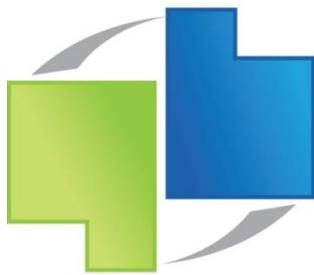


# 2016

## Annual Report



dyslexia center  
OF UTAH  
non-profit



Dyslexia Center of Utah 2016

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016

### Mission:

Dyslexia Center of Utah (non-profit) is dedicated to meeting the educational needs of children diagnosed with a primary language processing disorder, and supporting the constituencies that serve them. Dyslexia Center of Utah seeks a culturally, ethnically, and economically diverse population and is an active participant in both the Utah and International branch of the IDA.

To fulfill its mission, Dyslexia Center of Utah (a 501(c)(3) non-profit)

- Offers an academic program designed to serve a population of students having a language learning disability such as dyslexia, of average to superior intelligence, and no primary emotional problems.
- Fosters self-confidence and a willingness to take responsibility for being active learners.
- Prepares students to enter other academic settings and to advocate for themselves in a life of learning.

### Statistics:

- 165 Students
- 27 Staff
- Board of Directors
- Five Centers in Utah
- \$17,800 Raised for Student Scholarships in 2016

### Board of Directors

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 Shelley Hatch-Exec Dir  
 Boyd Wold  
 Ed Martinelli  
 Kristin Eberting  
 Deanne Shields  
 Amber Blake-Secretary

### Success Stories:

At the time, we were at the end of a hopeless road and weren't sure what could be done for our son who would soon be entering middle school. We were told by the public school "keep reading", though **he was at a second grade reading level in the fifth grade.** There was great concern from his teacher but no real alternative plan or option offered for real help. We began his lessons with DCU. **Within 6 weeks it was noted that he went from that second grade reading level to a fourth grade reading level.** This was outstanding news and brought us great hope and instant relief!

The reality for us is that the Dyslexia Center of Utah, in a very real way, saved our son's life. The most powerful outcome is that he will ultimately be able to provide for himself and for his future family. Thanks to the reading program offered at DCU, he has a BRIGHT future.

**My only wish is that more children could receive this type of help.**

-Blair & Cynthia Giles  
 Fredette Family Foundation

## Accomplishments 2016

- ✓ **5K and Silent Auction** Fundraiser for DCU scholarships April 2016
- ✓ **Mercedes-Benz Dealer Championships Tennis Tournament & Silent Auction** Fundraiser for DCU Student Scholarships June 2016
- ✓ Presentations on Dyslexia given to **pediatricians in Bountiful** to train on the symptoms and signs of dyslexia, underlying conditions, psychological and emotional stresses it causes.
- ✓ Presentations on signs, symptoms and interventions of dyslexia given to students at **BYU** in the **Special Education** classes for specific instruction on dyslexia.
- ✓ Training on dyslexia for teachers and administrators at **Blanding Elementary**, Blanding UT
- ✓ **Awarded Utah Legislative Educational Funding** for student scholarships .
- ✓ **Opened new centers** in Riverton, Provo and Springville bringing the number to six centers along the **Wasatch Front**



## 1. WHO WE ARE

**Dyslexia Center of Utah** services 162 Utah children who suffer from dyslexia along the Wasatch Front in six locations. The director is the leading authority of dyslexia in the state with over 17 years of experience.

**Our vision** is to help every dyslexic child learn to read regardless of ability to pay for specialized, research-based instruction.

## 2. WHY WE CARE

**Children with dyslexia** cannot learn to read in a traditional school setting. They must be taught in multi-sensory, proven research-based instruction.

**Children with dyslexia have a language processing disorder** that prohibits proper brain functions of recall abilities (to recall what a letter sounds like), mind processing abilities, comprehension, reading, vocabulary, grammar and math, despite very high IQ levels and extremely high talents in creative arts and problem solving.

## 3. THE PROBLEMS

**Undiagnosed and untreated dyslexia** causes frustrated children; angry, teased and bullied youth, and illiterate young adults--forming an environment for unemployment and social misconduct.

**Public schools and districts** refuse to recognize dyslexia, as they would then be required to provide testing, diagnosis and intervention services, which schools are not funded, equipped or trained to do.

**The cost of specialized tutoring** can be difficult for families--up to \$200 per month. And since dyslexia is genetic, many families have more than one dyslexic child.

## 4. OUR GOALS

Keep **costs down** to help families from financial burdens.

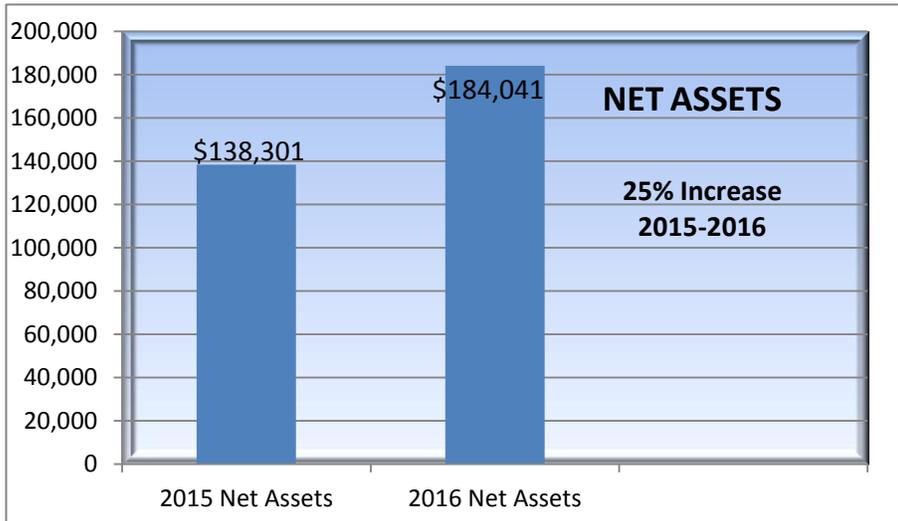
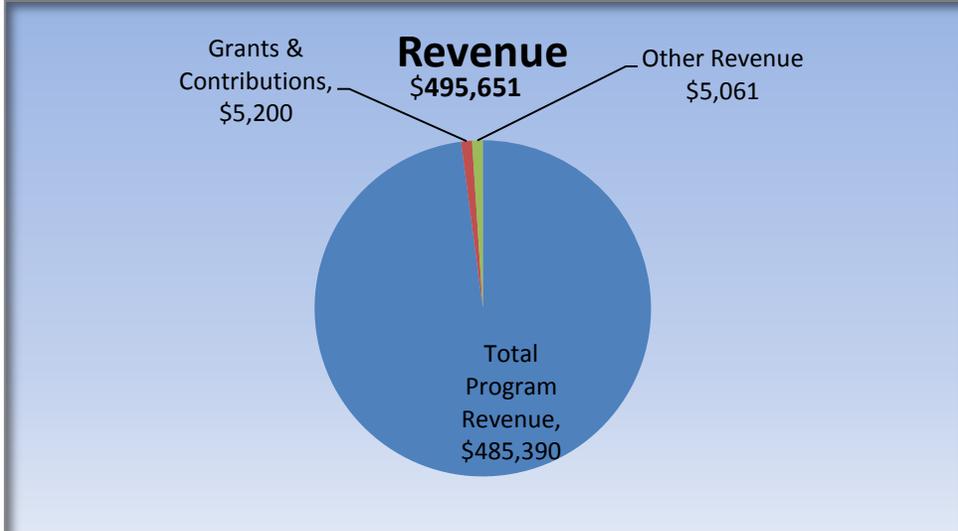
**Raise funds** to provide 18 full & 84 partial scholarships for children who cannot otherwise afford services.

**Provide services** to the 10-15% of Utah children suffer from of dyslexia and are unable to stay on grade level in reading, comprehension and math.

## 5. CALL TO ACTION

Help provide forty-five (45) partial scholarships of \$2,400 each to reduce financial burdens on families.

Support the center to provide free community funding to train school teachers & parents to recognize signs of dyslexia for quick intervention. Contribute corporate matching funds.



### REPORTED GROWTH

Net Assets reported steady growth for the sixth year in a row.

#### How to help:

Only one \$4,800 early-intervention, tuition scholarship would save hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxpayer money in lost production, school drop-out reform, crime prevention programs, counseling, medications, crime and prison costs. The long-term goal of the DCU is to strengthen and prepare dyslexic youth to become solid and confident in their literary skills, which will translate into strong contributing members of society having a positive, ripple-effect worldwide.

**Please help provide scholarships to families of dyslexic children:**

- \_\_\_ 1 yr scholarship \$3,300 per child
- \_\_\_ 2 yr scholarship \$6,600 per child
- \_\_\_ Donation for learning materials
- \_\_\_ Sponsor training for a tutor: \$575

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