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ANNUAL REPORT



Little Light House



Every child deserves access to quality education and support, regardless of their challenges or circumstances.

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From our Executive Director

Our Annual report invites us to pause and celebrate everything that God has done. We take a breath, looking back with gratitude as we look ahead with faith.

This past year at Little Light House was a year of movement. We went outside our walls. We met families where they were, removing barriers to reach those that couldn't reach us. And because of that movement, we said "yes" to more families than ever before.

Because of generous support and God's steady guidance, we launched our first mobile classroom, extending the Little Light House mission beyond our walls and into communities that needed access most. We opened a new fully accessible playground that is more than a place to play, but a space where every child is seen, included, and free to experience joy. And together, we served more children and families than at any other time in our history.

These milestones are not just accomplishments. They are evidence of a calling lived out faithfully. One child, one family, one step at a time.

As we look ahead, our hearts are full of anticipation. In the coming year, Little Light House will take a historic step forward by opening our first branch in Oklahoma City. This expansion allows us to serve families across Oklahoma who have long hoped for the kind of care, excellence, and Christ-centered support that defines Little Light House.

What began decades ago as a vision has become a growing movement rooted in faith, built with innovation, and carried forward by a community that believes every child is worthy of love, opportunity, and hope.

Thank you for being part of this story. Because of you, the light continues to shine farther than ever before.

With gratitude and expectation,



Molly Smith
Molly Smith
Executive Director
Little Light House

OUR MISSION

**To glorify God by
improving the
quality of life for
children with
special needs,
their families, and
communities.**

OUR VALUES

**Faith
Innovation
Celebration
Community
Hope**





WHAT WE DID THIS YEAR

Autism Class Trial

Deep connection should come before compliance.

Last year we launched our Autism Class Pilot Program, in which new Autistic students spend one year in Coral Class, a classroom serving only students with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis. After that year, those students move into a mixed-diagnosis classroom. The pilot runs until 2030, and if the structure is effective, Coral Class will permanently become an Autism classroom.

Due to a combination of the multi-year wait time for admission to Little Light House, the relatively older age at which children receive an Autism diagnosis, and the LLH graduating age being six, many Autistic students in the past have been served for one year or less. The goal of making Coral Class an Autism-focused classroom was to allow more Autistic children on the waitlist to be admitted for earlier intervention and set them up for success in their future classrooms.

“Coral Class was designed to meet the unique learning profiles of Autistic students in ways we hadn’t been able to before,” Director of Curriculum, Hannah Jimenez, explained.

The environment, schedule, and teaching approach are all structured around supporting sensory regulation, communication, and emotional connection. The classroom is calm, predictable, and sensory-friendly, allowing students to feel safe and confident.

“We quickly realized that LLH had the same mentality we had—that Beau isn’t disabled from his Autism, he’s disabled from his environment not understanding Autism,” said David Arsenault, a Coral Class father. “LLH has created an environment that Beau can thrive in.”



Committed to current best practices and research, the Coral Class approach incorporates elements of DIR Floortime, a developmental model of behavioral therapy. In DIR Floortime, an adult spends intentional time playing on the floor with a child, follows the child's lead, and steps into the child's world to help them explore and interact with their environment.

This philosophy aligns closely with the Little Light House mission, emphasizing connection, relationship, and understanding as the foundation for growth and learning.

Coral Class parents are the program's biggest advocates. They have reported their children expressing new words, feeling more calm

during outings, becoming independent in self-regulation, and forming stronger connections with family members.

“Christian is able to co-play with other kids and participate in circle time, which was not even a thought beforehand,” said Kaleigh Fix, a Coral Class mother.

In just its first year, Coral Class has proven to be not only an incredible educational opportunity for Autistic students, but also a ministry that reflects love, inclusion, and the belief that every child is beautifully and wonderfully made.

Coral Class students achieved 77% of their goals in year one, nearly double the 39% average in traditional classrooms.





LLH FAMILY

Meet Ethan

“I believe that Ethan knows that he matters. He knows he deserves to be included, loved, and respected.”

I remember sitting in the doctor’s office holding Ethan, listening as they told us what they found. As hard as it was for the doctor to say it, it was even harder for us to hear, complete agenesis of the corpus callosum.

That day, as I held him, I kept thinking, does Ethan know that I love him? Does he know that I prayed and begged for him for three years?

After that, everything changed. We scheduled appointments, learned new terms, and did everything possible for our son. At 15 months old, Ethan had to have a cyst drained from his brain. It was life-threatening, and we felt helpless but the surgery went as planned, and we kept moving forward.

Then we found Little Light House. From the beginning, it was full of love and growth. This was the first place that didn’t set limitations on what Ethan could do. We started in Early Intervention, and once he was able to attend full-time, it didn’t take long to see milestones being reached.

At Little Light House, it’s different. They work hard to allow these amazing kids to accomplish things most people take for granted. Ethan

may be behind in some areas, but we like to think of it as taking the scenic route slower, more challenging, but full of joy along the way.

Ethan’s vocabulary is about 14 words, but if you spend a few minutes with him, you’ll see his confidence. He rolls right up to people and says, “Hi.” If they don’t respond, he says it again louder. He has learned how to include himself and shares love with everyone he meets.

The most important thing is this: I believe that Ethan knows that he matters. He knows he deserves to be included, loved, and respected. Ethan has now graduated, and while it’s hard to leave a place like this, we are so grateful. Thank you for giving him the opportunity to attend, to grow, and to thrive.

“All children, regardless of their abilities, deserve to experience this love and to know they have purpose and belong.”

- Ethan’s Parents

WHAT WE DID THIS YEAR

Inclusive Play

“Our student’s greatest work is the play that they do.”



Our students do most of their learning through play. Because children’s neural connections are formed through early sensory, motor, emotional, intellectual, and physical experiences, we know that the play they do here is vital for their development.

“Our children’s greatest work is the play that they do,” said Senior Director of Programs and Training, Brittany Gartner, PT, DPT. “It’s how they understand their environment, it’s how they learn how they fit into the world around them, and it’s where they learn important skills that they are going to use for the rest of their lives.”

At Little Light House, inclusivity is imperative to give every student the opportunity to participate in play. From classroom activities to therapy groups, praise and worship to gym, a school day at LLH is filled with individualized moments of play for each of our students.

“The foundation of inclusive play is simply creating equity and engagement for every child,”

said Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Hannah Jimenez. “It’s not just about adapting toys and equipment but also about creating intentional activities for connection and belonging.”

Families find solace inside Little Light House’s walls knowing that every opportunity to play is created with their child’s needs in mind, especially when so much of the outside world is not inclusive. Aside from home and LLH, our parents can feel like there are few other safe places for their children to play. Through quarterly field trips led by a transdisciplinary team of teachers and therapists, our Family Learning Center aims to show parents that there are outside opportunities for their children to play in Tulsa. Last year, they visited the Gathering Place and Elam Park.

Ashton Troche, a mother on the Gathering Place field trip, said, “It was great to see my son playing on structures I hadn’t thought to let him navigate independently previously.”

Ashton added that she was nearly brought to tears as she witnessed her son’s face when he realized he could walk up and down the large multi-height structures on the playground.





In our continual effort to provide inclusive play opportunities on our campus, last year LLH broke ground on the Hardesty Therapy Garden. A continuation of the indoor therapy gym, the new playground is designed to promote motor play, develop large motor skills, and provide vestibular and proprioceptive sensory input.

LLH's commitment to inclusive play goes beyond our students in Oklahoma. Anyone can take our free online Academy course "Teaching Strategies: Let's Play!". The course teaches the significance of play and multi-sensory engagement in learning, how to incorporate play into various educational settings, and the importance of sensory play and regulation.

At Little Light House, we are helping kids be kids. Our students are just that, kids who love to play! Thanks to our community of donors and volunteers, we are able to provide a space where all our students can join in the fun.

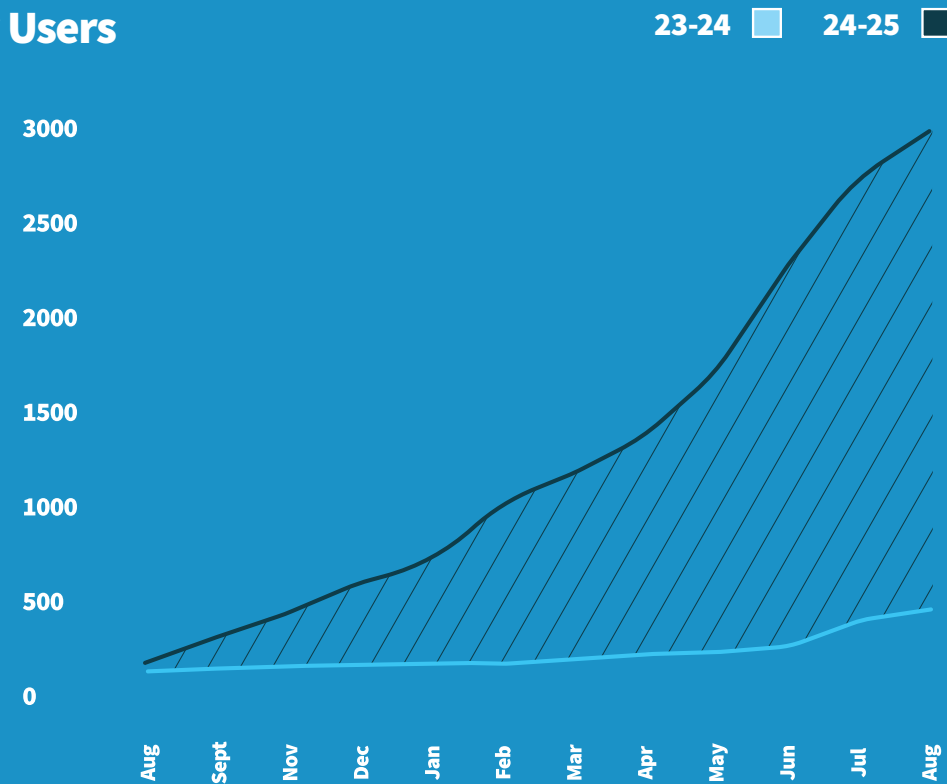


Little Light House Academy



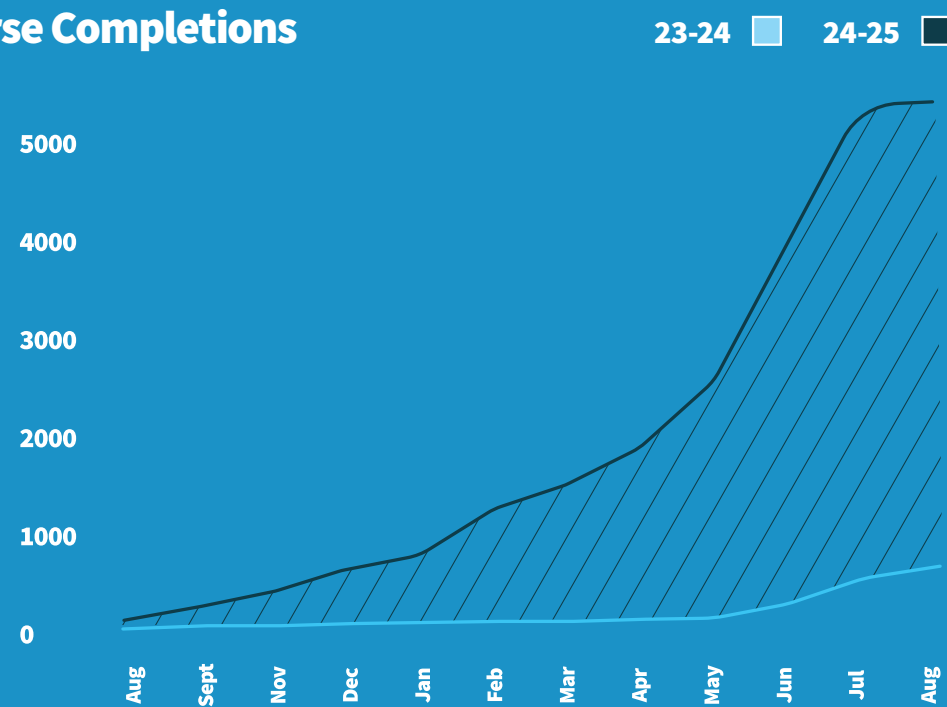
We could tell you about how great our Academy is...but we'll just let the students tell you.

New Users



The Academy new users count grew by 335% in the 24-25 school year.

Course Completions



The Academy course completions count grew by 744% in the 24-25 school year. On average each user is completing two courses.

Much appreciation for the in-depth course. I have learnt a lot and I already feel like a better mother and teacher now.

Teacher - Kenya

I found this course very informative and easy to follow! Thank you for creating it so everyone can learn how to help individuals deal with their behaviors they are experiencing to help bring them back down to baseline so they can learn and self-regulate.

Speech Language Pathologist - Oklahoma

I loved this! The writers have amazing attention to detail and it is clear that writing the course was a labor of love, hard work, prayer, and lots of knowledge and research!

Teacher - Arkansas

I enjoyed taking this course and it has taught me more than I knew before about special needs and learning disabilities, too.

Bus Monitor - Kentucky

This is a great resource. I have already passed this on to several churches around the country.

Church Personnel - Oklahoma

Your courses have been some of my favorite to complete for our required training. I think what you do at your program is truly special.

Teacher Aide - Kentucky

Information was very informative and made me think about different ways to interact with students with and without disabilities.

Teacher - Georgia

Thank you for all you do and for listening and allowing God to work through LLH. Just so blessed to have you in Tulsa and the other locations in the world.

Digital Education & Content Coordinator - Oklahoma

Students from

29

Countries



Financials

Statement of Activities

Revenue & Support

Contributions	\$ 3,335,009
Fundraising Events, Net	\$ 1,313,079
Donated Materials and Services	\$ 44,669
Other Income	\$ 302,549
Net Assets Released and Restricted	\$ 618,574
Total Revenue & Support	\$ 5,613,880

Expenses

Program	\$ 4,480,774
Management and General	\$ 484,358
Fundraising	\$ 257,763
Total Expenses	\$ 5,222,895

Decrease in Net Assets, unrestricted **\$ 390,985**

Changes in Restricted Net Assets

Contributions	\$ 551,880
Net Assets Released, Purchase Restrictions	\$ (463,157)
Net Assets Released, Program Restrictions	\$ (155,417)
Decrease in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$ (66,694)

Other Changes

Investment Return, Net	\$ 72,163
Changes in Net Assets	\$ (396,454)
Net Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 19,364,166
Prior Period Adjustment	\$ (9,679)
Net Assets, Ending of Fiscal Year	\$ 19,750,941

Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,432,966
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 1,730,657
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$ 85,406
Total Current Assets	\$ 3,249,029

Non-Current Assets

Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 15,880,149
Other Non-Current Assets	\$ 676,583
Total Non-Current Assets	\$ 16,608,627

Total Assets **\$ 19,805,761**

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 13,033
Accrued Liabilities	\$ 45,885
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 54,820

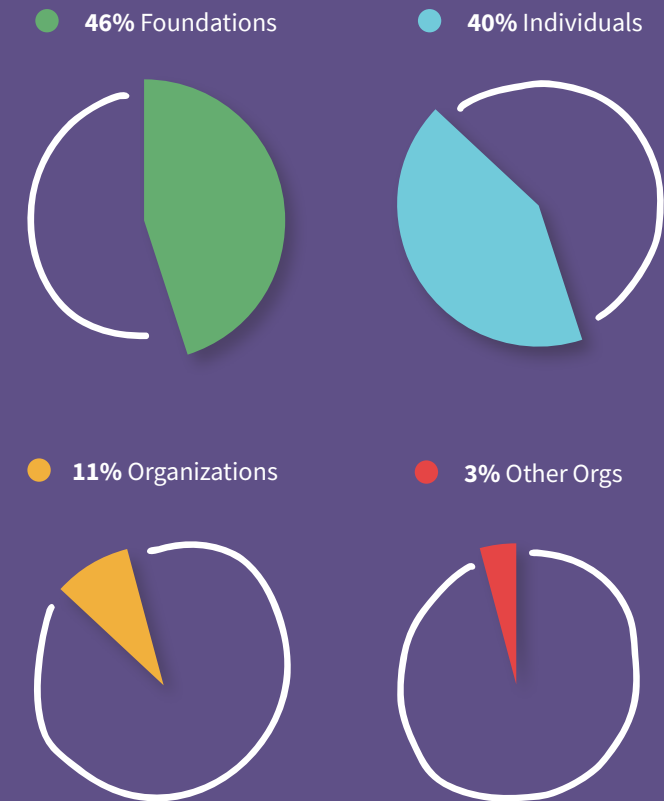
Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$ 18,163,728
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 1,156,353
Permanently Restricted	\$ 430,860

Total Net Assets **\$ 19,750,941**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$ 19,805,761**

Funding Sources



We are committed to upholding and achieving the highest level of excellence in our work, including our commitment to financial integrity and transparency.



These were awarded to Little Light House for transparency, financial responsibility, and impactful performance.





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