



## Year End Report To The Community 2010-2011

### WHO WE ARE

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *Lift For Life Academy will be a challenging and supportive learning community where each student is valued and empowered to maximize their full potential as students, citizens and productive members of society.*

Lift For Life Academy, St. Louis' first independent charter school—operating under the sponsorship of Southeast Missouri University—opened its doors in 2000. Charter schools are “accountable” public schools of choice that have the advantage of operating outside the strict jurisdiction of existing local school boards. After eight years of success as a middle school, the Board decided to establish a high school so our students could continue to learn in a community of teachers and peers they have come to know and trust. Classroom space was built and/or renovated each year to accommodate the next grade level. Now the Academy offers grades 6-12.

The first High School graduating class will be in 2012.

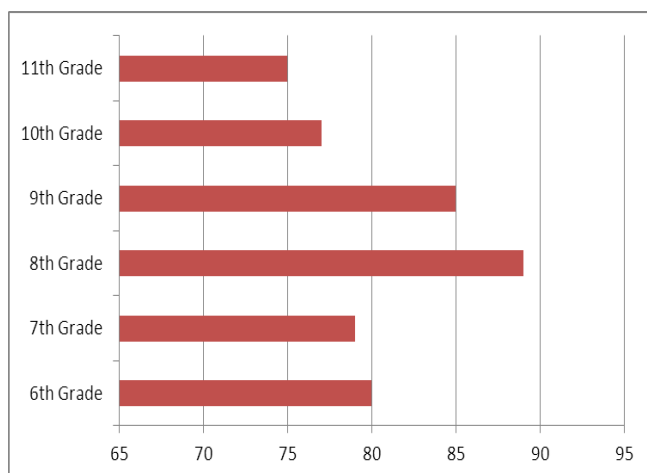
***Lift For Life Academy's founding vision— and one that continues today—is to deliver extra, intensive academic help to disadvantaged and at-risk students to close the achievement gap between their more advantaged peers.*** Students come to the Academy from more than 50 separate elementary schools throughout the city of St. Louis. The majority of students enroll with reading and math skills that are one to three years below their grade level. These students typically raise their comprehension by more than one grade level for every year they attend the Academy. Our average daily attendance rate is over 93%.

The Lift For Life Academy difference:

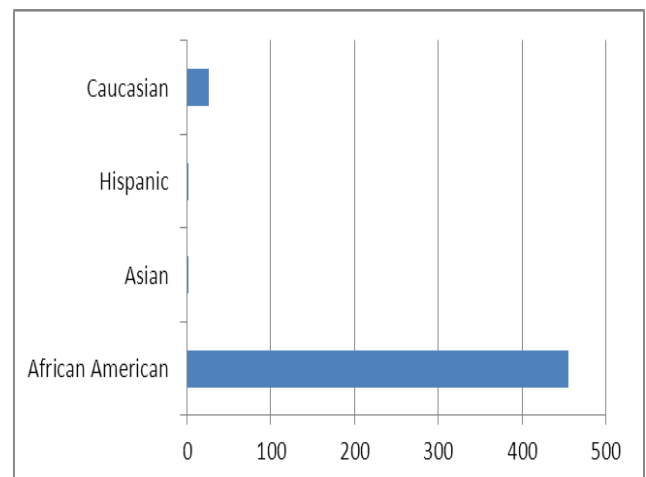
- Free education for St. Louis City children
- Free transportation—no matter where they live in St. Louis City
- Fresh, nutritious breakfast and lunch prepared by on-site chef
- Off-campus opportunities—Space Camp, trip to Washington, D.C. and a Spring Break College Tour
- 11 High School sports programs
- Teacher/Student ration of 1:16
- Free after school tutoring
- Eleven month school year
- Separate **6th Grade Learning Center**
- Focus on technological proficiencies

### WHO WE SERVE

#### STUDENTS BY GRADE

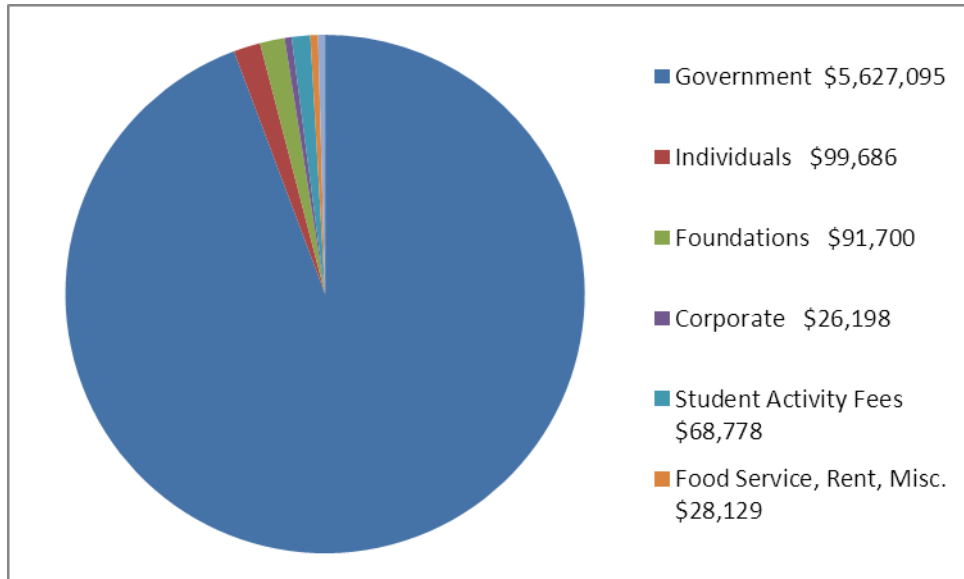


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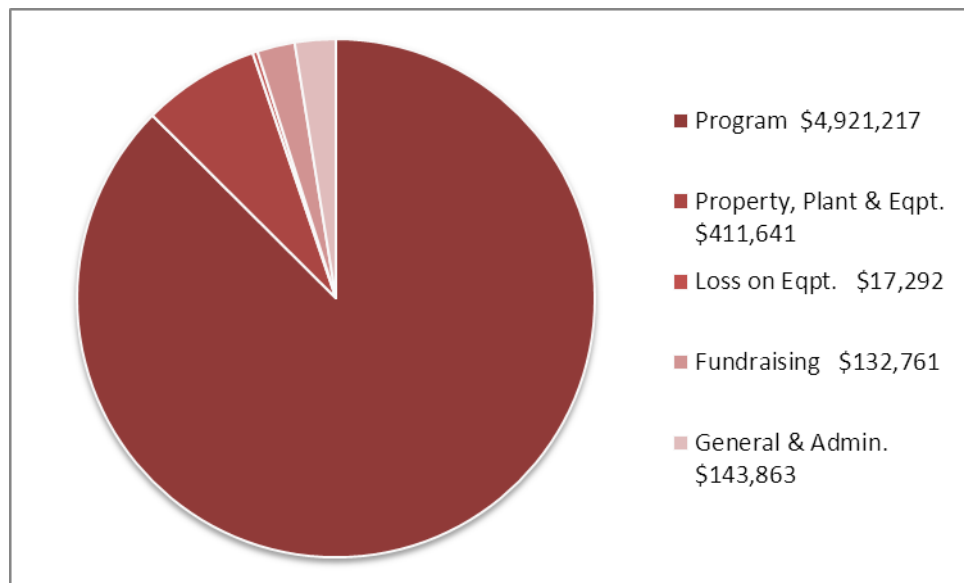


# FINANCIALS

**REVENUES = \$5,967,754**



**EXPENSES = \$5,626,774**



**Lift For Life Academy is the safety net and the stability that's lacking in so many of the students' lives. With the help of our community, we are change agents for students and families!**

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