



ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2010– June 30, 2011



Working Together to Make a Difference for Children

Greetings in the name of our Lord! Annual reports typically mark the close of one year and the beginning of another. For LESA, we look back on a year of the Lord's blessings and forward to a new year of great promise. In 2010-2011, Lutheran school students received \$618,034 in scholarships. Through the bountiful support of our many donors, member schools, and foundations, LESA will be able to award one of the largest amounts to date to students in need for the upcoming school year. A matching grant approved by the Werner Fund at Lutheran Legacy Foundation will help ensure the availability of LESA's programs and services to member schools. We thank God for the opportunity to serve in His mission.

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LESA Schools Receive Awards, Recognition



Rev. Schult, Rev. Schlie, Dr. Guenzler, and Vicar Biesendorfer welcome Messiah students to school.

At LESA, we feel a tremendous sense of pride when our schools receive awards and recognition. But we take equal pride in the smaller, daily accomplishments of our students. During the 2010-2011 school year we celebrated many such moments in our schools.

This spring, four St. Louis City LESA students became published poets after competing in a city-wide poetry contest for seventh-graders. In St. Charles, eighth-grader Ben Nolte became the first student in Trinity-Orchard Farm's history to compete in the Missouri Geographic Bee. At the high school level, we saw four former LESA elementary school students receive National Merit Commendation and two more become National Merit Scholarship Finalists, one of the highest honors a student can receive.

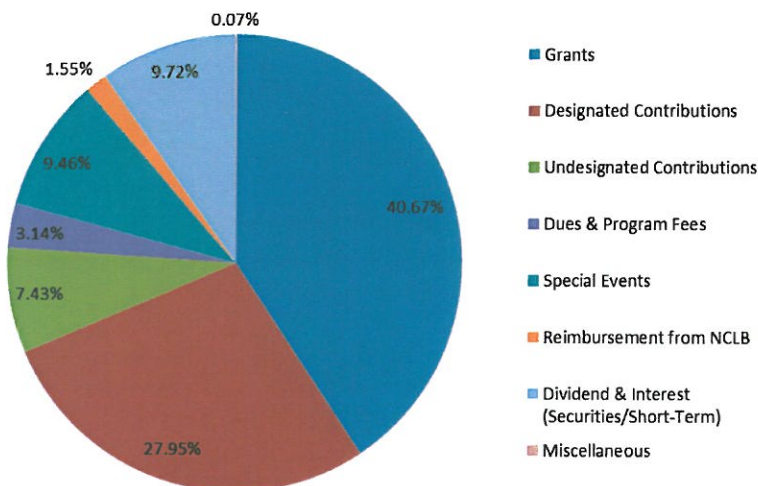
Our schools and educators also attracted recognition. Abiding Savior Principal Laura Montgomery became a Van Lunen fellow; Laurie Jones, Word of Life and Grant McSwain, Our Redeemer attended the Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teachers Institute; and St. John-Ellisville Early Childhood Director Rachel Bausch was named Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Administrator by the Lutheran Education Association (LEA). St. John received an "Exemplary School" award from National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA), and Christ Community became one of five national finalists for the first-ever 2010 United Nations NGO Positive Peace Awards. In addition, nine LESA schools increased enrollment, a reminder that despite difficult economic times, parents continue to seek the quality, Christ-centered instruction that our schools provide.

In the fall, LESA teachers learned how to further increase student and teacher success through Differentiated Learning and the use of Professional Learning Networks. And more schools began using the widely-respected Stanford Achievement Test, which will allow us to better track and compare student performance in our schools.

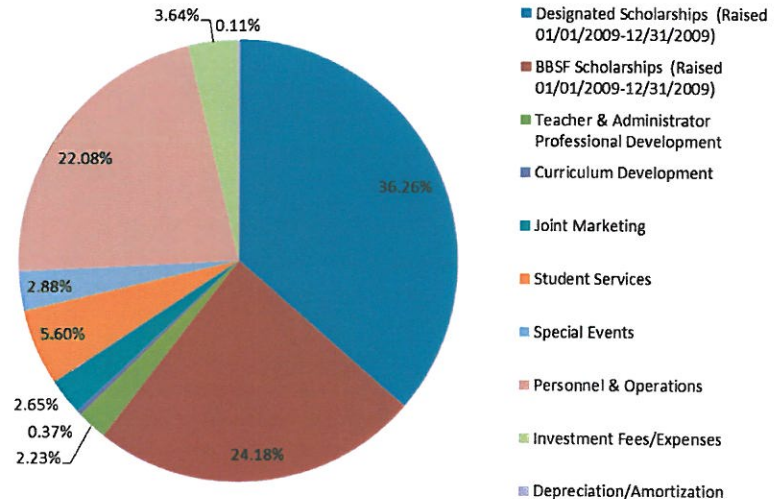
As a new school year gets underway, we ask for God's blessing on our students, families, teachers, and staff as LESA continues to serve those who teach and those who learn.

Financial Data Fiscal Year 2010-2011

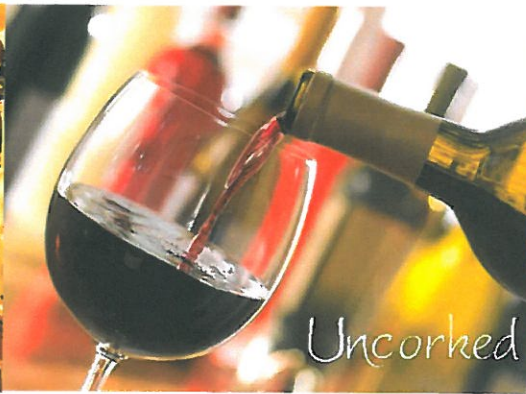
Revenue Sources 7/1/2010-6/30/2011



Expenses 7/1/2010-6/30/2011



Special Events



LESA's special events continue to be an important piece of our fundraising efforts. In 2010, we began a new event, *Uncorked*, held on October 23. Over \$6,500 was raised at this wine tasting through event sponsorships, ticket sales and silent auction. Guests enjoyed sampling the six wines selected for the evening, visiting with each other, and a silent auction.

"A Night for Kids," our annual dinner-auction on April 8, 2011, raised over \$75,000. 329 guests enjoyed shopping the ten different silent auction sections while being entertained by instrumentalists from Lutheran High School of St. Charles County. They participated in our special activities of the night including an old-fashioned lollipop pull, glass sale, scholarship purchases, and a lively oral auction. The impact of the evening's scholarship purchases was enhanced by a \$3,000 match from UMB Bank.

Several new donors joined us for Lutheran Elementary School Association day at GCS Ballpark, home of the Gateway Grizzlies on May 22, 2011. This annual event allowed families to support LESA together.

Get the latest on LESA events by following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LESASTL or through email alerts by joining our mailing list at www.lesastl.org.



Messages from scholarship recipient families...

On behalf of our family, I would like to say thank you for the scholarship...It is very warming and brings a smile to my face when I hear my children quoting the Bible and doing the right thing. This is the beginning of a life-long journey in leading their lives in a Christian manner.

We would like to take the time out to say "thanks" for choosing our children for scholarships. We feel that [school name] are partners in educating and guiding our children in a Christian setting and preparing them to be leaders in our society.

Our family would like you to know that we are most grateful for the scholarship. We thank you for making it possible for our son to attend [school name]. There is nothing that makes us happier as parents. We thank God for you.

Ensuring Affordability

The Lord has blessed LESA with faithful donors and grantors who generously gift LESA's Building Blocks Scholarship Fund and LESA schools with resources to provide need-based tuition assistance to students.

2010-2011 Building Blocks Designated & Undesignated Scholarships

School	Number of Students Receiving Awards	Scholarship Dollars Awarded	School	Number of Students Receiving Awards	Scholarship Dollars Awarded
Abiding Savior	26	\$26,110	Our Redeemer	21	\$16,650
Atonement	90	\$29,900	Our Savior	3	\$1,800
Bethel	20	\$13,075	River Roads	34	\$14,150
Child of God	23	\$22,800	Salem – Affton	22	\$9,600
Christ Community	13	\$5,210	Salem – Black Jack	68	\$33,275
Grace Chapel	28	\$14,250	St. John's – Arnold	21	\$23,099
Green Park	56	\$34,392	St. John's – Red Bud	131	\$83,400
Holy Cross	27	\$26,980	St. Mark's	8	\$3,800
Hope – St. Ann	7	\$3,800	Trinity – Edwardsville	8	3,300
Hope – St. Louis	22	\$10,650	Trinity – St. Charles	43	\$9,010
Immanuel – Olivette	28	\$10,500	Unity	91	\$43,160
Immanuel – St. Charles	47	\$24,300	Word of Life	21	\$9,789
Immanuel – Washington	35	\$20,000	Zion – Belleville	24	\$16,951
Immanuel – Wentzville	46	\$28,000	Zion – Bethalto	29	\$23,500
King of Glory	43	\$25,858	Zion – St. Charles	7	\$3,400
Messiah	42	\$27,325			

It is with heartfelt thanks that we recognize those listed here, the many who've asked to remain anonymous, those who donate items and services for special events, and those who attend our events for their gifts to LESA's Building Blocks Scholarship Fund. Your partnership in making quality Lutheran elementary school education accessible to children from all walks of life has been a blessing to many children and families.

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