



Start The Adventure In Reading



Mission
To improve
the reading
skills and
self-esteem

Statement
of lower
elementary
school
students

Serving Children Since 1985

Annual Report 2013

STAIR Program Evaluation

The STAIR Board of Directors has authorized a comprehensive 6-month evaluation of the STAIR program beginning in the fall of 2013. Dr. Judith Kieff, a veteran Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of New Orleans, will conduct the study. Dr. Kieff's career began as a second grade teacher and she has a variety of teaching experience at the preschool, elementary, and the college level. She has done research in early education, authored journal articles and texts, and conducted a number of program evaluations.

Dr. Kieff will review the STAIR program relying heavily on the most recent and trusted research on effective childhood literacy improvement methodology, including national and local Grade Level Reading Program recommendations. She also will review STAIR's alignment with the Common Core Curriculum and other requirements of the Louisiana Department of Education.

Following a review of Dr. Kieff's final report next spring, STAIR's board and staff plan to implement the recommendations of the evaluation.

Tina Brockmann
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STAIR Facts 2012-2013

- 227 students served
- 28 tutoring sites in Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Tammany parishes
- 350+ volunteers donated 13,013 tutoring hours
- 33 public schools served
- Oral reading fluency on reading tests on average increased 87% on the DIBELS test, 86% on the DRA test and 94% on the STEP test.



Allen Gibbs and Paulette Kloepfel
with STAIR students at Chahta-Ima
Elementary School.

STAIR Program Expands to the North Shore

With the support of multiple organizations, companies, churches and individuals, STAIR has opened two new sites in St. Tammany Parish. Spearheaded by STAIR board member Allen Gibbs, the program expansion includes new sites in Lacombe (serving Chahta-Ima Elementary School) and in Covington (serving Covington Elementary School).

Site sponsors for the Lacombe site include First Baptist Church and members of the community. Site sponsors for the Covington site include Wells Fargo Advisors, Covington Presbyterian Church and Covington Rotary Club. This school year, STAIR will operate 29 tutoring sites in Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Tammany parishes.

STAIR Honors Its Volunteers

This past year, STAIR celebrated National Volunteer Week with three events honoring tutors in three parishes.

At the West Bank party, guests enjoyed food and entertainment at the home of Diamon and Jim Howell.



2012-2013 STAIR Tutoring Sites

ORLEANS PARISH (schools served)

Algiers United Methodist Church (Behrman)
Arthur Ashe Charter School
Ben Franklin Elementary School
Carrollton Church of Christ (Esperanza)
Dillard University (Gentilly Terrace)
Harney Elementary School
Lafayette Academy
Lakeview Presbyterian Church (Capdau/Dibert)
Nelson Charter School
Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church (Wilson)
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (various)
St. Charles Ave. Presbyterian Church (Bethune/SciTech)
Success Preparatory Academy
Tulane University-Chapel of the Holy Spirit (Banneker/Johnson)
Tulane University-Newcomb (various)
Woodland Presbyterian Church (Eisenhower/Harte)

JEFFERSON PARISH (schools served)

John Calvin Presbyterian Church (Birney)
Grace Presbyterian Church (Alexander)
William Hart Elementary School
Jefferson Presbyterian Church (Jefferson)
Matas Elementary School
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church (Bissonet Plaza)
St. Paul's United Methodist Church (Harahan)

PLAQUEMINES PARISH (schools served)

Belle Chasse YMCA (Belle Chasse Primary School)

ST. TAMMANY PARISH (schools served)

Chahta-Ima Elementary School

PRIME TIME Family Reading Time

This 6-week LEH-funded program has been conducted by STAIR each semester for the past 4 years with programs serving 9 schools, including a bilingual version at Esperanza Charter (shown in photo). STAIR is hosting the program during the 2013-14 school year serving children from Harney Elementary School.



STAIR Affiliate Sites

ALABAMA

Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham

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Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg



2012-2013

Statement of Financial Activities June 30, 2013

Revenues and Support

Corporations/Foundations	\$ 171,056
Churches	37,200
Individuals	50,820
Organizations	16,480
Interest	812
Fundraising	58,575
Misc. Revenue	<u>3,000</u>
Subtotal	\$ 337,943

In-kind Contributions	<u>282,869</u>
TOTAL	\$ 620,812

Expenses

Salaries/Taxes	\$ 252,594
Transportation	37,380
Curriculum/Supplies	23,238
Snacks	5,889
PR/Postage/Printing	8,571
Audit/Professional Fees	10,411
Insurance	3,866
Staff Development/Travel	1,986
Depreciation	5,212
Other	<u>13,719</u>
Subtotal	\$ 362,866

In-Kind Expenses	<u>\$ 282,869</u>
(occupancy, curriculum/books, misc.)	
TOTAL	\$ 645,735

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 74,166
Investments	185,419
Pledges and Interest Receivable	2,500
Prepaid Expenses	<u>1,234</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 263,319

Other Assets:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment-net	<u>2,958</u>
Total Assets	\$ 266,277

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 1,630
Capital lease payable	<u>2,325</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,955

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	258,222
Temporarily restricted	<u>4,100</u>
Total Net Assets	262,322

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 266,277
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