



The dePaul School IMPACT REPORT

2021-2022

The dePaul School for Dyslexia is a specialized, independent school dedicated to the education of children in 1st-8th grades with dyslexia and related language-based learning difficulties, with the primary goal of enabling these students to achieve academic and personal success.



Letter from the Head of School

The 2021-2022 school year was a year of growth!

After 20 years of visionary, dedicated, and fierce leadership Vicki Howell retired as the Head of School. She trusted that we would continue to drive academic results while creatively reaching a greater number of students to deliver a wider community impact.

We enrolled **100 students** in one year for the first time ever! We were able to do this by continuing to provide our program with fidelity while opening a second location.

We trained all of our existing teachers in Orton Gillingham and additional multi sensory programs like Marilyn Zecher's math. This focused effort contributed to the more than 2 years growth that most of our students achieved in reading this year! We couldn't have done this without the committed parents, volunteers, financial sponsors and board of directors.

dePaul's nearly **40 years** of expertise provided a creative opportunity. We developed a partnership with Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Pete for the fall of 2022. This model allows us immediate access to hundreds of students that we don't even know yet! Some simply can't access our North County location, are currently struggling in high school, and potentially aren't even aware that they have a disability.

We're really excited for the future of dePaul - a dedicated school for language based learning difficulties and a partnership program with established schools.



In order to deliver both models and have the greatest community impact, we need a stable forever home in North County. We can continue to master our technique, cultivate our culture and build new partnerships.

We have a vision that our teachers will have a research and collaboration studio, our students will have their own library, art center, and miles of fields, and our partners, parents and volunteers will have space to be creative and continue the direction of our past.

We know this vision is attainable - can you see it? Are you with us?

Sincerely,

Annmarie McEwan

Head of School, Executive Director

What we do...

- All dePaul teachers are trained in multisensory teaching in their content area as well as being trained in Ortin Gillingham.
- Maintain high expectations and explicitly teach accountability.



- Students are in classes with other students at their same academic ability, not at their grade level.
- Average academic growth is 1.5 years in a single school year.
- Small class size allowing for individualized attention.
- Curriculum and scheduling decisions are intentional and research backed.
- Deliver curriculum with fidelity and consistency.

... we can do better!

- Target 2 years of growth in reading by leveraging specilized training and educators.
- Offer more financial scholarships to families in need.
- Obtain accreditation by FCIS in Spring 2023.
- Focus on a capital campaign for future stability.



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Celebrate the success...

Kaitlyn, age 13

Kaitlyn started with us three years ago. She worked tirelessly with the dedicated dePaul team to grow 5 grade levels in 3 years! Kaitlyn is strong, confident, engaging and thoughtful. Although it is sad to see our students leave dePaul we are so proud! Kaitlyn is taking that next step in her journey and transitioning to a mainstream college preparatory program knowing that she can and will conquer any obstacles, she's done it before, gracefully!



Lincoln, age 9



Lincoln joined dePaul in January with a distrust for school. He slowly made his way to his classroom in the morning and rarely lifted his eyes. Now Lincoln walks the younger students to their classroom on the way to his! He nudges a friend in the hallway and makes sure that you see as he holds the door for his teacher. He's learned that school can be an intriguing and supportive environment. Lincoln's reading grew by 2 grade levels but confidence went through the roof!

...we could celebrate every student!

Stella, age 9

We welcomed Stella mid year during the 2021-2022 school year. She fit right in like she was with us for years. Her willingness to take risks in the classroom and on the playing field was refreshing! Stella helped her team win the field day potato sack race and also achieved over a full grade level of growth in reading in a half of years time.

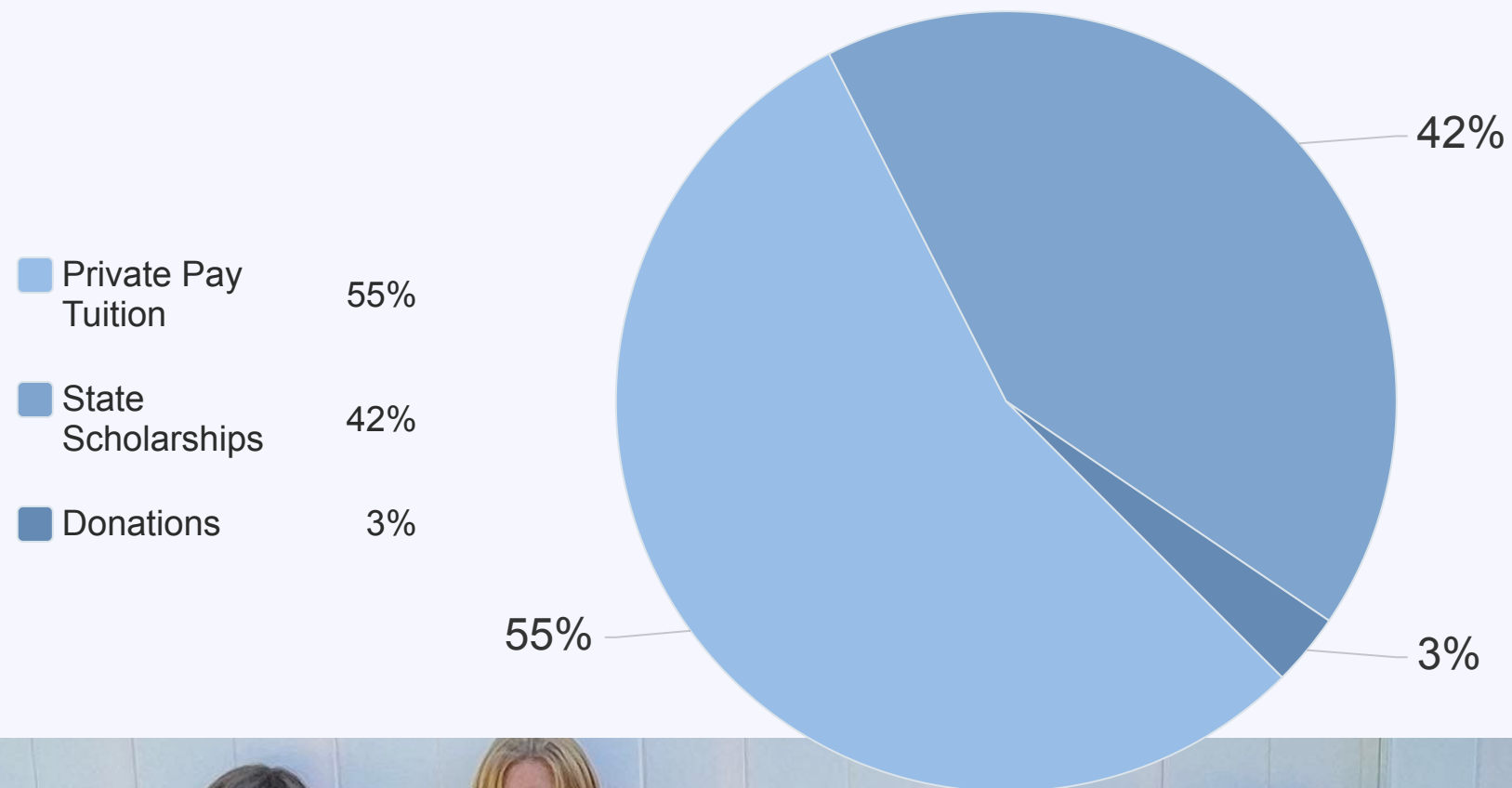


Isaiah, age 11

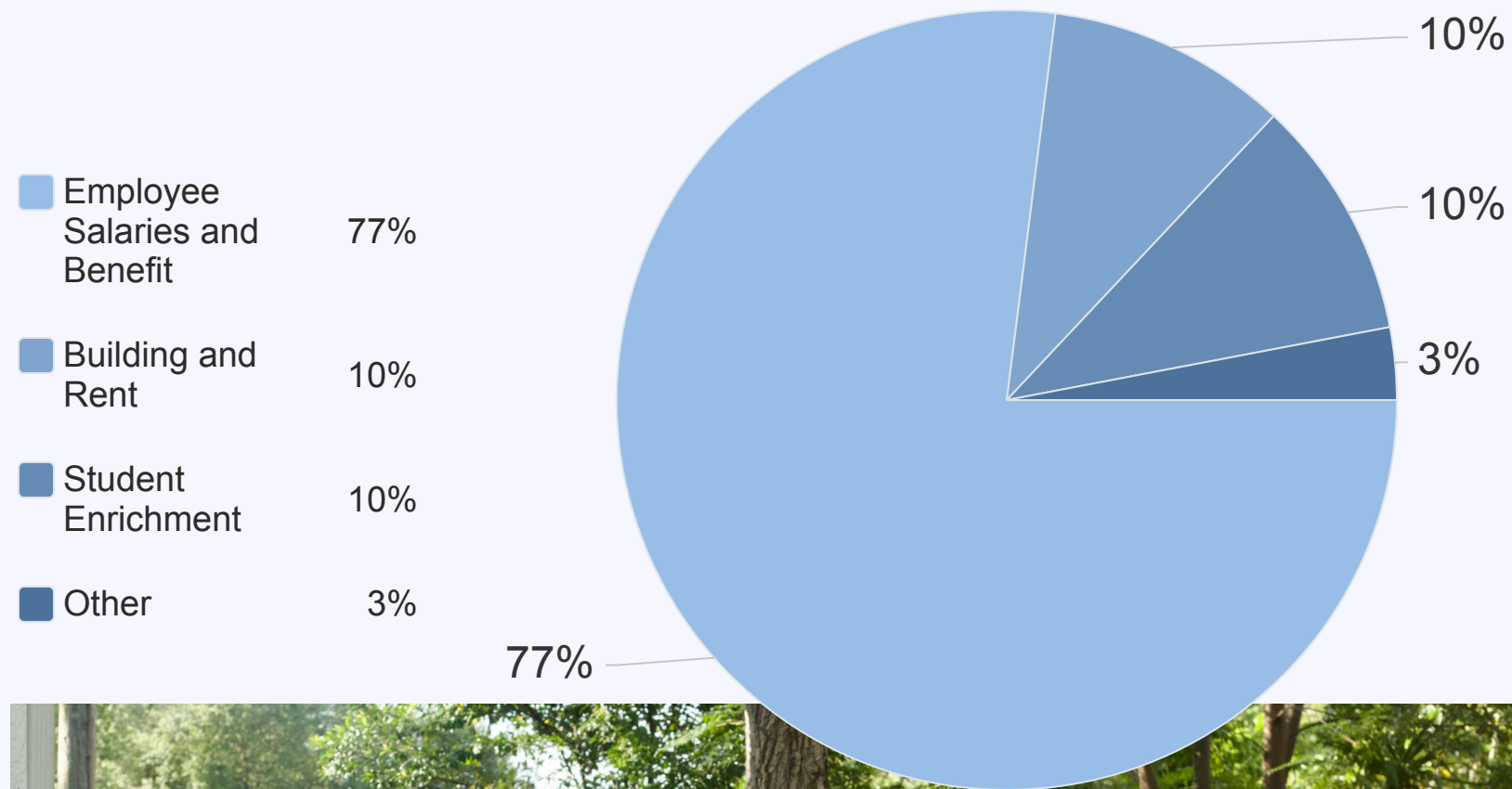


Isaiah embraced dePaul in December of 2021. He was cautious and wary taking a bit of time to allow the teachers to earn his trust. By Spring break, he was resistant to taking the time away from school! Over the summer, he came to visit and couldn't wait to get back to learning. In less than a year, he grew over 2 grade levels in math and is gaining ground in reading too!

2021-2022 Income



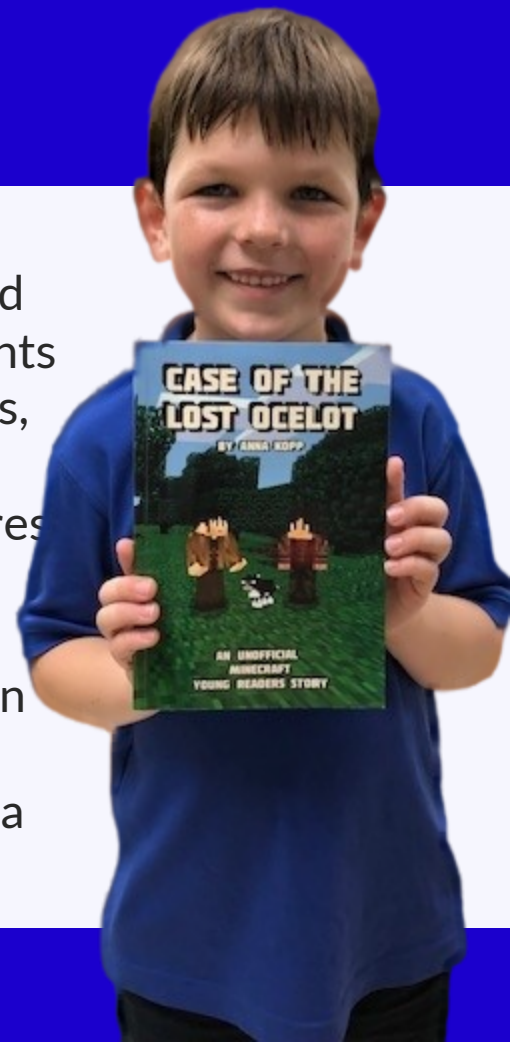
2021-2022 Expenses



Total Donor Summary

With **\$37,000** donated, we purchased 50 new 9th generation iPads, 4 new interactive smart boards and upgraded our wifi. dePaul students shared documents and projects with their teachers, learned typing skills, animation, web design, essay research and citing, calendar and reminder usage as well as taking pictures and creating videos with their best friends!

New devices inspired students to read audio books in the car, during recess, and on the weekends totaling more than **100,000** pages on Learning Ally in half of a school year!!



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