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Annual Report 2010

STAIR Marks 25 Years of Service

Marking its 25th anniversary in 2010, STAIR continues to be a successful children’s literacy program in the Greater New Orleans area providing free one-on-one after school tutoring in reading and language skills to at-risk second-grade public elementary school students as well as literacy support to family members. Founded in 1985, STAIR has brought more than 300,000 hours of dedicated volunteer service to its partner public schools to help nearly 6,000 New Orleans area students excel. As it has been for 25 years, STAIR is led by a strong all-volunteer Board of Directors and Advisory Council, staffed by qualified literacy administrators, and endowed with a volunteer force of more than 350 trained community individuals.



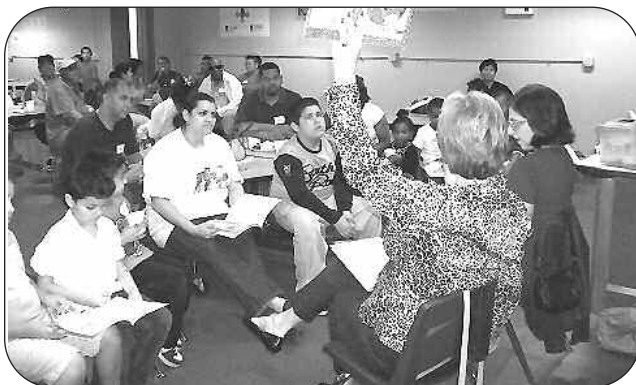
STAIR Graduation at Woodland Presbyterian Church in May 2010.

STAIR Facts 2009-2010

- 238 students served
- 29 tutoring sites in Orleans, Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes
- 350+ volunteers
- 33 public schools
- Oral reading fluency on DIBELS test increased nearly 92%
- Of the STAIR parents who returned surveys, 100 % reported that their children’s reading skills have improved, 88% said their children were much more interested in reading, and 73% said that helpful tutors made the difference.

Jim Howell
President

Sara W. Woodard
Executive Director



STAIR and the Prime Time Family Reading Time program. . .

sponsored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities: In previous years, STAIR has coordinated the six-week Prime Time program of reading, discussion, and storytelling for children and family members from Dibert Elementary School and Esperanza Charter School. STAIR will conduct this program at Capdau UNO Charter School in the fall of 2010 and at another public elementary school in the spring of 2011.

STAIR Volunteers Are the Best!

Volunteers donated nearly **14,000 hours** to STAIR this past school year! If you add up all of our volunteer hours from tutors, Board and Advisory Council members, workday helpers and STAIR Affair volunteers, the total monetary value would be **\$311,355**. STAIR certainly appreciates the invaluable support of its community volunteers who lend their time and talents to our program.

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STAIR's Guest Reader Program: As part of STAIR's 25th anniversary observance, a diverse selection of community members were invited to read to the children during the regular tutoring sessions. Among STAIR guest readers was David McCelvey, vice president, Operations of Emeril's Homebase LLC, shown here with Wilson Charter School students and tutors from the STAIR site at Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church.



STAIR'S Partnerships: STAIR's tutoring sites are located at its partner schools, universities and various churches that donate storage space for curriculum materials and books as well as classroom space for tutoring. STAIR has partnerships with local universities as part of their work-study or service-learning programs, including Dillard, UNO, Xavier, Loyola and Tulane.

STAIR also continues to work with its partners New Orleans Kids Partnership, Connect2Educate Collaborative, Communities in Schools-New Orleans, New Orleans Musicians Assistance Foundation, Greater New Orleans Afterschool Partnership, Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans, First Book-Greater New Orleans and the Unified Nonprofits of Greater New Orleans.

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"I appreciate everything you all did for my students. Thanks for helping so that all children can be literate and well rounded individuals in the future. From the families and children you all serve, I extend a Big **THANK YOU!**"

Teacher
Dibert Elementary School

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2010

FINANCIALS

Revenue and Support — June 30, 2010

Corporations/Foundations	\$ 163,337
Churches	38,640
Individuals	46,775
Organizations	20,001
STAIR Affair	82,847
21st Century Grant	15,000
Book Fair Events	1,347
Interest	1,720
Misc. Revenue	906
	Subtotal
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 282,154
	TOTAL

Expenses — June 30, 2010

Salaries/Taxes	\$ 219,418
Transportation	48,730
Curriculum/Supplies	15,207
Snacks	5,617
PR/Postage/Printing	9,374
Audit/Professional Fees	8,994
Insurance	4,022
Staff Development/Travel	2,474
Depreciation	7,023
Other	29,043
	Subtotal
In-Kind Expenses	\$ 349,902
(occupancy, curriculum/books, STAIR Affair, misc.)	\$ 282,154
	TOTAL

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 277,920
Restricted cash	9,250
Investments	31,557
Pledges Receivable	47,500
Prepaid expenses	2,089
	Total Current Assets
	\$ 368,316

Furniture, fixtures and equipment - net \$ 4,256

Other Assets:

Library - books and videos	7,143
Pledges receivable	34,342
	Total Assets
	\$ 414,057

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable \$ 1,353

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	329,112
Temporarily restricted	83,592
	Total Net Assets
	412,704

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 414,057

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Birney Elementary School
Capdau UNO Charter School
Carrollton Church of Christ
Communities in Schools-New Orleans
Community Church Unitarian Universalist
Connect2Educate Collaborative
Dibert Elementary School
Dillard University
Donald Jefferson
Drew Elementary School
Eisenhower Elementary School
Esperanza Charter School
Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church
First Book-Greater New Orleans
Fischer Elementary School
Garden District Book Shop
Gentilly Terrace UNO Charter School
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Holy Angels Congregational Center
Lafayette Academy
McDonogh #42 Elementary School
Nelson UNO Charter School
Open World Family Services
Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church
St. Andrews Episcopal Church
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