scholarships. This provided over \$96,000 in student and school scholarships for the 2021-22 school year.

The 2022-23 financials will look different next year as you will see a significant investment in building capacity for future growth, programmatic excellence, development, and outreach. We are very excited to share this next chapter with you!

Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to help change the lives of children with special learning needs. Together, we will continue to ‘serve as one’ so students will thrive and reach their God-given potential.

In His Service,



Jackie A. Smith, M.A.
Executive Director

By the numbers

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:

1,115 Children Directly Impacted by LASE Services

18 Lutheran schools that partner with LASE

\$106,087 in Scholarships/Grants Awarded

180 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.

LASE LAUNCHES A NEW MISSION STATEMENT!

Based on our new strategic plan, LASE has created a new mission statement:

LASE builds life-changing success for students, schools and communities through Christ-centered innovative specialized education.

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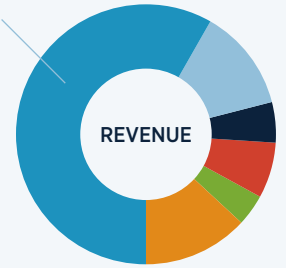


LASE Revenue and Expenses

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2021 TO JULY 31, 2022

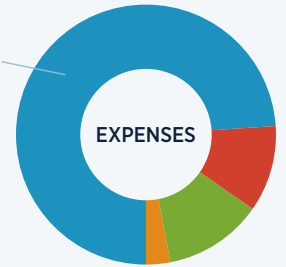
REVENUE

Contract and School Tuition	\$ 953,174	58%
Fundraising – Events	206,793	13%
Donations	82,594	5%
Grants	114,251	7%
Interest and Dividends	60,975	4%
Loan Forgiveness	215,080	13%
Other	325	0%
Total Revenue	\$1,633,192	



EXPENSES

Educational	\$1,065,298	74%
Management and General	157,208	11%
Development	171,949	12%
Tuition Assistance	42,640	3%
Total Expenses	\$1,437,095	



TOTAL OPERATING GAIN (LOSS) \$196,097

NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS \$(325,129)

INCREASE/DECREASE IN NET ASSETS \$(129,032)

LASE Program Services Data

- 226 Direct Resource Services
- 157 Indirect Resource Services (Consultations, Observations & Monitoring)
- 347 Educational Resource Consultant Services
- 281 Speech and Language Screening and/or Testing
- 79 Speech and Language Direct Services
- 25 Early Childhood Screenings

1,115 Students Directly Impacted By Your Generosity

Scholarships/Grants for Special Education

\$23,000

Elementary Scholarships

\$21,080

High School Scholarships

\$62,007

Grant Support to Lutheran Schools

\$106,087

Total Scholarships/Grants Awarded 2021–22

LASE PARTNER SCHOOLS
 2021-2022

Atonement
 CCLS Early Childhood Center
 Child of God
 Grace Chapel

Green Park
 Immanuel, Olivette
 Immanuel, St. Charles
 Immanuel, Wentzville

Lutheran High School North
 Lutheran High, St. Charles
 Messiah Lutheran School—
 Weldon Spring

LASE Donors, Sponsors and Event Supporters: Fiscal Year August 1, 2021–July 31, 2022

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