

John Paul II Center

SPECIAL LEARNING FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

2021 -2022 Annual Report



Principal's Note

Dear Friends,

This past year we made strides back toward pre-COVID activities. Our students were once again able to gather for lunch in our cafeteria instead of eating lunch in their classrooms. While this may seem like a small step, it brought with it so many opportunities for our students to interact with one another and improve their social skills. Our adult participants were able to begin venturing out of the center, volunteering at local churches, and delivering Meals on Wheels while also exploring our community. We welcomed every chance we had to bring back events and activities that our students, adults and staff enjoy. We remain grateful for the things that we could do and for when we could be together.

Despite these steps forward, we continued to experience financial challenges, with the majority of that impacting our adult program. The program closed intermittently throughout the year, and even when we were open, it was at a reduced capacity. If the individuals were not here to receive services, then we did not receive funding. As we have since the beginning of COVID, we continued providing virtual services for those who still could not return to program, but those could only be held on a limited basis. Full staffing was still needed for those who did attend the program, even if it wasn't full-time. We were fortunate to receive PPP loan forgiveness to offset some



of our deficit. These were a tremendous help and made it possible to continue our mission.

For the first time since 2020, our Legacy Gala was back at the DoubleTree and we were thrilled with the outpouring of support. It certainly was a night to celebrate! It was a wonderful evening. So many of our friends came out to support our center, and for that I am very grateful. Our gala will again be back at DoubleTree on April 29, 2023, where we will commemorate JP II's 40th Anniversary.

Blessings abound at JP II. As always, we celebrate the small successes that become great ones. Thank you for helping us achieve them through your prayers, donations, and commitment of any kind. We can't do it without you.

Yours in Christ,

Mary A Adams



Mission

In a safe and nurturing Christian environment, John Paul II Center serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing diversified programs. We acknowledge the dignity of all learners while challenging them on a daily basis to reach their God-given potential. Our mission is an expression of the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life.

About JP II

Everyone has a purpose in life. As a values-based organization, John Paul II Center for Special Learning encourages children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to explore their purpose and reach for goals through unique special education and social programming.

Students ages three to 21 are able to learn and grow throughout our school-age program, with the later years focusing on transition and life skills.

We know stability and continuity are important to those with special needs, so we've made transition as seamless as possible.

After graduation, students may have the option to move directly to our 21+ Adult Program, giving them the opportunity to continue developing skills while making individual needs a priority.

Like everyone else, people with disabilities have the capacity to make significant contributions to the community and to the world by utilizing their God-given talents. We're here to help them along the way.

Board Members

We can't speak of the success we've seen throughout the years without praising the fantastic work our Board of Directors has done. We've always found strength in our board, and remain faithful that they will continue to steer our Center in the right direction and do what is best for our students and adults. *Board listing is for the 2021-2022 fiscal year*

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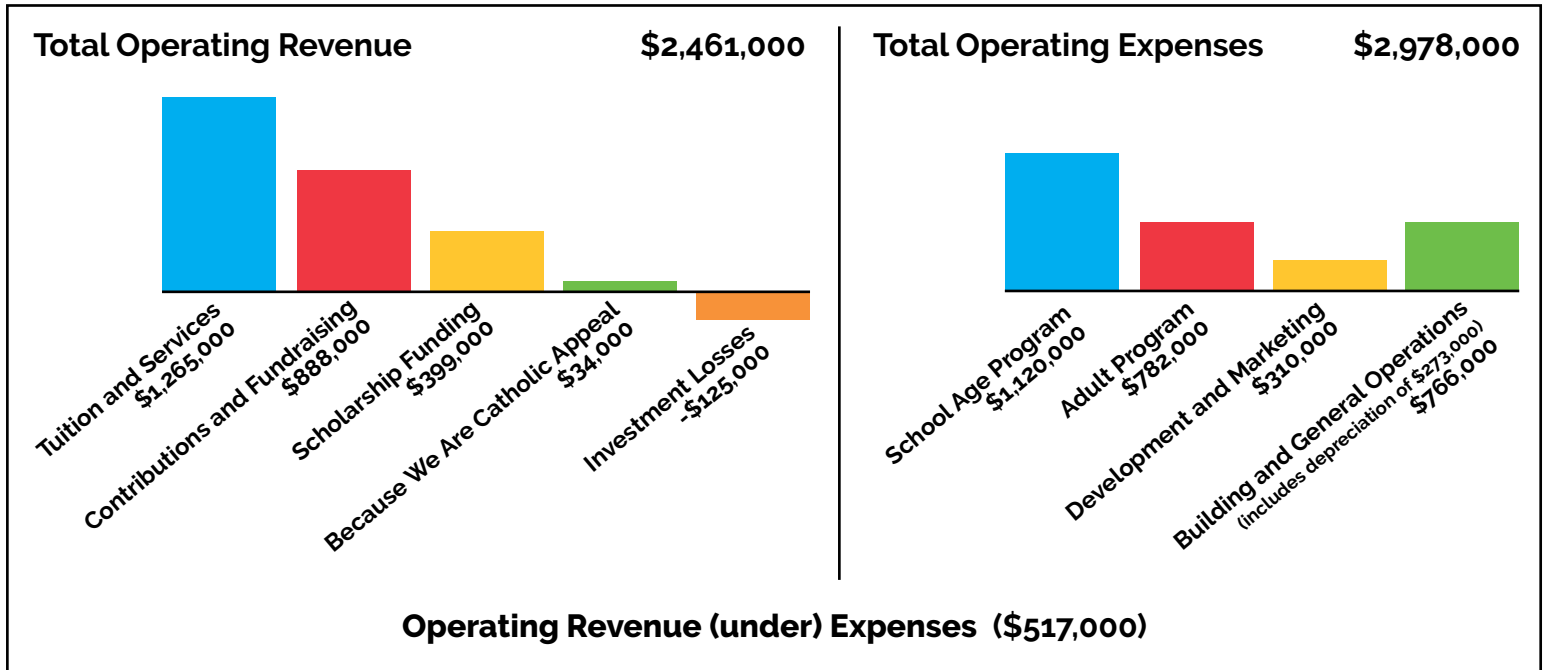
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Financial Summary

For fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.



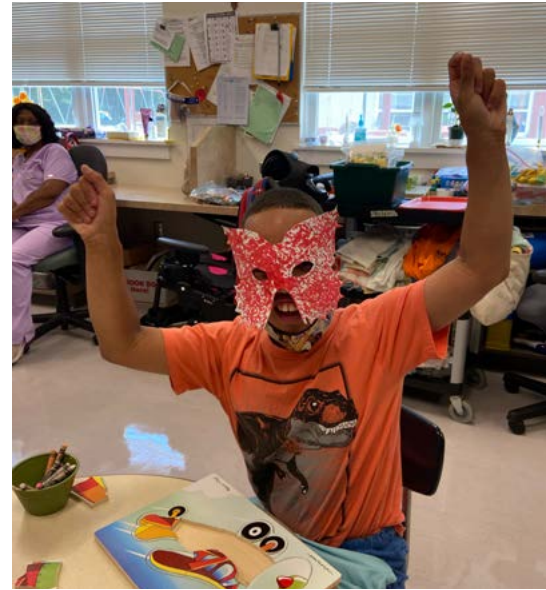
Note: In addition to the Operating Revenue included in this annual report, JPPI secured a CARES Act Paycheck Protection Loan, CARES Act Employee Retention Tax Credits and PA Adult Program Advances. This non-operating revenue was provided by federal and state government as one-time funding to help keep staff employed during the COVID-19 pandemic and to lessen loss of revenue. These funds allowed JPPI to offset its Operating Revenue Deficit and to be fiscally responsible for our center's funding and our future.

Why WE Can Do...

YOU supported our lunch fundraiser, which enabled us to provide free weekly lunches to **19 students** and **free pizza** for all students every Friday.

YOU participated in the EITC, OSTC, or SPE tax credit programs and provided scholarships and financial aid for **32 students**.

YOU attended our Legacy Gala and helped us raise more than **\$500,000**, including more than \$200,000 for our expanded transition program for our students ages 14-21.



...What We Do Because of YOU!

YOU partnered with us to provide worksite and volunteer opportunities for our students and adults where they **gained confidence** and learned important work and life skills.

YOU shared your **time, expertise, and talents** as volunteers on committees, in the classroom, and in our educational garden.

YOU made all these things possible and so much more for our students and adults at John Paul II Center for Special Learning! **Thank you!**



Report

We at John Paul II Center are continually able to do what we do because of the generous donations from our supporters. Because of you, we are able to give our students a safe and supportive environment to learn in, a place for them to make friends, and the tools they need to explore the world on their terms. We are forever grateful for your ongoing support because you are making a difference in the lives of both our students and adults.

The listings are a summation of annual giving, in honor/memory of, Legacy Gala and tax credit donations.

Our apologies if any names have been misspelled or omitted from this report.

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