



A LEGACY OF LOVE

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES



2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT



SAVE THE DATE

June 15, 2023

Please join us for our 150th Anniversary Celebration and Banquet at the Gem Theatre in downtown Detroit, Michigan on Thursday, June 15, 2023. We are celebrating a century and a half of serving God's children who have learning needs and preparing for what He has planned for the next 150 years. We hope you will be able to share in this momentous occasion! Please watch for further details and additional anniversary events over the coming months.

luthsped.org/150anniversary



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

He's Not Done Yet!

It's finally here. We are celebrating 150 years of serving God's children. From 1873-2023, God has been using this ministry to better the lives of His children on Earth. And He's not done yet! God continues to open doors for this ministry, allowing us to serve more children, more families, in more places, and in more ways than ever before.

You are a part of an incredible Legacy of Love. Tens of thousands of people have come together across generations to make a difference in the lives of children with special needs. Your support has had an impact that you might not even realize. You are giving help and hope

to kids who are struggling and frustrated. Giving relief to concerned families. Creating spaces of acceptance and love. Showing these children God's love.

Many things have changed in 150 years, but our commitment to serving children with learning needs has remained the same. Inside you'll see the ways we have and continue to work hard to welcome ALL of God's children.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your donations. You have done so much for these kids.



Stacy McGhee,
President/CEO of LSEM



Partnerships across the country

LSEM started serving just a small handful of children in Michigan 1873. Now we have grown to serving thousands of children across the country and internationally

16 states

2 countries



Hanoi,
Vietnam

School Partnerships over the years...

School partnerships started to increase annually

Partnerships more than doubled as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold

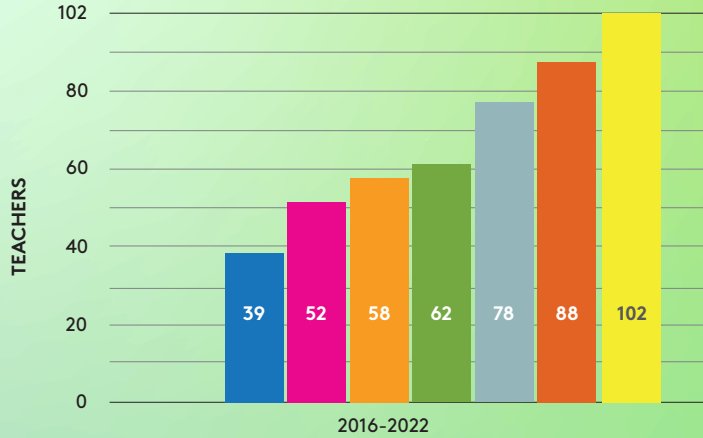
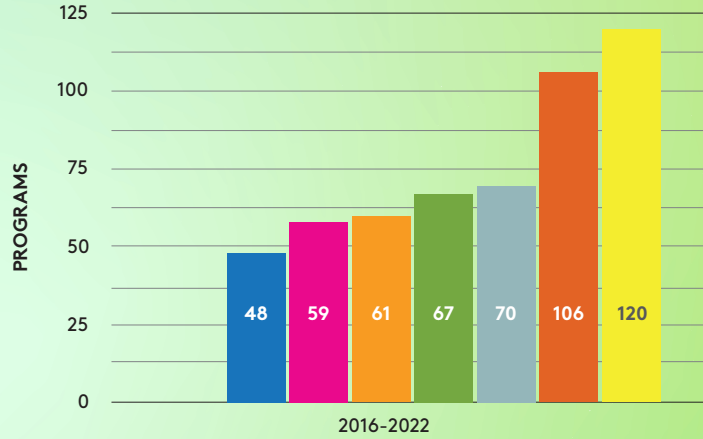
As we enter our 150th year, school partnerships grew 72% in two years

2015 **34**

2020 **70**

2022 **120**

Celebrating our History. Creating our Future.

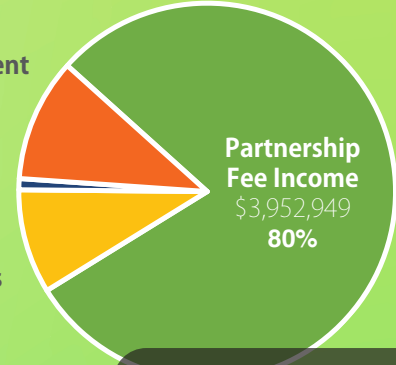


Income

Spendable Endowment
\$525,000
11%

Legacy Income
\$47,396
1%

General Donations
\$444,981
9%

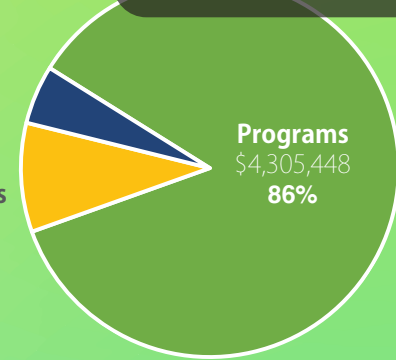


INCOME

TOTAL INCOME: \$4,970,326
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$5,026,940
SURPLUS (DEFICIT): (\$56,614)

Fund Raising
\$252,501
5%

General Operations
\$468,991
9%



EXPENSES



1873

LEGACY SOCIETY

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES

The **1873 Legacy Society**, named for the year our organization was founded, acknowledges individuals and families who have given Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) the highest compliment – including the ministry in their estate plans.

Planned gifts, or cash gifts to the Endowment Fund, from these committed supporters provide a critical foundation for delivering Christ-centered resources that support children with learning needs beyond their lifetimes.

When you leave a legacy gift, it shows your dedication and commitment to serving all of God's children.

Membership in the 1873 Legacy Society is open to individuals who designate a gift of \$10,000 or more to LSEM through a will, trust, or other planned gift. Individuals who make an outright gift of \$10,000 or more to the Endowment Fund are also invited to join.

Legacy Society donors enjoy the benefits of a planned gift, knowing that their foresighted donation will make a difference for future generations. Legacy Society benefits include:

- A permanent legacy at Lutheran Special Education Ministries
- Recognition on Lutheran Special Education Ministries donor wall
- Annual listing in the Annual Report
- Recognition annually at a special event honoring you for your gift during your lifetime.
- Invitations to other LSEM events
- Legacy Society lapel pin

We hope you will contact us if you have already designated an estate gift to Lutheran Special Education Ministries so that we might appropriately recognize and thank you for your generosity.



Serving More Children...Serving More Needs

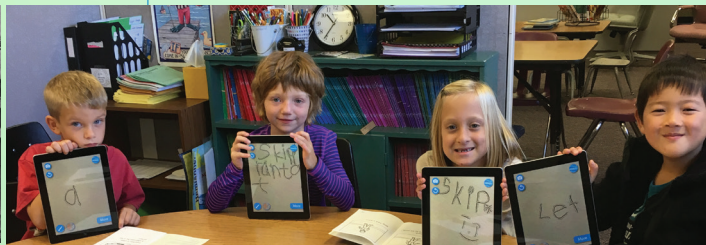
LSEM has grown from a ministry that exclusively served children who were deaf to working with students who have a variety of gifts and challenges.

While LSEM still assists some students who are deaf or hard of hearing, we now also serve those diagnosed with a specific learning disability in reading or math, have attention difficulties, or are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Our teachers also work with students who have an emotional disability, an intellectual disability, or students who are blind or have limited vision. Some students in LSEM programs are also English language learners or qualify to be in a gifted and talented program.

In addition to these specific diagnoses, many students do not have a formal diagnosis, but our skilled teachers are able to assist them at the first signs of some struggles in school by collaborating with their teachers and parents and providing appropriate interventions.

LSEM's special education services have grown tremendously since working with only deaf students, and we see more opportunities for growth in how we assist schools and students. It is important to not only address the academic and emotional challenges students face but also to celebrate their God-given gifts.

- **Deaf & hard of hearing**
- **Reading disabilities**
- **Math learning disabilities**
- **Attention difficulties**
- **Autism spectrum disorder**
- **Emotional disabilities**
- **Intellectual disabilities**
- **Blind or limited vision**
- **English language learners**
- **Gifted & talented learners**



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