



The Deaf Child's ADVOCATE

CONVENTION ISSUE

Lutheran School for the Deaf — Detroit, Michigan 48234

THE GOAL OF THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IS...

...to teach handicapped children to follow Jesus Christ.

...to offer them a Christian educational program to fulfill their individual learning needs.



MONTY JOHNSON from Freeport, Bahamas. He is profoundly deaf and hears of his Savior from the lessons in Mrs. Newman's classroom.



HERBIE WENZEL from Burt, Michigan lives in our dormitory and enjoys himself with his 20 brothers and sisters in our program for educably mentally retarded students.



ABIGAIL DIFATTA, age 9, is from Warren, Michigan. She is enrolled in the program for the gifted.



KELLY FITZSIMMONS, age 14, is from Okemos, Michigan. She is in our program for specific learning disabilities.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

	Pre-Primary (Ages 2-5)	Primary (Ages 6-9)	Middle School (Ages 10-13)	High School (Ages 14-18)
DEAF	*	*	*	*
EMI	*	*		
L.D.	*	*	*	*
GIFTED		*	*	

Consultant service to Greater Chicago, Illinois area Fall of 1983.

Some students' homes are:

- Chicago, Illinois
- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Columbus, Ohio
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Freeport, Bahamas
- Lagos, Nigeria (Fall, 1983)

YOUR CHRISTIAN LOVE ENABLE DeAndre To Be...



Attentive

DeAndre poses for photographer while classmates are busy.

Happy



DeAndre Curry, age 4, is gentle, happy, kind, competitive, careful.

Responsive



DeAndre responds to speech training.

Gentle

Friendly

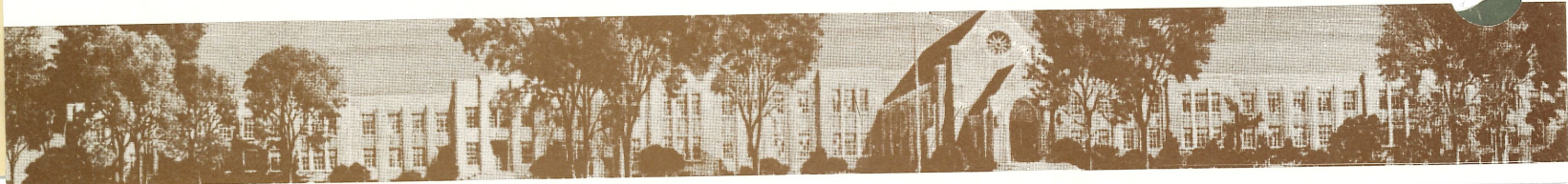


DeAndre and Rebecca share a quiet moment.

A Participant



Mrs. Mary Whitehead, Foster Grandparent, with her "grandchild" DeAndre.



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The school exists so that each child:

1. May practice living as a forgiven and forgiving Christian.
2. May achieve his/her God-given potential.
3. Be capable of a self-satisfying independent life.
4. Thank God for his/her blessings and limitations.



A RESOURCE CENTER

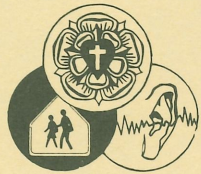
The Lutheran School for the Deaf carries on its traditional educational program for deaf children. Many students still need this loving homelike atmosphere and this Christian learning environment.



Additionally the Lutheran School has become a resource center for other Lutheran schools. We are providing psychological evaluation and testing services for children. The school is providing classrooms for special children (deaf/hearing) who need assistance in the Christian school system.

Your gifts of love make this all possible. Thank you.

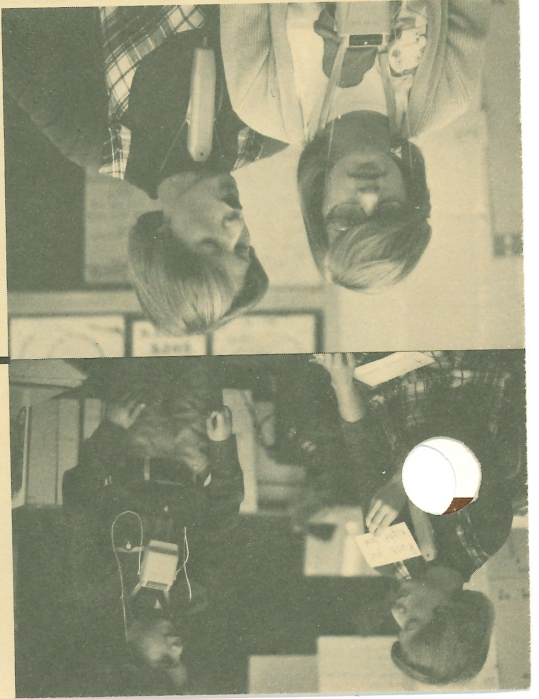
LUTHERAN SCHOOL EDUCATION for GOD'S SPECIAL CHILDREN



Your Ministry At
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The school was established to "teach the Lutheran faith." For over 100 years profoundly deaf children have been coming to the Lutheran School for the Deaf to learn to communicate while learning to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. For some of the children who live in the dormitories the school is also home. The school emphasizes the oral method of communication, encouraging the children to use their residual hearing and speech reading, as well as speech, for communication.



A HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

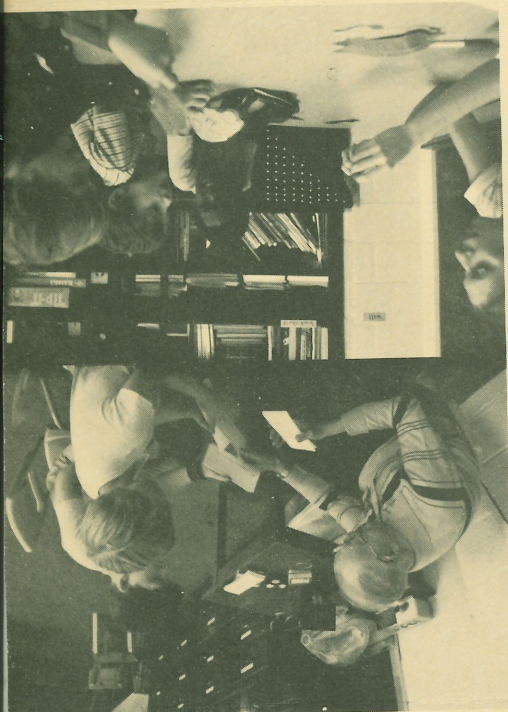
In the Fall of 1981 special education students will spend part of each day mainstreamed at Lutheran High East and the remaining time in special classes here at the Deaf School. Since there are no oral deaf high schools in America we will be fulfilling a new need. The primary reason is to help the young people continue to see that Christ is the center of all learning.

EDUCABLY MENTALLY IMPAIRED

God limits His people in a variety of ways. Some cannot hear. Some cannot see. Some have limited thinking abilities. For the educably mentally retarded it is very important that these children learn that God loves them and is their continuous Friend.

Both deaf and hearing children with specific learning disabilities receive services at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Depending on the severity of their disability, some study here full time, others in satellite classrooms or in their home school with supportive services.

The special library books help the children with reading difficulties to begin to understand the value of learning through the resources of the library.



GIFTED

Some children are very, very intelligent. They need to be challenged to use the gifts that God has given them. A special program is being started to challenge the creativity of these children.



MAINSTREAMING

The government has ruled that every child should be placed in the "least restrictive environment." To do this we must find the most appropriate class where the child can be challenged and continue to progress. We place the child where he/she can learn without becoming too frustrated.

The Lutheran School for the Deaf, in cooperation with the Lutheran schools of greater Detroit, is endeavoring to implement that rule within a Christian setting. Our psychologist attempts to find what the needs, and the potential of the child, and the best educational environment are.