KEY CENTER
for learning differences

The Difference is Key!

2019 Annual Report

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A Letter from Our Executive Director

Each year as we develop our annual report to the community, we choose our highlights of the year and merge them with our vision for the future. It is with great excitement that we share these incredible milestones with you.

In 2018, Key School purchased 14-acres of property at 1125 Morrison Drive in Fort Worth for the future Key Center for Learning Differences, John M. Richardson Campus. To open the school year, the administration treated the Key School staff to a surprise field trip to our new location. Happily, our staff enjoyed being the first to tour the beautiful wooded property.

In early 2019, the Key Development Team organized a "Party on the Property" for our entire Key community to celebrate the success of finding a new home for our beloved Key School and additional community programs. The dream was becoming a reality.

Work started immediately on the design of the new campus with the guidance of the HH Architectural firm. Initial meetings were held to ensure the feel of the new campus was purposeful for the learning differences community in which we serve. Every design decision made was intentional and discussed in length to ensure the most appropriate learning environment. Along with the building design planning, Pogue Construction was hired as the General Contractor for the Key building project. We are truly thankful to both HH Architects and Pogue Construction for their expertise and wisdom throughout this detailed process.

Another celebration this year included the complete overhaul of the Key website. Adding two new community-based programs to increase our outreach required a thorough revamping of the Key School website to encompass so much more. Updates on both our Key School Academic Language Therapy (KSALT) program, and our Key Navigation & Training program reflect the exciting new services being offered to the community.

While these achievements reflect the hard work of dedicated employees, board members, volunteers, and community supporters, these achievements also reflect the foundation and vision that was established by our founding father, Dr. John M. Richardson, so many years ago. At Key, we are forever grateful for his service and dedication to not only our children, but also to the thousands of children across Tarrant County struggling with learning differences whose lives he touched. It is our honor to carry on his legacy and dedication to service.

In the months and years ahead, our plans include:

- Increasing our outreach and education in the area of learning differences
- Expanding our programs to serve the greater need in the community
- Dedicating time and effort into researching the most effective practices in teaching our learning differences students
- Ensuring that the Fort Worth community is knowledgeable about the Key Center and its services

Now more than ever, we take pride in the positive changes we are making in the community in the area of learning differences. We have you, our supporters, to thank for the impressive strides we have made.

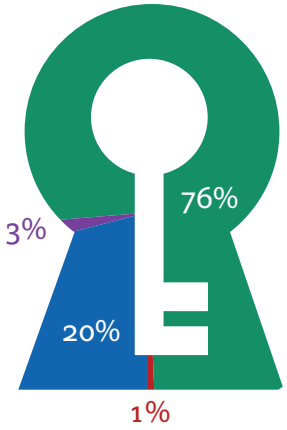
We look forward to pressing on into 2020 and beyond with the enthusiasm and commitment that has been the forefront of Key for over 50 years.

Sincerely,

Kerri Benson, M.Ed.
Executive Director

"You can dream, create, design, and build the most wonderful place in the world.
But it requires people to make the dream a reality." -Walt Disney

Key School Financials



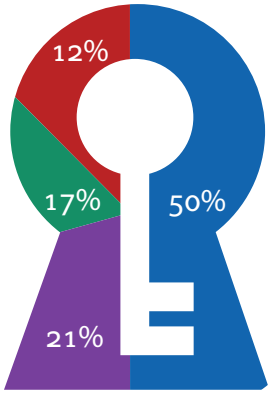
Support and Revenue

Tuition	$1,475,094
Books, Meals, and Fees	$191,287
Contributions	$5,318,384
Fundraising Events	$30,769
Interest & Other Income	$15,034
Total Revenue	$7,030,568

Capital Campaign included in Contributions

children in the U.S. have learning and attention issues.

Locally **78,000** children in Tarrant County schools are affected by learning differences.



Program Expenses

Salary and Benefits	$1,265,644
Educational Expenses	$523,987
General & Administrative	$5,318,384
Fundraising	$314,884
Total Expenses	$2,531,865

Key School has a **50-year history** of specialized education.

Key School has a **4** to **1** **teacher** to **student** ratio.

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"Key School is the most special place I have ever worked! There is a different atmosphere, a different way our staff and everyone in the building believes in our students!"

Mellie Joiner
Curriculum Director
Key School

"Because of our small class size, I can build those relationships with the kids, because I sit at the tables with them every day, working one on one with them. This builds a trust with each student!"

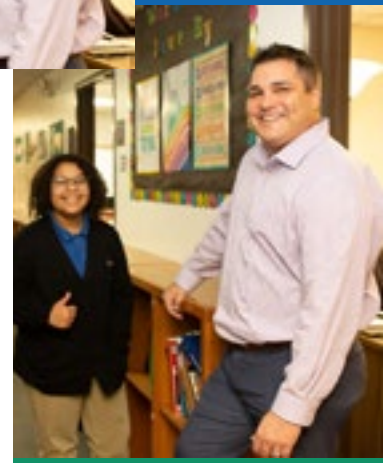
Mary Barwinkel
Teacher
Key School

"I have been able to witness so many young people here have a voice because this is a safe environment, a loving environment, and they know we are all on their side!"

Kellye Belt
Teacher
Key School

"The kids sometimes need a voice until they can speak up for themselves. The students start taking control of their own learning, to be an advocate for themselves, which is one of the biggest goals we have for them!"

Chad Meeks
Assistant Director
Key School



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