

Learn★Dream★Achieve

Dear Friends of LDA Minnesota,

Learn, Dream, Achieve...

Fiscal Year 2009 was momentous for LDA Minnesota! We purchased our **very first building** to use as headquarters for client services, as well as home base for our programming that takes place in the community. Our **capital campaign** is off to a good start, and will eventually allow us to invest resources in **expanded and enhanced programming**.

The new building is **ideal for our clients**, offering private suites for assessment and tutoring, as well as gathering places for meetings of all sizes. With our new space, we've already been able to add an academic "tune-up" summer camp to help struggling students prepare for **back-to-school success**.

It is **our privilege to work with individuals and families** experiencing learning challenges. Our joy is in witnessing our clients' academic, job, and social gains, as they learn new strategies for success.

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.



Dan Haugen
President, Board of Directors



Kitty Christiansen
Executive Director



Highlights

Purchased our **first permanent headquarters building**, relocated the agency to Golden Valley, and launched the **Learn · Dream · Achieve Capital Campaign**. In addition to offering an improved experience for clients, having our own building has allowed us to increase the size and scope of programming, providing a more complete range of client services.

Held the first **Camp Blast-off for Success** in our new center. This summer camp experience for elementary-age students who struggle with reading and/or math helped young learners get ready for school success with individualized instruction, academic brain-teasers, and traditional camp activities. A **great success**, camp will expand from two to three weeks in August, 2010.

Initiated intensive **in-school instruction in math** for struggling students in inner-city elementary schools. In total, our **Learning Connections** program offered approximately 600 struggling readers and math students individualized instruction and resources during the school year. Although they lagged behind their classmates by one grade level or more when they began instruction, fully **60% of our students** accelerated their achievement at rates that exceeded those of their peers, **closing their achievement gaps**.

Collaborated with the community to provide **6,000 new books** to our Learning Connections students to keep for their very own. These students from low-income families typically do not own even a single book. A **big thank-you** to our community partners who hold book drives and provide funding to purchase these books that the children so love.

Received the **Distinguished Service Award** from the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities for our work in helping students with learning disabilities achieve their academic goals and potential.

Program Accomplishments

Learning Connections

598 K-8 children at-risk for academic failure improved reading skills with intensive, in-school instruction and skill-building for their parents.

Transition Connections

87 youth were empowered with information and resources to help them transition to adulthood, employment, postsecondary education, and self-sufficiency.

Assessment and Instructional Services

100 individuals gained knowledge and skills to improve their learning and coping strategies to meet their academic, employment, and personal goals.

Parents as Partners

981 parents gained knowledge, resources, and support to help them support academic and behavioral success for their children experiencing learning and attention difficulties.

Adult Support Services

560 adults gained knowledge, resources, and support to help them understand and manage their learning and attention challenges.

Capacity Building

932 educators and other professionals received information or training to improve teaching and learning strategies for individuals with LD and ADHD or other learning difficulties.

LDA Minnesota provides services statewide, except for Learning Connections and Transition Connections, which serve students in the inner-city areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul.





Our new building in Golden Valley

Financial Position

For the 12 months ended August 31, 2009

Current Assets	
Cash	785,245
Pledges and Prepaid Expenses	73,321
Property and equipment, net	1,407,386
Total Assets	2,265,952
Current Liabilities	100,865
Long-Term Debt	1,115,000
Net Assets	1,050,087
Total Liabilities/Assets	2,265,952
Contributions and Grants	1,546,015
Program Service and Other Revenue	84,082
Total Support/Revenue	1,630,097
Program Services	
Learning Connections	666,285
Assessment and Instructional Services	232,271
Parents as Partners	164,322
Other Programs	48,767
Total Program Services	1,111,645
Supporting Activities	
Administration	139,135
Fundraising	254,425 *
Total Supporting Activities	393,560
Total Expenses	1,505,205
Change in Net Assets	124,892

Complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

* LDA Minnesota initiated a capital campaign in 2009 to cover the costs of the building purchase, improvements, relocation, and related expenses. The capital campaign is expected to be active for multiple years. During the year ended August 31, 2009, LDA Minnesota incurred significant consulting fees related to initiating the campaign. Those fees caused LDA Minnesota's fundraising expenses for the year to be disproportionately high when compared to prior years.

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

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Demographics

Individuals in Direct Service

52% CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

20% ADULTS

28% PROFESSIONALS

78% LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS

74% PERSONS OF COLOR



Gifts to LDA Minnesota

Foundation and Corporate Gifts

GENERAL AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

Foundation Builders \$100,000+

Cargill Foundation
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Minneapolis Public Schools
Minnesota Department of Education

Leaders \$25,000–\$99,999

McKnight Foundation
St. Paul Public Schools

Investors \$10,000–\$24,999

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Guardians \$1,000–\$4,999

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Friends Up to \$249

Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America
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Individual Gifts

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Guardians \$1,000–\$4,999

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Dan's Flying Service
In honor of Kitty Christiansen
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In honor of Lynn M. Schulz
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In honor of Florence Langness
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In honor of Carol Brumwell
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GENERAL AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

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Dorsey & Whitney LLP
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Capital Campaign

Fred C. & Katherine B. Andersen Foundation
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Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation
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