

HAWAII LEARNING RESOURCE

THE DBA OF NORTH HAWAII WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES 501(c)(3)



Building Skills.

Cultivating Minds.

Transforming Lives.

**Fiscal Year 2011
Annual Report**

From Our Board

Dear Supporters,

Your continued support has made it possible for **Hawaii Learning Resource** to expand our reach over the past year to help more diverse learners in our community. In Fiscal Year 2011, we focused our programs to provide more direct support to struggling or underachieving students and their families by expanding our Summer Academic Enrichment Camps. We served more elementary school students and added a camp for middle school students. Our Teacher Professional Development was accomplished through our summer camps by hands on training and mentoring of local educators during the camps. We also expanded our Community Education Workshops by bringing professionals with expertise in advances in learning for all kinds of learners to North Hawaii.

In Fiscal Year 2011, we faced a very difficult decision about our Assessment Program. While we were, and still are, convinced of the value of the Assessment Program, the high cost per student in combination with the current economic challenges led us to the decision to focus on programs that directly impact a greater number of students and families, such as the camps and community education workshops. Hawaii Learning Resource continues to provide referrals to our former assessment contractors who will continue to provide an essential service in our community. We are deeply grateful for their service and your support of this program in the past, as are the students and parents who benefited.

The partnerships we have developed have enabled us to offer our programs to the community at a lower cost, so participants pay reduced fees or no fee at all. Partnerships with Assets School and Hawaii Preparatory Academy supported the second year of our Summer Academic Enrichment Camps. Your generous direct donations, as well as foundation grants, allowed us to provide the camps again this year at a greatly reduced tuition fee. We are extremely grateful to all of our partners and donors. We look forward to continuing to make these unique programs available to diverse learners in our community, because students who participate benefit tremendously by becoming more engaged in learning and more skilled in learning.

We look forward to continuing to partner with you in 2012 to help transform the lives of local struggling and underachieving students in Hawaii. Thank you for all you do to make this possible.



Sharon Vitousek, M.D.
Board President



Lynn White
Board Vice-President



Our Mission

*To empower all kinds of learners
through partnerships that bring advances
in teaching and learning
to our community.*

Our Vision

*We envision a community that embraces and
empowers all learners to thrive
in school and in life.*

Our Organization

Hawaii Learning Resource is the dba of North Hawaii Women and Children's Services, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1997. The organization initially focused on reducing teen pregnancy in North Hawaii by developing a school-based life skills curriculum, provided free in North Hawaii public and private schools. After this program successfully merged with the Hamakua Health Center, North Hawaii Women and Children's Services chose to focus on helping students at an earlier stage, based on research showing that risky teen behavior is highly correlated with academic failure. Several board members had first-hand experience with their own children who struggled in school and knew that getting the right help at the right time makes a world of difference in a child's school success.

Since 2003, Hawaii Learning Resource has brought research-based advances in teaching and learning to the Hawaii Island community, focusing on increasing student success for all kinds of learners, their families, and their teachers.



Supporting Diverse Learners



Hawaii Learning Resource seeks to help struggling, capable, and underachieving learners by providing programs that foster a better match between the way teachers teach and the way each student learns.

We strive to empower students by helping them understand their own unique learning style and how to grow their strengths as well as overcome their challenges to succeed in school and in life.

Our Values

- ♦ *We value the unique strengths and abilities of all kinds of learners.*
 - ♦ *We value families and educators who believe in and support all learners.*
 - ♦ *We value the opportunity to transform students' lives through effective teaching and learning.*
 - ♦ *We value our partners who are committed to, and invest in, better educational opportunities for all learners.*
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Fiscal Year 2011 Program Accomplishments

Partnering with Students

Summer Academic Enrichment Camps

- ◆ Expanded the Elementary School Academic Camp to serve 20 students in grades 2 to 6. The camp, *Spy Academy*, focused on building learning skills with an emphasis on observation, focus, and listening.
- ◆ Added a Middle School Academic Camp, which served 20 students in grades 6 to 8. The camp, *Game of Life*, focused on fun project-based life lessons designed to build learning, team, and life skills.
- ◆ Assessed reading proficiency for ten *Spy Academy* students using the Predictive Assessment of Reading (PAR) program designed for students in grades K-3.
- ◆ Each student and their parents received an informal assessment of the student's learning style with strategies to help in school and at home.



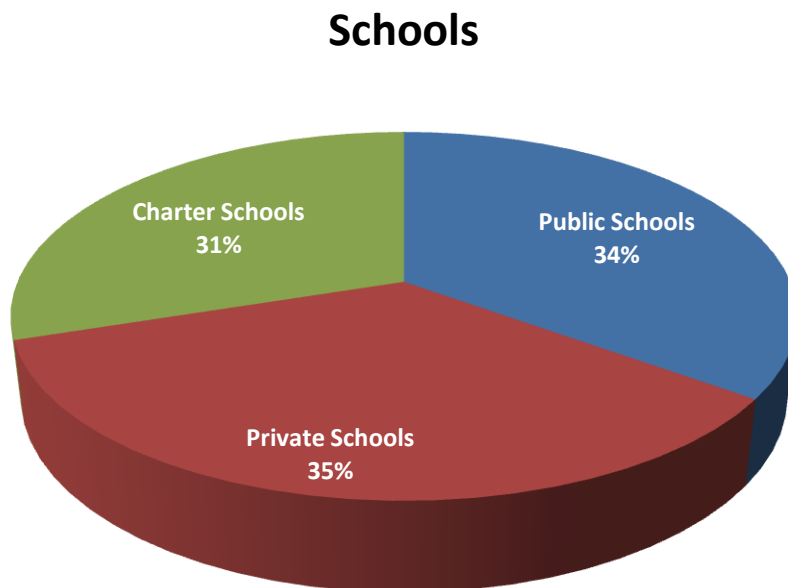
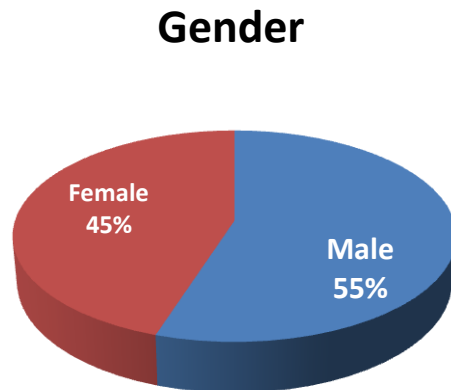
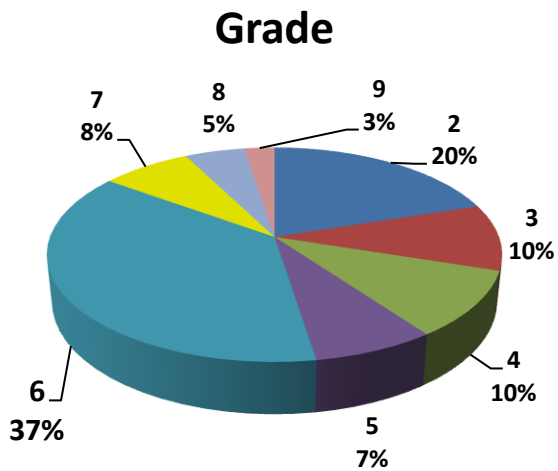
“We were so appreciative of the tuition reduction and would not have been able to afford the camp otherwise. While my child really learned skills, it was never thought of as ‘school’ and ‘lessons’ as much as ‘camp’ and that was also very much appreciated.”

2011 Spy Academy Camp Parent

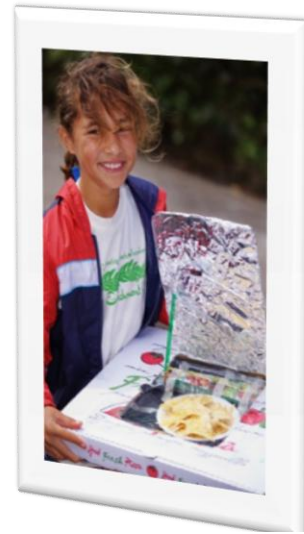
2011 Summer Camp Statistics

Students from 19 area schools benefitted from the Academic Enrichment Camps in Fiscal Year 11

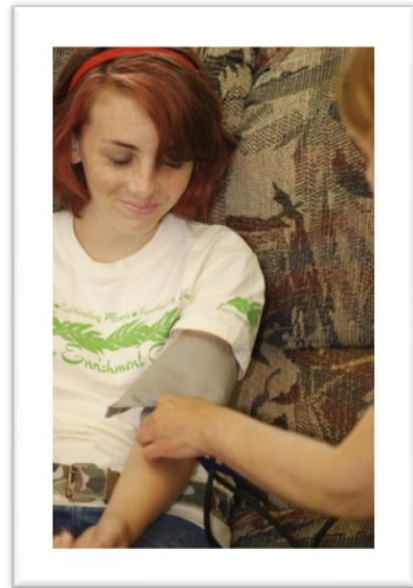
- ♦ 34% of students attended a Public School
- ♦ 31% of students attended a Public Charter School
- ♦ 35% of students attended a Private School



Elementary Students Engaged in Learning at 2011 Spy Academy Camp



*Middle School Students Enjoy Learning at
2011 Game of Life Camp*



Partnering with Students

Student Assessment Program – Fiscal Year 2011

- ◆ Provided two in-depth assessments and demystification meetings to struggling students and their families
- ◆ Provided one prioritized assessment to address specific academic concerns
- ◆ Provided one follow-up assessment to a previously assessed student
- ◆ Completed follow-up services for 8 previously assessed students
- ◆ Provided \$3,116 in direct financial assistance for assessments

Student Assessment Program – Fiscal Years 2005 to 2011

Since the first Student Assessment in December 2004, Hawaii Learning Resource and a team of dedicated assessment contractors provided 69 assessments to struggling students and their families in Hawaii. Hawaii Learning Resource provided almost \$78,000 in direct financial assistance to those families through foundation grants and direct donations.

It is our hope that the individual student profiles, and suggested strategies for improvement provided to those students and their families, will be valuable to them as they continue their educational journey.

Mahalo to our dedicated Assessment Team: Dr. Emily Claspell, Dr. Dana Lee, Dr. Pam McKenna, Dr. Carol Nowak, and Judy Stevenson.



Partnering with Educators

Teacher Professional Development

- ◆ During the summer camps, two additional local teachers received training and mentoring in differentiated instruction and learned techniques to help them work more effectively with diverse learners
- ◆ Provided training to all five camp teachers in the Predictive Assessment of Reading program used to assess reading proficiency for students in grades K-3
- ◆ Provided stipends to teachers who participated in the Summer Academic Enrichment Camps



“Every child holds great potential with their own gifts and talents. These camps provide the opportunity to more fully acknowledge and spark those sometimes overlooked attributes in a short time.”

Cobey Doi, 2011 Summer Camp Teacher

Partnering with Families

Community Education Workshops

- ◆ Provided nine free Community Education Workshops in partnership with local groups and educators
- ◆ Topics included *Reading and Math Skills, Helping Students Manage Attention Difficulties, Organizational Skills and Time Management, and Reasonable Accommodations in the Classroom Environment*
- ◆ Workshops were attended by 90 parents, students, and educators



“Thank you so much for this workshop. It gave me new ideas, new things to think about, new ways to observe and problem-solve, while also providing confirmation for many things we’re already doing.”

Community Education Workshop Participant

Mahalo to Our Partners

Our donors are essential partners in helping us to fulfill our mission. Generous individuals and foundations enable us to work towards our vision of *a community that embraces and empowers all learners to thrive in school and in life.*

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Financial Statement July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Revenue	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	FY 11 Total
Grants and Contributions	\$56,900	\$36,020	\$92,920
Program Income	\$11,564		\$11,564
In-Kind Donations		\$3,000	\$3,000
Total Revenue	\$68,464	\$39,020	\$107,484
Expense			
Program Services			
Student Assessment Program	\$46,797	\$3,000	\$49,797
Academic Enrichment Programs	\$15,471	\$47,584	\$63,055
Total Program Services	\$62,268	\$50,584	\$112,852
Supporting Services			
General and Administrative	\$11,290		\$11,290
Fundraising	\$12,716		\$12,716
Total Supporting Services	\$24,006	\$0	\$24,006
Total Expenses	\$86,274	\$50,584	\$136,858
NET ASSETS, July 1, 2010 \$214,770			
NET ASSETS, June 30, 2011 \$214,992			

Unaudited Condensed Financial Statement

Partnering to Support Diverse Learners

With the generous support of individual donors and foundations, Hawaii Learning Resource will continue to make a difference by empowering diverse learners to thrive in school and in life. Engagement in school is essential for success for all students, and especially for diverse learners.

More Students will have affordable access to fun summer academic enrichment camps where they will:

- *Grow their understanding of their own unique learning strengths*
- *Grow their learning and social skills*
- *Increase their confidence in their ability to learn*
- *Become more engaged in learning and in school*

More Parents will learn new strategies to help their child through free Community Education Workshops and through parent feedback at the summer camps.

More Teachers will receive professional development and mentoring to increase their skills to work effectively with diverse learners.

We look forward to continuing to partner with our community to help all kinds of learners achieve success in school and in life.



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