



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Because of you, your prayers, your financial support, and your partnership, we who work at and come to Elim each day can pursue a distinctive mission.

Elim is called to equip people with disabilities to pursue their purpose, to pursue their God-given potential, to pursue possibilities.

That pursuit can be impeded by communication gaps, social challenges, and physical limitations.

But we can also stand in the way of possibilities when we do not get involved-when our churches, schools, or businesses neglect or forget about people with disabilities.

For almost seven decades, Elim has helped people with disabilities pursue possibilities by supporting different learning styles, by helping them reach their goals, by supporting them in community jobs and volunteer opportunities-by focusing on them. That work continues to this day.

But we are convicted about the need to expand that focus to include the communities in which our ministry partners function, in which our adults and our students live. Those communities are your communities. They are businesses, churches, and schools. They are here in the Chicago area, and they are in Cairo, and Delhi, and Managua. They are in Michigan, and California, and Iowa.

And to change those communities, we will continue to depend on your help.

Your prayers and support, your encouragement, and yes, your participation is how we will pursue Elim's mission and achieve our vision: to see people with disabilities thriving in their communities.

If we help to equip churches, schools, and their communities to better include, support, and encourage people with disabilities, then we will achieve our mission. We will pursue purpose.

We will pursue potential.

Together, we will pursue possibilities.

Bill Lodewyk President, Elim Christian Services



HOPE PACKS

Every single HOPE Pack is carefully and lovingly assembled by adults who have disabilities at our campuses in Palos Heights and Orland Park, Illinois.

25,818

International HOPE Packs sent to other countries

6,944

Domestic HOPE Packs were distributed to 17 schools

212,811

Food HOPE Packs were distributed around the Chicago area

2,101

Military HOPE Packs were sent to military personnel overseas



CAMPUS IMPACT

272 children with disabilities received a Christ-centered special education, including:

- **197** students as young as age 3, on up to students who are preparing for graduation.
- 75 students in our specialized program for individuals who have autism.
- **224** adults with disabilities pursued vocational, recreational, educational opportunities, and volunter and community integration activities.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Elim has been called to equip schools and organizations, both around the corner and on the other side of the world, to serve and equip people with disabilities:

- **15** schools in four states partnered with Elim's national outreach services to support students in local Christian schools around the United States.
- 8 ministry leaders and organizations in eight countries learn and share alongside Elim.
- **1** "Elim Academy" prepares our staff and community partners to better equip people with disabilities.

PARTNERSHIPS

God has given Elim a mission, and people like you are a vital part of our success in answering His call:

Over 600 volunteers helped host events, cleaned Elim's campus, participated in HOPE Packs assembly, and became friends and co-laborers with Elim students and adults.

72 Elim Advocates

spread the word about Elim to their churches and communities.

Elim partners with over 45 churches, organizations, and ministries by providing volunteers from Elim who are blessing people in surrounding communities.



PURSUING POSSIBILITIES AT AN EARLY AGE...

When Ava first came to Elim, she was scared and uncomfortable if she was away from her dad, her mom, or her grandma. BUT, SHE QUICKLY GREW COMFORTABLE AT ELIM AND NOW LOOKS FORWARD TO SCHOOL DAYS. SHE LOVES THE KIDS AROUND HER AND BENEFITS FROM THE MANY EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ELIM HAS TO OFFER.

According to her mom, Ava has blossomed since starting at Elim last year. While Ava's young age lends itself to rapid developmental progress, her mom also recognizes that the array of activities used by Elim staff to keep Ava engaged in her education have prompted growth in other areas of Ava's life.

One significant area of growth is her communication. Ava's mom reports that without the skills she has gained in communication, she would never have known how much Ava understands about her world or how much she has to say about it. Thanks to a growing "communication book," Ava can more easily communicate her thoughts and engage more fully in her education.

In her Pre-Kindergarten class, Ava spends her days matching symbols, learning colors, patterning, learning to count, and more. She is growing and progressing academically. Just as importantly, she loves being around her classmates and her happiness is evident to all.

Elim staff have great faith in Ava's abilities. "She has already grown so much," her Elim teacher shared. "We want to keep providing her with the opportunities that she needs to keep going!"

Her family is so thankful for the partnership Elim's staff provides. "We are so grateful that Elim keeps Ava busy and growing. She loves Elim and is often bored and cranky if she has to stay home for the day," her mom explains. "WE ALL CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GOOD THINGS ABOUT ELIM. WE ARE 100% THRILLED!"

students came to Elim for the best in special education, therapy, and opportunities.

...AND INTO HIGH SCHOOL

MICHAEL'S ATTENDANCE AT ELIM HAS BEEN BRIEF. IN FACT, THIS IS OUR FIRST YEAR AND IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL YEAR. IN ELIM, OUR PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED BECAUSE, WE HAVE FOUND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT MANIFESTED. I WAS FINALLY CONFIDENT THAT MIKE WAS IN CARING HANDS, THAT HE HAD A TEAM BEHIND HIM THAT WAS DEDICATED TO HELPING HIM REACH HIS GOALS. I AM GRATEFUL BEYOND MEASURE. THANK YOU!



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL ON YOUR LIFE



Yamy has grown in independence in many areas. She is a leader in the classroom during group lessons, and an encourager to her friends.

Yamy has a kind and caring heart and is genuinely concerned about her friends and family when someone is not feeling well or needing help.

When Yamy graduates, her goal is to work at a hotel or nursing home in the laundry department. She looks forward to having a job in her own community after graduating from Elim.

371,280

hours of services provided in the school.

staff serve as therapists, paraprofessionals (aides), teachers, and administrators in the school program.



As Elim continues to pursue possibilities alongside adults with disabilities, we have been blessed with community partnerships that provide new activities and opportunities.

Because of your support, Elim has more flexibility in developing community engagement activities. One example is how our HOPE Packs program (part of a larger effort we call "Making a Difference") has given adults with disabilities opportunities to engage with their neighbors. Gale Gard, a longtime participant in Elim's programs, really enjoyed spending three days this summer putting together HOPE Packs with local students from a school in nearby Midlothian.

"It was fun putting the pieces in because we got to do the packs with the students from the schools," Gale says.

"WE WORKED REALLY HARD TOGETHER."

But there's one more valuable aspect to this mutually beneficial volunteer activity. Gale points out that "The packs are going to go out to other students to help them go to school." Gale knows that the blessings don't stop at working alongside her neighbors, they extend as her work blesses even more neighbors around the Chicago region.

HOPE Packs provides essential and meaningful activities for 224 adults with disabilities, and has blessed hundreds of thousands of children around the world. To get HOPE Packs connected to your community, contact Elim's Relationship Manager at 708-293-6510.



adults participated in Elim's social seniors program for adults who are at or above the retirement age.

333,312

hours of services provided in Elim's Adult Services program.

DEVELOPING GIFTS, CREATING ART

Tom is an artist. When Tom arrived in the adult services program, he was eager to use his gifts in this area. His support staff says "He gets very excited about it. He likes using crayons and pencils the best. He likes filling blank paper with a combination of words and abstract pictures."

Tom says his favorite part of using his artistic gifts is "painting and drawing pictures. I FEEL GREAT WHEN I MAKE ART! IT MAKES ME SMILE, MAKES ME HAPPY, AND HELPS ME RELAX."

Tom and other adults at Elim are each uniquely gifted and called by God to use their talents and gifts for His glory. When you support Elim, you invest in the development and the encouragement of Tom's gifts and abilities. Thank you!

The work Tom created in this photo was commissioned by a friend of Elim. If you would like to learn more about Tom's artistic gifts, please email lschnyders@elimcs.org.







BELOVED SON INSPIRES MINISTRY IN CAIRO

to help us."

Wafaa Fayez, the Director of the Beloved Son Center, continues to develop special education services in Cairo, Egypt, and you are helping Elim to walk alongside her.

The founding of Beloved Son is a reflection of God's sovereign ability to transform grief into a blessing. "We had a disabled child who passed away," Fayez shared. "THE LORD PUT IT ON MY HEART TO START THIS MINISTRY. WE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO BEGIN BUT WE DID IT ANYWAY. THE LORD TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD SEND US KIDS AND HE DID." Celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, the Beloved Son Center now serves over 70 students in its daily programs, in addition to those supported through the provision of therapies and short-term services. Beloved Son opens its programming and support to students and families from both Muslim and Christian backgrounds and proudly serves as a bridge between the two communities.

Last summer Fayez and her husband, Dr. Shady George, collaborated with Elim staff to plan the execution of autism-based services at Beloved Son. This July, Fayez and George returned with the focus of learning more about occupational therapy to better inform current practices at Beloved Son. During their visit to Elim they

observed in the occupational therapy department and had an opportunity to meet with therapists, ask questions, and consult with them. This time together was a blessing to both the Beloved Son Center and the staff at Elim; it provided an opportunity for both organizations to connect and learn from each other.

Center and Elim Christian Services is God-ordained.

"ELIM HELPS US UNDERSTAND HOW TO HELP
PEOPLE WITH THEIR DIFFERENT DISABILITIES. We
love to have this connection because experience in
working with children with disabilities, especially autism,
is limited. Elim connects us to resources and curriculums

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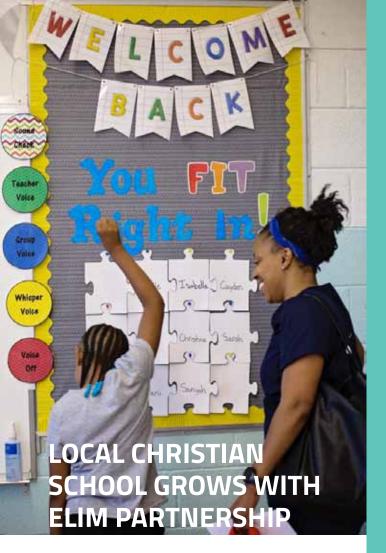
Elim Outreach is a vital component of Elim Christian Services' ministry. Through relationships like the one with the Beloved Son Center, Elim's expertise is shared on a global scale.

ELIM'S COMMITMENT TO OUTREACH ALLOWS THE AGENCY TO WORK WITH EDUCATORS BEYOND OUR CAMPUS TO IMPACT A GREATER NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THEIR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES.



schools and international ministries are partnering with Elim and others through Elim's outreach programs.

countries, including the United States, where Elim supports ministry partners and schools. Christian schools partner with Elim to support different learners and a diverse learning environment.



"Elim helped our school create and implement a positive behavior program for our student body and it has made a big difference! We are now focused on positive behavior instead of reacting to negative behavior.

"It's great to have a teammate outside of the school system. It gives us the confidence to try new things and to take risks. I'm looking forward to another year of partnering with Elim Outreach.

SINCE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ELIM BEGAN, OUR ENROLLMENT HAS INCREASED 21%...THIS GIVES US A NATURAL AND BEAUTIFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE SCHOOL CULTURE IN A NEW WAY. Elim's support and training gives us a leg up in enhancing our school culture as we continually strive to celebrate diversity."

- Brian Verwolf, Head of School Deer Creek Christian School



We celebrate and depend on each and every gift given to Elim Christian Services. Most gifts come in the form of cash, but there are other tax-efficient ways you can give. It may surprise you to know that many assets may be even more tax-efficient gifts than cash. Consider gifts of...

- Stock/other securities
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- Tangible personal property

If you're interested in giving a planned gift or naming Elim Christian Services as a beneficiary in your will, contact Elim's partner agency, the **Barnabas Foundation**. The Barnabas Foundation can help you plan your gifts for maximum impact.



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Financial Statements 2016-2017

Total Revenue	21,971,036	23,475,000
Donations and Grants	2,276,758	2,972,600
Elim Foundation	40,000	483,000
Other Support	30,352	30,600
Gifts	2,206,406	2,459,000
Sales	27,627	16,000
Partnership	310,234	132,800
Private Fees	409,997	410,900
Public Fees	18,946,420	19,942,700
PPORT & OTHER REVENUE	FY 2016-2017	PROJECTED FY 2017-018

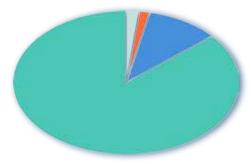
EXPENSES

Total Expenditures	22,338,212	22,513,973
Interfund Transfers	899,121	400,000
Other Expenses	1,385,755	1,433,400
Transportation	371,467	400,100
Consumables and Supplies	395,679	341,500
Occupancy, Buildings and Grounds	1,189,424	1,187,600
Wages and Personnel Costs	18,096,586	18,924,200
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NET ASSET ACTIVITY

Opening balance	4,499,425	3,400,883
Results from Operations	(367,176)	1,230,200
Fixed Asset and Debt Service activity	293,631	
Restricted Gift Activity	48,504	
Tranfer to Building Fund	(1,073,501)	
Ending Balance	3,400,883	4,631,083

YEAR IN REVIEW 2016-2017

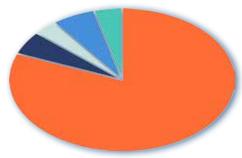


REVENUE

DONATIONS AND GRANTS \$2,276,758
PRIVATE TUITION AND
OTHER FEES \$409,997

SALES AND PARTNERSHIPS PUBLIC FEES \$337,861

\$18,946,420



EXPENSES

PERSONNEL AND BENEFITS \$18,096,586
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS \$1,189,424

CONSUMMABLES, SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORTATION

\$767,146 \$1,385,755

OTHER EXPENSES
INTERFUND TRANSFERS

\$899,121

Honor and Memorial Gifts (continued from page 11)

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