



DALLAS SERVICES

2014 Annual Report

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dallas Services continues to honor our founders with our goals of increasing the quality of life of everyone we serve and promoting community inclusiveness for children and adults of varying needs and challenges. Continuing the tradition of our founders, Dallas Services promotes a belief that individuals should be afforded opportunities to achieve their potential.

Our early childhood division is comprised of Dallas Day School and Mesquite Day School. Both schools actively include children with a variety of disabilities and from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds. Soon, Dallas Day School-Medical District will open to provide quality early childhood education for children of families working and/or living in the medical district as well as those commuting from the North. Our Early Childhood Education programs seek to insure that children are “more than prepared” for Kindergarten. More importantly, our curricula and approach teaches children to think and problem solve. Once the new school opens, our early childhood division will serve approximately 550 children. During this year, one parent was diagnosed with and succumbed to a fatal disease. Through the generosity of our donors and supporters, Dallas Services was able to provide a scholarship so that the child would not be as impacted; allowing the parents to focus on the medical battle. Dallas Services was able to provide almost \$65,000 in scholarships and financial aid last year.

The Low Vision Clinic (LVC) strives to improve the quality of life for all patients, regardless of age or vision impairment. The LVC has three primary programs: Vision for Children, which provides glasses to school-age children from low income families; Vision for Success, a program that addresses the vision needs of low-income adults and the Low Vision Services, which serves individuals of all ages whose vision challenges cannot be addressed through glasses or surgery. LVC staff has a reputation of being able to assist everyone, regardless of disability. Last year, a staff of three served approximately 2,500 individuals.

Dallas Services, through its programs, could not do what we do without the tremendous generosity of the community, individual and corporate donors, and the families we serve.

It has been our pleasure to lead Dallas Services over the past year. We have a tremendous staff with significant tenure; possibly some of the lowest turnover in our fields. On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff and, more importantly, those we serve, we would like to thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission. With your continued support, many more will Achieve Their Potential.



Dr. Thomas Turnage
Executive Director



Dr. Clark Thomas
Board Chair

About Us

"The mission of Dallas Services is to enable ALL individuals, especially those with disabilities or other needs, to achieve their potential by fostering personal achievement, independence and community inclusiveness."

Founded in 1949 by Alfred and Mildred Sack, Dallas Services began when the Sacks were looking for an educational option for their 6 year old blind daughter, Sarah Lee Sack. Blind children were not allowed to attend the local elementary school. The only option was the Texas School for the Blind, in Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Sack, recognizing the importance of caring for their daughter in their family home, opened the Dallas School for Blind Children. The following year a preschool was added and Dallas area parents of blind children found a place where they could receive support and education about caring for their child.

Mrs. Sack became an advocate for an inclusive school system and through her work a bill was drafted requiring Texas schools to provide blind and deaf children educational opportunities at their local schools. Dallas Services has changed over time, but we still hold to Mrs. Sack's founding promise that all children should be able to learn and play together, regardless of ability.

Dallas Services has two guiding philosophies: increasing the quality of life for everyone we serve and supporting and promoting inclusiveness. These philosophies are realized by our two service departments, Vision and Inclusive Early Childhood Education.

Vision Services



The Low Vision Clinic

The Low Vision Clinic (LVC) is a one-of-a-kind optometric center that provides both low vision services and routine vision services to all ages. The LVC is an independent center and is not affiliated with a university or medical conglomerate. This independence allows the doctor and staff the flexibility needed to serve individuals who have limited financial means.

The LVC provides vision services to those who would not be able to access vision health care otherwise. Some of the special populations that the LVC serves are

- Adults with low vision who no longer qualify for governmental assistance
- Children and adults with developmental issues
- Low income individuals
- Individuals with multiple medical and developmental concerns



There is no geographic limitation to receiving services from the LVC. Patients come from Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Austin, as well as, other states.

Unique to the LVC is the large quantity of low vision assistive devices that are kept in stock; around 300 devices. With the stock, in office, low vision patients are able to benefit from the assistive device as soon as possible.



Low Vision Services



What is Low Vision?

Low vision is a reduction in vision that can not be corrected by glasses, contacts, medication, or surgery. It is estimated that 12.1% of the American population has low vision or blindness (Cornell Disability Statistics Database).

Low Vision Services

The Low Vision Clinic was established to provide treatment to all individuals experiencing low vision. Vision department staff specialize in conducting low vision exams on infants, nonverbal children and adults, as well as children and adults with cognitive and developmental delays.

Low vision treatments are personalized to the individuals' needs and goals and are focused on improving quality of life and achieving scholastic, vocational and personal life goals.

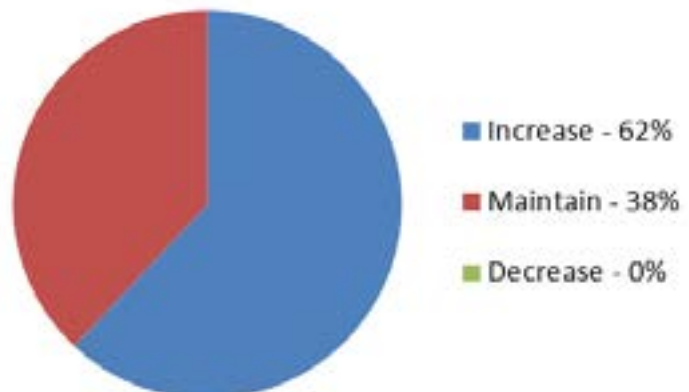


This year the LVC

- Helped 765 low vision patients maintain or improve their quality of life
- Provided 1,401 assistive devices to low vision patients so that they are able to meet their vision goals
- Successfully increased services to low vision patients over 50 years old, through a grant from the Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation
- 100% of patients reported maintaining or increasing their quality of life after receiving low vision services



Quality of Life for LVC Patients



Routine Vision Services



Vision for Children

Vision for Children serves low-income, school-aged children who have been referred after failing two in-school vision screenings. Each child will receive a comprehensive dilated eye exam and a pair of glasses. After accessing Vision for Children services, children are better equipped for academic success.

Vision for Success

Vision for Success provides routine vision services (including glasses) to low-income adults referred to Dallas Services from other social service agencies (domestic violence shelters, substance abuse treatment centers, and homeless shelters). By utilizing Vision for Success services, individuals will be able to participate fully in education and/or treatment services that are provided by the referring agency and eventually improve their life.



This year the LVC

- Provided 758 low-income Dallas students with a pair of glasses so that they are prepared for academic success
- Vision for Children was made possible through grants from the James D. and Kay Y. Moran Foundation, the Harry W. Bass Foundation, Oak Cliff Lions Club, Park Cities Lions Club and the Cox Chapel Highland Park United Methodist Church
- Provided low-income Dallas adults with a pair of glasses so that they will be able to rebuild their lives
- Funding from the Baron and Blue Foundation helped the LVC provide glasses to homeless adults undergoing substance abuse and mental health treatment



Inclusive Early Childhood Education



What is Inclusive Education

Inclusive education is the belief that with the correct planning and support there is no need for a student with developmental issues to be excluded from the classroom. Simply put, all children, no matter their developmental ability, are loved and educated at Dallas Services' schools.

The Benefits of Inclusion

All children benefit from inclusion. Typically developing children learn compassion and acceptance. Children with development disabilities are accepted as they are and able to model and learn social and academic skills from their typically developing peers.

The Learning Environment

Dallas Services' Inclusive Early Childhood Education Department (IECE) provides a quality learning environment for the children and families we serve. Our learning environment is centered on educating children in a way that supports growth in the following domains:

- Language and literacy
- Cognition and general knowledge
- Physical development
- Health, social and emotional development
- Approaches to learning

Diversity at Dallas Services

The schools embrace diversity. Children from differing socioeconomic levels, ethnic backgrounds, and family compositions play and learn together.

The Schools

Currently, Dallas Services has two schools, Dallas Day School and Mesquite Day School, with plans to open a third school, Dallas Day School – Medical District, in early 2015. With the addition of the new school, Dallas Services will have the capacity to educate over 550 children in an inclusive, diverse, school-readiness focused, setting.

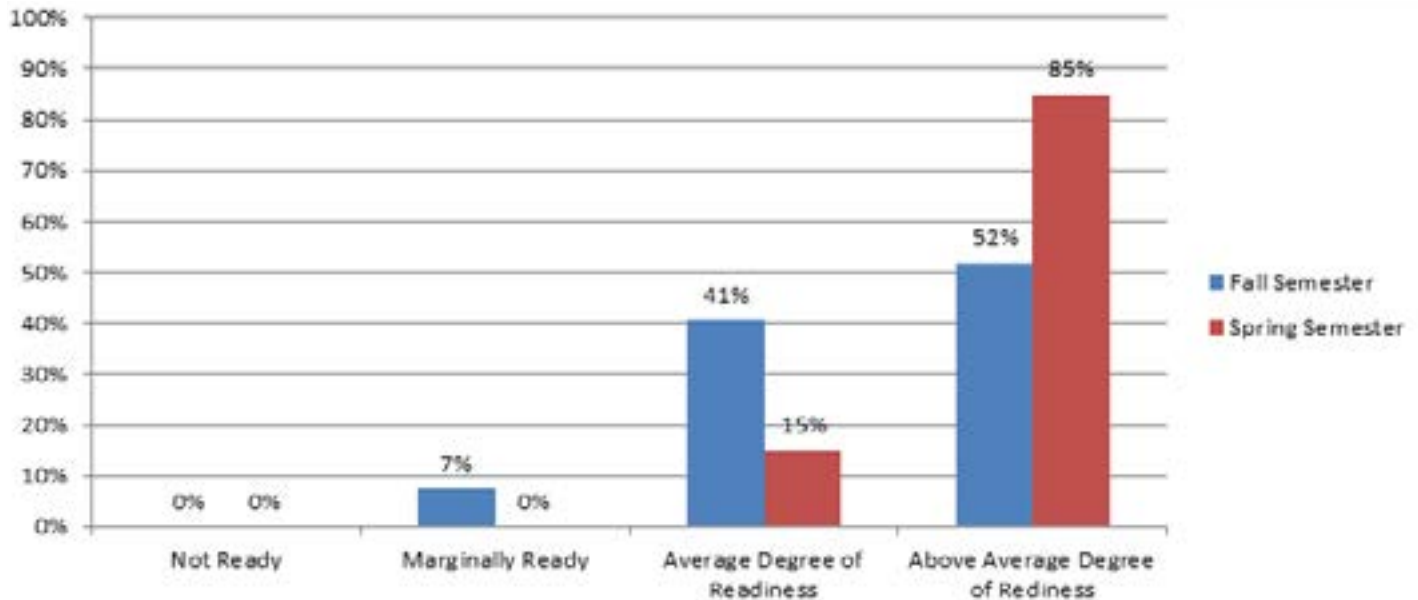


Dallas Day School

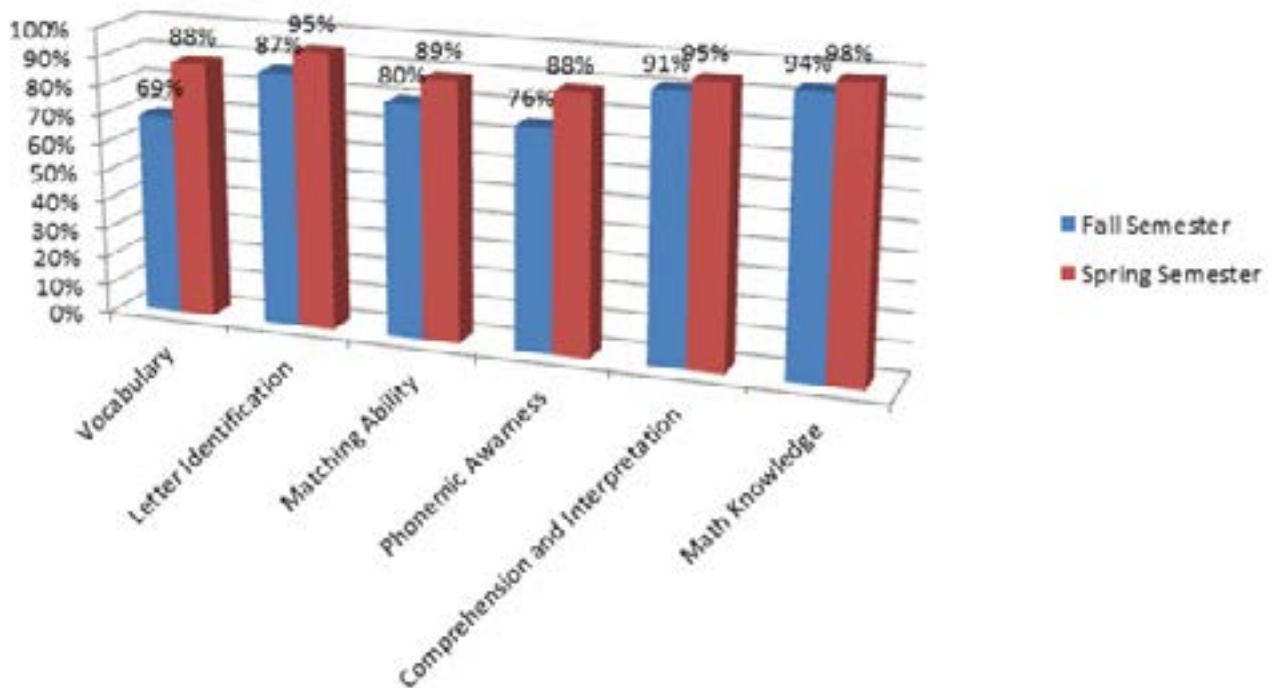
Dallas Day School provides children with the educational foundation needed to succeed in Kindergarten and throughout their entire school career.

- 100% of DDS' 2014 graduating pre-K (3-5 years old) students are ready for Kindergarten
- 55% of DDS' 2014 graduating pre-K (3-5 years old) students ranked in the 90th percentile or above
- 20% of DDS' 2014 graduating pre-K (3-5 years old) students scored a perfect score on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Kindergarten Readiness Rating



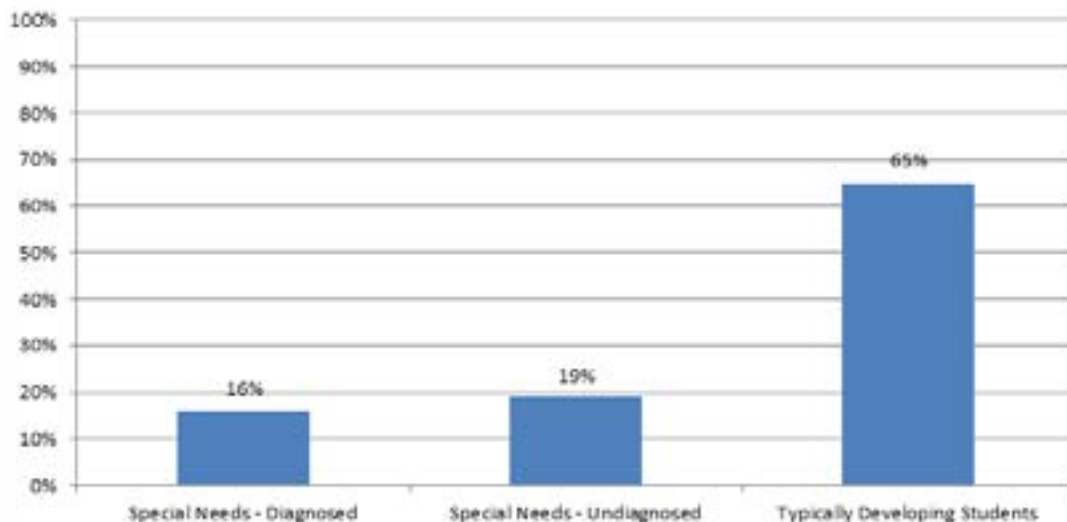
Academic Skills and Knowledge Needed in Kindergarten



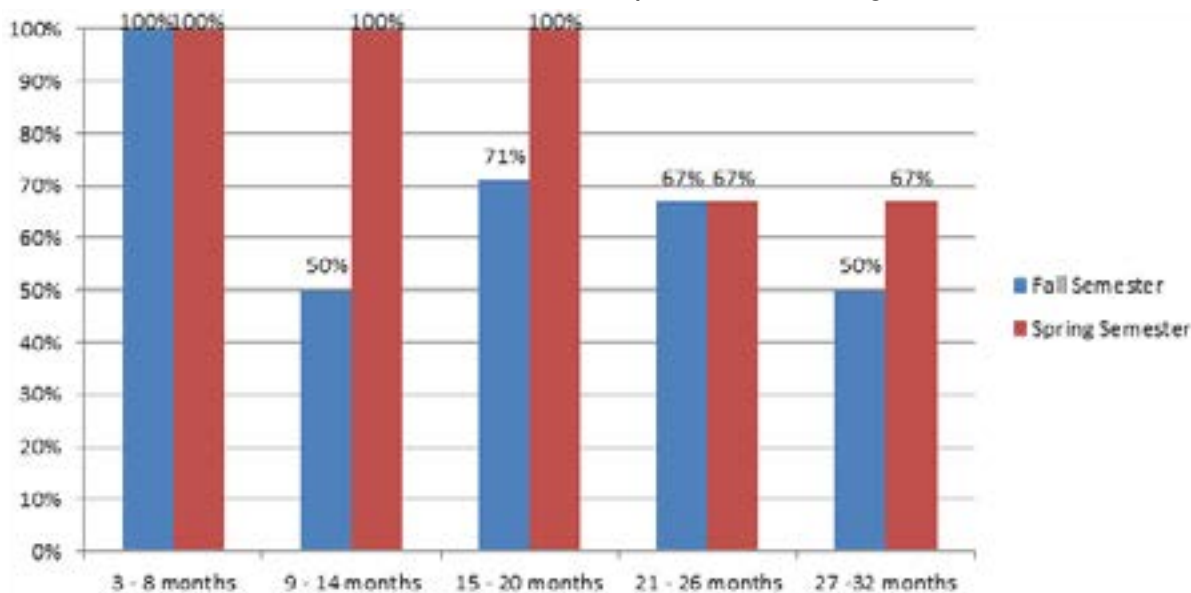
Mesquite Day School

Mesquite Day School (MDS) focuses on providing a quality early childhood education to lower-income families. In order to ensure our children are getting the best start possible, over-all developmental screenings are conducted at the beginning of the school year and social-emotional developmental screenings are conducted twice a year. Results are used to provide individualized curriculum supports and refer children to further services, as needed.

Special Needs Enrollment at MDS



Social Emotional Developmental Screening *



* % of students who passed the social-emotional developmental screening.

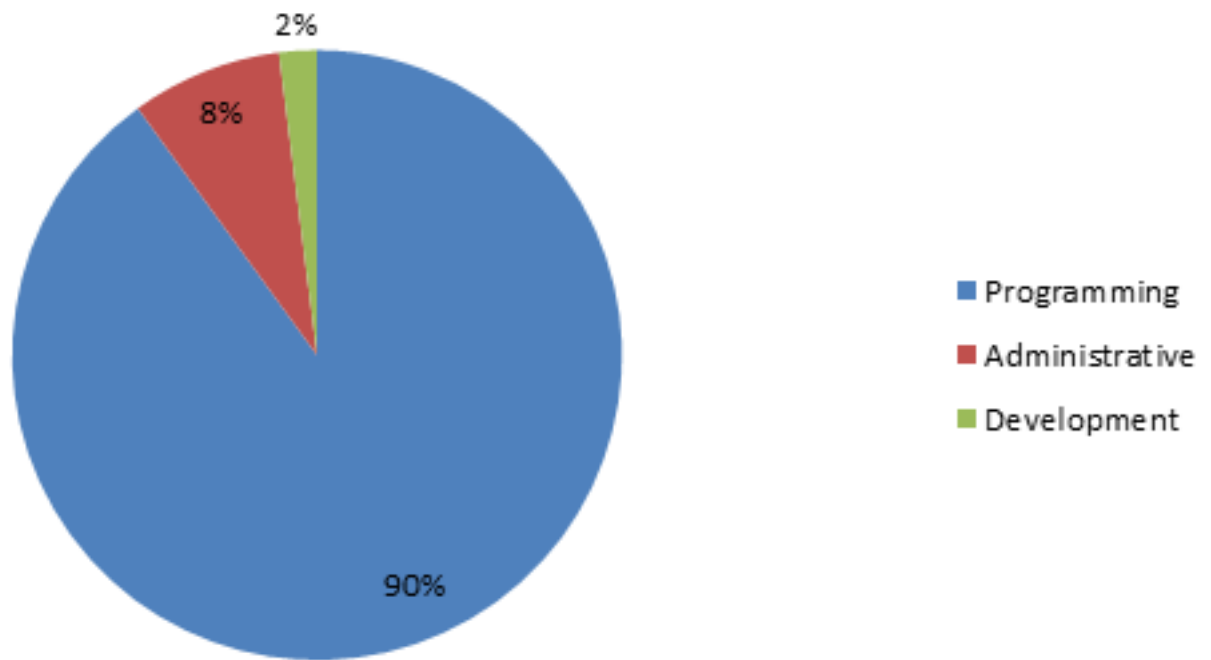
Funding from the W.P. and Beulah Luse Foundation was received to better train teachers in teaching social-emotional skills in a classroom setting and to purchase a social-emotional classroom curriculum.

Prior to July 2014, MDS only educated children 35 months and younger. In July 2014, MDS expanded programming to include a pre-K classroom, in hopes of replicating DDS' Kindergarten readiness success.

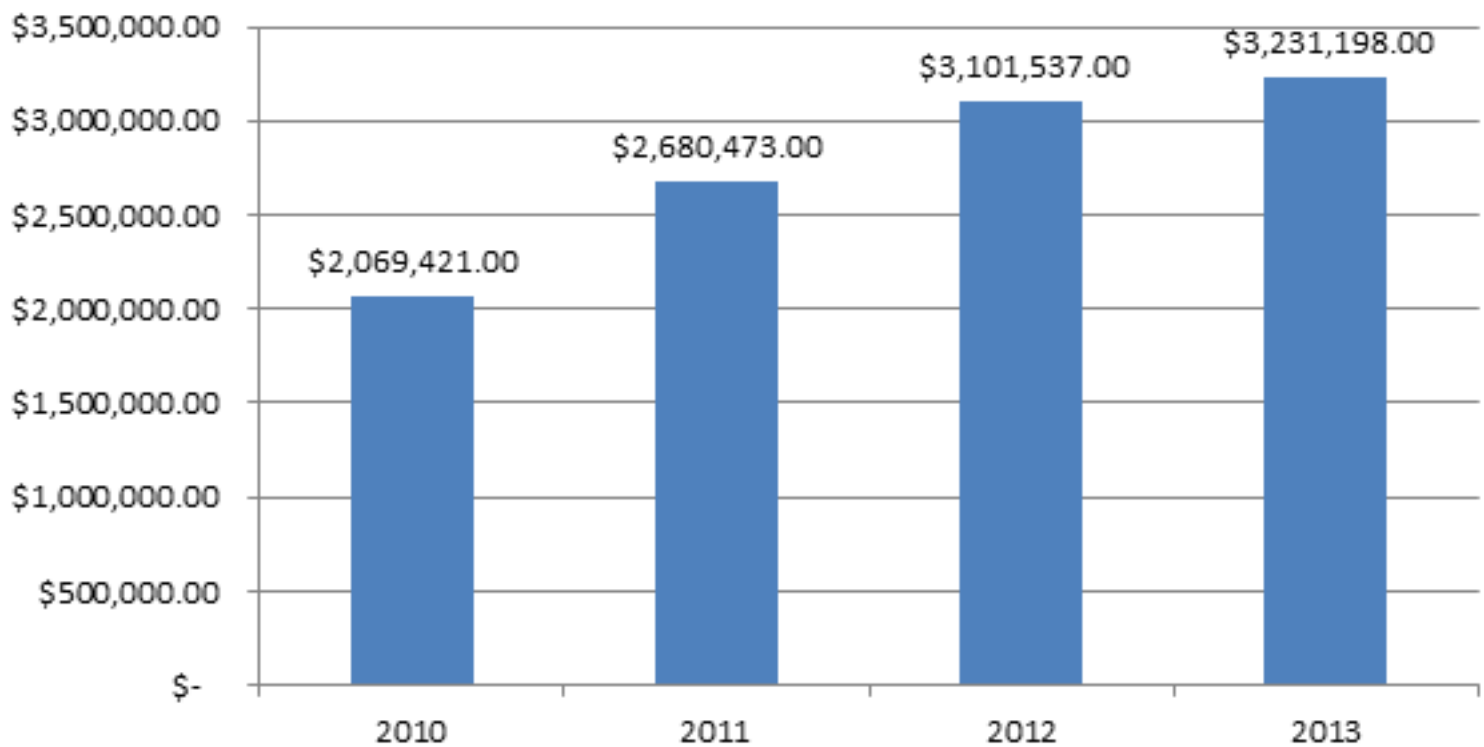
Financial Overview

Dallas Services prides itself on continued robust growth.
We are financially sound and in a position to expand quality services.

Spending Breakdown 2013



Annual Increase in Revenue



Increasing Community Involvement



The Astrid Merriman Serviam Award

Serviam, translated from the Latin is, "I will serve." The Dallas Services' Serviam award honors a Dallas Services community supporter who has given of their time and talent to partner with Dallas Services to provide needed vision and early childhood education services.

The inaugural Serviam Award was bestowed on Astrid Merriman at the 2013 Vision for the Future Gala. In recognition of her unfailing support for Dallas Services, and especially the Low Vision Clinic, future Serviam Awards will be named after Mrs. Merriman.

Lions Club Volunteers

Integral to the Vision for Children Saturday Clinics, Dallas Area Lions Clubs have been stalwart volunteers for many years. Over the past year, the Lions Clubs have volunteer over 500 hours of their time to ensure that Dallas area children have the glasses they need, to succeed in school.

Volunteer Program

Nonprofits rely on quality volunteers to provide programs and services to their clients; Dallas Services is no different. In the past year Dallas Services has partnered with the Volunteer Center of North Texas to launch a new volunteer programs, for the schools and the LVC. Still in the beginning stages, the volunteer program is off to a strong start and will continue to grow.

Summer Interns

This summer, Dallas Services participated in two different internship programs, the Dallas Mayor's Intern Fellowship Program and the ExxonMobile Community Summer Jobs Program. For eight weeks during the summer, these two young women worked with Dallas Services staff to better their community.



Gabby Herrera - LVC Intern
Dallas Mayor's Intern Fellowship Program



Hailey McNutt - Development Intern
ExxonMobile Community Summer Jobs Program

Program Support from Community Funders

Over the past year, Dallas Services Development Department has made grant writing and developing relationships with local funders a priority. The following is a list of grants received in the past year.

- National Head Start Association, Cooking Matters at the Store - funding for a healthy cooking program at Mesquite Day School
- The James D. and Kay Y. Moran Foundation - Funding for Vision for Children
- The Harry W. Bass Foundation - Funding for Vision for Children
- The W.P and Beulah Luse Foundation - Funding for a program to enhance the social and emotional development of the children at Mesquite Day School
- The Baron and Blue Foundation - Funding for Vision for Success
- The Vision for Change Grant from the Cox Chapel Congregation of the Highland Park United Methodist Church - Funding for Vision for Children

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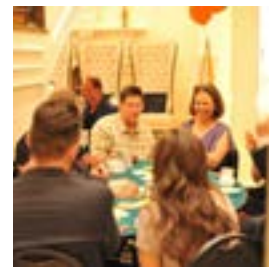
Venessa Morse
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Special Events

Dallas Services' special events were a success. The past year's events, Vision for the Future 2013 and Chips for Charity 2014, brought in 52% more revenue than the same events in the previous year. In addition to the increase in revenue, attendance was up 20%. Thanks to everyone who made these events a success.



For the past 25 years, Dallas Services has provided services education and vision services from our location on Office Parkway.



In 2015, Dallas Services will move into our new facility in the Medical District. Dallas Services is excited to be able to expand and provide our quality services to more individuals.



Space constraints and extended wait lists have been the catalyst for opening a new facility. With a certainty that now is the time to expand, Dallas Services' new facility will house a third inclusive school (Dallas Day School-Medical District), an expanded Low Vision Clinic, and administrative offices. This move will also open more classroom space at the Office Parkway facility.

Highlights of Opening Dallas Day School – Medical District:

- Serve an additional 229 children with needed early childhood education
- Eliminate current wait lists
- Offer extended and weekend hours to accommodate medical shift work schedules
- Capitalize on lack of early childhood development centers in the central Dallas area
- Participate in overall growth in Medical District

Highlights of Expanding the Low Vision Clinic

- Current: 600 sq. ft.; new : 2,200 sq. ft.
- Increase patient capacity by 100%
- Eliminate current wait lists
- New diagnostic equipment will allow optometrist to better screen and treat patients
- Retail component results in a larger client base and increased revenue
- Increase accessibility for patients traveling by public transportation (Dart Bus & Train)

Recognizing Outstanding Contributions

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Anonymous
Harry W. Bass Foundation
The Baron and Blue Foundation
The Cox Chapel - Highland Park United Methodist Church
Dallas Children's Charities
Dallas Mayors Intern Fellows Program
Exxon Mobile Community Summer Jobs Program

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