

2019-2020 Annual Report

Listening, Speaking, and Learning Together



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Our Mission

Following the values and traditions of our founders, the mission of DePaul School for Hearing and Speech is to teach each child who is deaf or hard of hearing to listen, speak, and learn. Our children enter the educational mainstream with the foundation to succeed.

Identity

Founded in 1908 by the <u>Diocese of Pittsburgh</u> and the <u>Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill</u>, DePaul School for Hearing and Speech has been providing quality <u>Listening and Spoken Language</u> (<u>LSL</u>) education to children who are deaf or hard of hearing for more than 100 years. DePaul School is licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an Approved Private School (APS).

It is the policy of DePaul School to provide equal educational opportunities to all students who qualify for admission without regard to race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, or national origin.

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The 2019-2020 school year began with tremendous enthusiasm and excitement at DePaul School. With the generous support of the Phillips Charitable Foundation, we launched the year with a unified focus of a Read-Aloud Program. Facets of this program included regular read aloud buddies in school, challenges for students to be actively reading aloud at home with family members, activities in school such as "Lights Out, Read Out" (in the hallway using flashlights to read) and many other fun activities to bring the world of reading alive to students. I cannot recall a time when the entire school was more enthusiastic and alive with learning than in the of Fall 2019. Teachers were practicing read-alouds, recording and analyzing their efficacy, students were gaining skills for reading with a new-found fervor. Several professional development workshops spurred the teachers to try new ideas and sharpen their skills for both teaching reading and modeling it.

This enthusiasm was carrying forward through the winter months with all intentions of continuing into the spring... and then came March 2020. The world turned upside down for everyone. We had just completed the purchase and set up of Chromebooks for our students in the upper level program as a plan to aid in their eventual transition to their mainstream neighborhood schools when COVID-19 caused a lock-down, shutting down schools across Pennsylvania for the remainder of the year. Fortunately, we were able to send the Chromebooks home with the elementary students on March 13th, allowing connectivity to complete the school year remotely. After two weeks of scrambling to transition our programs to online learning, we reconnected with students and managed to make the most of the remaining twelve weeks of the school year. Children who are deaf or hard of hearing face a significant challenge to learn online. However, they are also very resilient, and have terrific supports at home who have partnered with our teaching staff to make the most of these difficult circumstances.

Across the globe, the entire world is struggling with the impact of COVID-19. Schools are facing many challenges as we try to identify new ways to achieve the same educational goals we have for our students. We are grateful beyond words for the support that you have shown us through this most challenging of times. We know that we could not have been as successful as we have been without the generosity and support that we have received. We consider ourselves to be tremendously blessed by your generosity.

Sincerly,

Ruth G. Auld, EdD Executive Director

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2019-2020

10 New Students

8 Toddlers1 Preschool Student1 Elementary Student

45 Total Students

9 Toddlers

9 Preschool Students

27 Elementary/Middle School Students

2 Students Commuted from Out of State

67% of Enrolled Students had Cochlear Implants

100 students served by Interant Services in 12 schools or school districts



Congratulations to all of our deaf or hard of hearing students who have transitioned to their neighborhood schools! At DePaul School, we celebrate the success of each individual child with hearing loss as he or she transitions to and thrives in the hearing and speaking world.



AllieSouth Fayette Intermediate School



Anna
South Fayette Elementary School



HreeshaRichland Elementary School



KatePeebles Elementary School



KayleighKiski Area South Primary School





We welcomed back two DePaul School
Alumni to our annual Reach for the Stars
Gala with their very own book signings!
Both "told their story" and are now
published authors!



Our school year's focus was on reading.
One of our favorite activities was our
"Lights Out, Read Out" party. We turned
out the lights in the hallway and all read our
favorite books by flashlight!



Our students were delighted to host the <u>Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill</u> for our annual Founders' Day Celebration!



DePaul Families were Listening and
Speaking Rockstars at the virtual Highmark
Walk for a Healthy Community, walking
around their neighborhoods and raising
money for DePaul!!



To celebrate reading, students wished Dr. Seuss a happy birthday with a huge reading themed picnic for Read Across America day!





The 1908 Society honors and acknowledges some of DePaul School's most ardent supporters and friends. These individuals provide direct annual support to further DePaul's mission to teach children who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen and speak. There is no deadline to join the 1908 Society—make your donation of \$1,000 or more and join these elite members in making a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. For more information on how to join, please contact Sara Baines-Miller at 412-924-1012 or sbm@depaulhearingandspeech.org.



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Government Subsidy - Current	\$2,236,452
Government Subsidy - Shortfall Distribution	\$509,894
Foundation Contributions	\$147,498
Federal & State Government Grants	\$25,800
Private & Corporate Contributions	\$288,737
Services & Fees	\$395,402
Bequests	\$101,613
Toddler Student Tuition	\$4,847
Investment Return, Net	\$333,906
Students	\$1,890
Other	\$348

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Expenses

Program Services - Education	\$3,009,438
Supporting Services	
General and Administrative	\$243,601
Development	\$162,654
Fundraising	\$90.584

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