

REPORT TO THE WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

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CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER – MADISON

This being our seventeenth year, I'm pleased to announce the Children's Dyslexia Center-Madison has had another gratifying and successful year.

Our Celebration of Achievement (graduation) on May 2, 2017, graduated twenty-four students; this being our largest graduation class to date. This makes a total of two hundred and twenty-seven students having met their reading goals and graduating from our Center since 2002. This year at graduation Commonwealth Lodge 325 created and presented a scholarship to college for a past graduate from our Center.

This past year, the student body grew to fifty-one students. The Center also oversaw the tutoring of sixteen additional students in the Madison Public School system. We had a total of sixty-seven students receiving tutoring. We are presently negotiating our third year contract with the Madison Metropolitan School District for the coming school year to train their teachers for tutoring the Orton-Gillingham method to their students in need. This past year we trained and certified our largest class of school teachers, eight more teachers. Four of our tutors will be completing the advanced training this year, along with six new scholars in initial level training.

We again partnered with the Madison Central Library during the Wisconsin Book Festival to host our third annual National Dyslexia Awareness Celebration Month – October. A movie was shown, questions asked of our students and parents panel and shared stories.

With the continued growth and improvements the Center has made over the past years along with our continual operating budget, we are proud to say that we can still offer this training free of charge to the public.

Again, a great deal of gratitude must be given to our productive, successful and hard-working Fund Raising Committee, meeting our ever increasing operating budget. Thank You to the many individuals, corporations, foundations, our fund raising events, along with our Scottish Rite Valley – our sponsor for their support. The Center was designated as one of the charity recipients of the First Annual Steve Stricker Pro Am, American Family golf tournament held in Madison, WI in June 2016, hopefully receiving continued support from this event.

With all of the combined support and accomplishments I have mentioned, we are able to continue this outstanding Scottish Rite Charity that WE SHOULD ALL BE SO PROUD to be a part of.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger G. Nitzsche
Chairman