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Annual Report Fiscal Year 2008

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Dear Friends of LDA,

Learn, Dream, Achieve...

It is our privilege at LDA to help individuals and families who are experiencing learning challenges. We continue to be inspired by the people we serve. With our guidance, they achieve remarkable outcomes through their hard work: struggling young students who work to close their achievement gaps, teens and adults pursuing their GED's, those newly diagnosed with a specific learning disability or ADHD gaining understanding of how they can learn successfully, older adults seeking job advancement through improved reading or math skills, and many more.

LDA continues to offer services for persons with learning challenges over the entire lifespan. We also build the capacity of teachers and other professionals to address the needs of both children and adults, so they can reach their potential.

In FY2008, we also initiated programming in Early Literacy, and provided 242 low-income parents with training and resources to enhance their ability to prepare their children for Kindergarten success. Our program includes the loan of book bags of developmentally-appropriate books for families to read together, since their budgets seldom stretch to buy books for the home.

We invite you to join us in this rewarding work. Help children, youth, and adults with learning difficulties *learn* successfully, *dream* of possibilities, and *achieve* their goals.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Brumwell
President, Board of Directors

Kitty Christiansen
Executive Director

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FY 2008 Highlights

- Initiated Early Literacy programming to help low-income parents of pre-schoolers prepare their children for Kindergarten success. Reached 242 families during the pilot year.
- Completed a new personal finance curriculum for youth with learning difficulties and began its implementation in area high schools.
- Changed our brand to LDA Minnesota, with the tagline *Learn•Dream•Achieve* to celebrate the abilities and accomplishments of those with learning challenges.
- Joined the MACC Commonwealth and upgraded technology to the Commonwealth's more comprehensive and reliable Internet and communications services.
- Held our first benefit golf tournament, under the leadership of volunteer Ken Ritterspach.
- Provided individualized services to over 4,300 persons, ranging from twice-weekly intensive in-school interventions to parent workshops and support groups to personalized information and referral services provided by phone, email, and on-line. In total, approximately 100,000 individuals turned to LDA Minnesota for information, training, and support during FY 2008.

Financial Report 2008

For the 12 months ended August 31, 2008

Operating Support and Revenue

Government grants and contracts for services	547,188
Foundation and corporate grants	555,816
United Way	285,192
Program revenue	54,614
General public support	25,955
In-kind donations	20,384
Interest Income	37,510
Total Operating Support and Revenue	1,526,659

Operating Expenses

Program Services	1,397,714
Administration	143,612
Fundraising	142,066
Total Operating Expenses	1,683,392*
Change in Net Assets	(156,733)

*Reflects Board-approved deficit spending for program expansion. This statement is limited to operating activities. Complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

Program Accomplishments 2008

Improved **531 at-risk learners'** academic success through intensive reading instruction for low-income children experiencing school failure at 13 inner-city schools. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of our students improved reading skills, and over half achieved reading improvement rates surpassing grade expectations, effectively closing their achievement gaps.

Provided **1,293 parents** with training, resources, and support to prepare them to help their children with learning difficulties experience academic success.

Trained **881 educators** to improve teaching and learning to support academic achievement by students experiencing learning difficulties.

Equipped **242 families of preschoolers** with resources and information to prepare their children for Kindergarten success through at-home literacy activities.

Empowered **132 youth** to transition to adulthood, employment, and self-sufficiency through enhanced skills and knowledge of self-advocacy, career awareness, post-secondary options, and work readiness.

Helped **113 individuals** understand how they learn and gain strategies to improve their learning through highly specialized diagnostic and educational assessments and prescriptive tutoring.

Provided **1,411 persons and families** experiencing learning difficulties with specialized information and referral services.

An additional **97,000 individuals** received information and resources about learning disabilities, attention deficits, other learning difficulties, and LDA's services.

The mission of LDA Minnesota is to help children, youth, and adults with learning difficulties *learn* successfully, *dream* of possibilities, and *achieve* their goals.

2007- 08 Demographics for Individuals in Direct Service

Children and their parents	84%
Other adults	16%
Low income individuals	63%
Persons of color	60%

One in seven Americans has a learning disability

"Thank you, LDA! Several years ago, you tested my 9th grader at a 2nd grade reading level. In one year of twice-weekly tutoring, she progressed to a 10th grade level. She actually was able to go to college, something we had never dared dream for her!"

-Parent of former tutoring student