





This statement is an excerpt from the financial statements of St. Labre Indian School Educational Association audited by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, an independent Certified Public Accounting firm.

St. Labre Indian School Educational Association Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2015

Public support:	<u>2015</u>
Contributions - active donors Contributions - donor development	\$ 31,256,303 2,989,151
Legacies and bequests	6,326,351
Grants - State and Federal	512,101
Annuity contracts funded	199,823
Total public support	41,283,729
Revenue:	
Interest and dividends	1,646,555
Net unrealized and realized gain on marketable securities and investments	1,766,374
Other investment income	420,201
Change in beneficial interests in trusts	(105,389)
Change in value of funds held in trust for others	(26,741)
Change in value of annuity liabilities	(742,222)
Rental income - staff housing	496,275
Other miscellaneous revenues	1,000,190
Total other revenue	4,455,243
Total public support and revenue	45,738,972
Expenses:	
Program services:	
Instructional	19,361,837
Youth & Family services	1,236,329
Community services	1,656,770
Total program services	22,254,936
Supporting services:	
Fund raising	20,797,108
Management and general	3,022,134
Total supporting services	23,819,242
Total expenses	46,074,178

Change in net assets

\$ (335,206)

St. Labre Indian School Ashland, Montana 59004



Vision: Educating for Life

Our Mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Catholic Tradition by providing quality education which celebrates our Catholic faith and embraces Native American cultures, primarily the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Tribes, so that Native American individuals and communities of southeastern Montana are empowered to attain self- sufficiency.



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY June 30, 2015

Dear Friend,

I am pleased to provide this Statement of Accountability for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. St. Labre relies almost entirely on the generosity of our benefactors to ensure that we are able to continue providing quality education and other services to approximately 750 children who come to us from the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indian reservations.

Overall, contributions received from our active donors increased by approximately 6% over the past year. Also during fiscal year 2015, St. Labre received over \$6.3 million in legacies and bequests. We feel extremely blessed by our many donors as well as the individuals who remember us in their estates. Marketable securities and investments continued to provide stable income during the year with \$1.6 million in interest and dividends and net unrealized and realized gains of \$1.8 million. Funds used for all of the association's programs increased by 3% from the prior year.

Because of the generosity of our donors we were able to complete two critical infrastructure projects, one at our main St. Labre campus and the other at our Pretty Eagle campus. The new water treatment plant was placed in service in January 2016 at our St. Labre-Ashland campus. The installation of new boilers at our Pretty Eagle Catholic Academy campus was completed before winter set in thereby avoiding continued risk to our students and property. Your contributions in support of these two projects have been an answer to our prayers.

We are excited to report that, St. Labre is playing a critical role in revitalizing the languages of both the Crow and Northern Cheyenne people. Three years ago, we opened a pilot Crow Language immersion pre-school at our St. Charles Mission School campus and this January opened a second Crow Language immersion pre-school in the community of Lodge Grass. We plan also to open Northern Cheyenne Language immersion pre-schools at our St. Labre – Ashland campus and in the town of Lame Deer on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Fall 2016. The decline and loss of tribal languages has been an open wound for many Native Americans, including the Northern Cheyenne and Crow.

We continue to maintain our focus on each year moving a little closer to our goal of empowering Native American individuals and communities to achieve self-sufficiency. Poverty and despair continues to trap far too many Native Americans. It is only with your help that we can fulfill the pledge made to these precious Indian children: You will have a bright future, full of hope and promise.

Without your support, St. Labre would not exist. It is really that simple. And the flame of hope that we have kindled in 750 Indian children might be extinguished. It is a thought that I can't bear.

It is for this reason that I ask always for our Creator to richly bless you and those dear to you, just as you bless the hundreds of Indian children who count on us to "keep the miracle" alive each day.

Gratefully yours,

Curtis Yarlott Executive Director

OUR SCHOOLS

St. Labre Indian School operates five schools at four locations on the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indian Reservations. Without actually visiting us, it is difficult to visualize the scope of our operation. St. Labre Indian Catholic Elementary, Middle School and High School, Pretty Eagle Catholic Elementary Academy and St. Charles Mission Elementary School provide education to approximately 750 students.

St. Labre offers a quality program from Pre-School through high school. The high school is fully accredited by the Montana Office of Public Instruction, the Western Catholic Education Association and AdvancED. Daily bus service is provided for students living on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Students from the Crow Reservation, and a small number from the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, live in the dorm located on campus during the school week. The children receive not only a well-planned education, but also two meals a day (three for dormitory students).

St. Labre is unique in the way that we are able to provide the Indian children with a quality education without benefit of funding from the Church and without most forms of Tribal, State or Federal funding. The school system is a cooperative effort of administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students that has enabled St. Labre to become an institution of academic learning, spiritual formation and cultural pride.

Our Pre-School program serves the needs of children ages 3-4, and provides the building blocks that will enable them to enter school at their appropriate grade level. Our Pre-Schools also provide intense instruction in either the Crow or Northern Cheyenne languages, depending on the student's tribal heritage. Many of our students experience difficulties when faced with the transition from high school to college. To assist students with that big step into post-secondary education or training, St. Labre created a Mentoring Program to make the transition easier and more successful. In 2015, more than 80% of the graduating class was accepted into a post-secondary education program. With the availability of St. Labre scholarships, our students have the opportunity to attend a variety of colleges and universities located across the United States. Students have attended schools ranging from Montana State University and the University of Montana to Dartmouth, Yale, MIT and Mount St. Mary's. Words cannot express how proud we are of our students and their accomplishments. Thanks to you, our benefactors, students are able to realize their hopes and dreams, so often rooted in the hopes and dreams of their elders and ancestors.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

In the belief that healthy communities support our efforts to educate the Indian children, St. Labre assists a variety of community programs including the Northern Cheyenne Boys and Girls Club, Pow Wows, and various other cultural celebrations and sacred events on both reservations.

Through the ongoing generosity of our many benefactors, and in partnership with other organizations, St. Labre distributes tens of thousands of basic necessities, including beds, clothing, diapers, blankets, personal hygiene items, wood for heating homes, hams and turkeys at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and other food items the remainder of the year. For those who are able, a Work Incentive Program (WIP) was developed to build a strong work ethic, increase self-confidence and self-esteem, and to teach skills needed to attain a self-sufficient life. WIP volunteers put into practice their newborn leadership skills and work ethic through running the local food pantry located on the Ashland campus and at various work sites on our campus or around the reservation.

St. Labre also sponsors and supports workshops that offer instruction on topics such as positive parenting, domestic violence prevention, employment skills, substance abuse awareness, and the like.

EMPLOYMENT

One of the major benefits St. Labre provides to reservation communities is the opportunity for productive employment. In an area where the unemployment rate is approximately 50%, this contribution is one of the most important we make to the lives of the Indian people. St. Labre also encourages recruitment from within for job enrichment and advancement, and from the reservations for new employment whenever possible. In addition, St. Labre offers a tuition reimbursement program for qualified staff members who wish to advance their education.

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