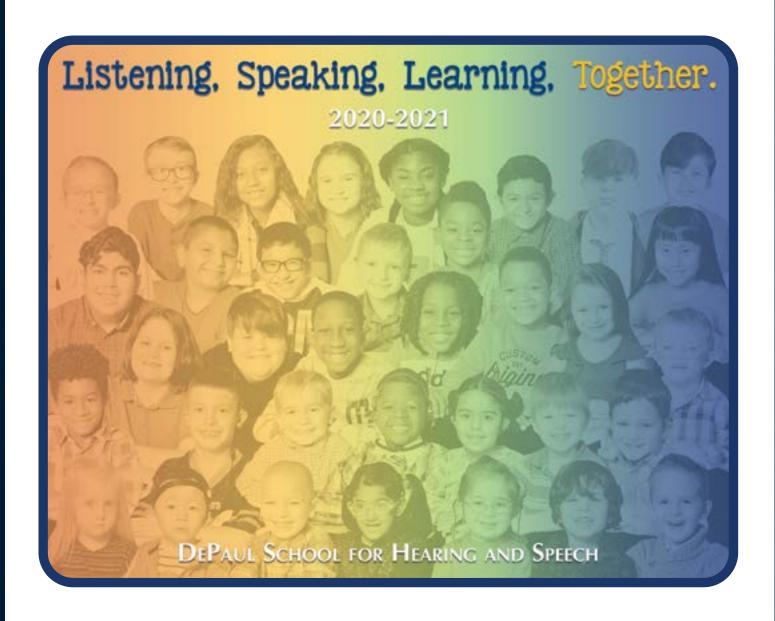


# Annual Report





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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 113 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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# Dearest Friends of DePaul School -

Have you had the experience of returning to a town you "used to know" and at first glance, everything appears to be different? Then, as you look a little closer, your memories bring the old town back to life? Everything I recalled about this place is still here! Covid-19 has had that effect on us, everything is different, but everything we expect to see is still just the same as before!

At DePaul School, that's a really great summary of this past year. Wading through all the uncertainty presented us with so many challenges that we never knew before. We faced them together, figured out how to keep our doors open all year, and like every one of our 113 years, our students had a full year of in-person instruction. Many things were different; masks, shields, no visitors, and everything on computers, but the important things stayed the same. Our students and their families experienced the same caliber of excellent listening and spoken language education they've come to expect from our staff. Our teachers provided top-notch lessons, and Jack, the therapy dog, still needed to go for a walk with students every day.

Our stakeholders, like you, continued to provide us with the support and encouragement to persevere through the difficult times. Perhaps we grew a little more resilient because of the challenges, perhaps a little more ingenious to meet the constantly changing trials. We definitely grew even more appreciative for the support you have shown. It helped us to know the work that we do is important, and it helps us to know we are not doing this work alone. Perhaps one of our greatest challenges of Covid was finding ways to stay connected in the community. Your support was a constant reminder that the DePaul Community is alive and well, and that we are so blessed, even in difficult times.

With a grateful heart,

Ruth G. Auld, EdD Executive Director

Ruth & auch

# 2020-2021

6 New Students

3 Preschool Students3 Elementary Students

43\* Total Students

15 Preschool Students28 Elementary/Middle School Students

2 Students Commuted from Out of State

68% of Enrolled Students had Cochlear Implants

84 students served by Interant Services in 7 schools or school districts

\* Toddler Program was conducted virtually in 2020-2021



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.



Caden
Derry Area High School



Da'Nae City Charter High School



In September, we were notified that a time capsule was found at our former Mt. Lebanon campus. We were blessed to be able to unearth it with a small group of Sisters of Charity and alumni!



To celebrate our annual participation in the Highmark Walk, students and staff participated in a Walk-A-Thon and successfully walked 336 laps around the block to raise money for DePaul School!



In the spring, our students were able to get outside in the fresh air to celebrate Earth Day! They designed (and drew) multiple chalk murals on the sidewalks to celebrate our planet.



The elementary students got to try out their self-advocacy skills on a field trip to Millie's Ice Cream! Students worked very hard to use self-disclosure statements and learning how to order for themselves.



In what is hopefully a new tradition, almost 100 current families and alumni got together at Schenley Park for an end of the year picnic! It was great to see everyone!

# Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

# Revenue & Support

Government Subsidy - Current	\$2,359,456
Government Subsidy - Shortfall Distribution	\$755,671
Foundation Contributions	\$298,315
Federal & State Government Grants	\$25,800
Private & Corporate Contributions	\$248,155
Services & Fees	\$416,264
Bequests	\$94,657
Toddler Student Tuition	\$0
Investment Return, Net	\$1,862,360
Students	\$3,924
Forgiveness Paycheck Protection Program Loan	\$483,690

# Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

# **Expenses**

Program Services - Education	\$3,120,885
Supporting Services	
General and Administrative	\$230,253
Development	\$312,261
Fundraising	\$24,737

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