

# Annual Report

JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022



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## From the Associate Executive Director

We are encouraged by the success we saw this past year at school! Being in-person the whole year gave our students the most significant opportunity for academic success and social and emotional health. With the merger of Hope Academy into West Campus, we're now able to offer trauma-informed care to every student who walks our hallways.

We continue to remove hurdles and fill in the gaps for struggling students, just like we've been doing for close to 40 years. And we're grateful you've partnered with us. Many worthy organizations need your support, so thank you for trusting us with your donations. Let this annual report be a testament to how your partnership has changed the lives of students! And as always, we praise God for His faithfulness!

*Sherry Smead*



## 2021 / 2022 School Year Highlights

### Moving our students towards success

As the year progressed, COVID took a back seat to inflation and gas price increases. And with 75% of our student population already at or below the poverty level, it caused problems. We watched as families were being forced to choose between getting to school or having food on the table. We did our best to support our students and their families with RTD bus passes as well as fuel cards when we had them.

We also spent the year reinforcing our *soft fences* to move our students toward success. With COVID attendance issues over the last two years, it was vital to emphasize the importance of being in class and removing distractions. By making these a priority, we watched credit completion climb between the 2nd and 4th quarters from below 80% to just over 80%!

- We continue to serve the underprivileged population of Denver, many who live below the poverty level. That translates to about 75% of our students qualifying for the free and reduced lunch program.
- Our school-wide daily attendance rate was 87%.
- 7 out of 7 eligible students received diplomas before the end of the school year. Of the 41 students served by our campuses, 10% were African American, 75% were Hispanic/Latino, 5% of mixed ethnicity, and 10% were Caucasian.

- Every new student took the Woodcock-Johnson III Achievement Battery. This standardized test enables us to better match their educational levels with appropriate classes and learning materials. Additionally, students are tested periodically in their English classes using the IXL program. This program individualizes instruction and measures growth over time for several key reading and language arts skills.
- Every student received a faculty advocate designed to connect them within the school, assist in college and career planning, and provide guidance in life skills as well as goal setting. They met 4x per week.
- Juniors and seniors engaged in a variety of activities including researching careers, visiting college campuses, applying to colleges and for scholarships, and internships.
- Our overall credit completion rate was 80%. Our goal was 80%.
- Over 70% of the student body participated in staff and partner interactions outside school hours, with about 1500 hours of positive extracurricular activities offered to our students, including basketball and wrestling, retreats, advocacy activities, and sporting events.
- We completed an extensive review through Cognia and have been approved for another five years of accreditation.

# Financial Statements

June 2021 – June 2022

Being 100% privately funded means we don't receive any government funding. The school relies on the generous support of individuals, churches, businesses and foundations throughout the community and across the nation. These partners make it possible to offer struggling students a second chance to receive a quality education, and we give our most heartfelt thanks to them for believing in our work and choosing to financially support our critical mission in the inner city.

## Statement of Financial Position

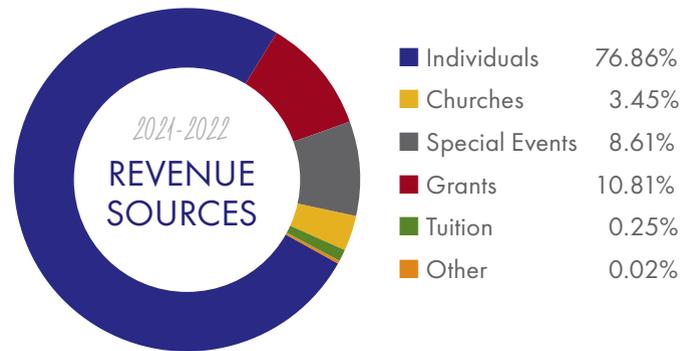
For the year ending June 30, 2022

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,092,923
Accounts receivable	12,383
Prepaid expenses	10,532
Investments	25,725
Assets held in trust	14,995
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,558</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,940
<b>Net assets</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ 1,094,592
Temporarily restricted	58,026
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,152,618</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,55</b>

## Statement of Activities

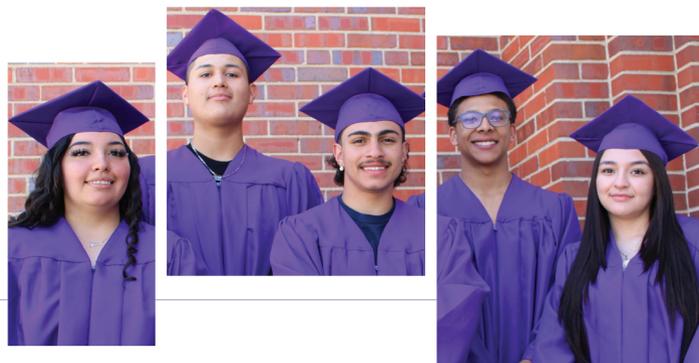
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<b>Support, Revenue, and Other Gains</b>	
Contributions	\$ 1,050,382
Tuition	2,775
Special event income, net of Direct expenses of \$8,145	\$ 88,286
Investment income	(14,479)
Net assets released from restrictions	0
<b>Total support, revenue and other gains</b>	<b>\$1,126,964</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program services	\$ 699,430
General and administrative	60,992
Fundraising	80,938
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 841,360</b>
Changes in net assets	\$ 285,604
Net assets at the beginning of the year	867,014
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$1,152,618</b>



## Our Purpose and Direction Statements

Bringing hope, a second chance, and the love of Christ to Denver's at-risk youth through quality education in a safe environment and a supportive network of loving, caring adults.



### Students will become productive citizens by:

- acquiring tools to problem solve and set goals
- identifying and overcoming negative habits
- having a vision for a positive future
- working to develop and maintain healthy relationships
- knowing the Gospel and understanding how to enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ
- finding and ethically using relevant information from multiple sources
- mastering course content
- earning a diploma