



Stern Center
for Language and Learning

Promise. Learning. **Impact.**

ANNUAL REPORT

September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025



Our Impact

FISCAL YEAR 2025

2,800+
TEACHERS & STUDENTS
SERVED

13,891+
HOURS
HELPING STUDENTS

2,250+
TEACHERS
SERVED

94%
OF VERMONT
SCHOOL DISTRICTS
SERVED

\$187K
INCOME-BASED AID
HELPING FAMILIES

\$132K
GRANTS HELPING
EDUCATORS



President's Message

Laurie Quinn, Ph.D.

Learning creates ripple effects in individual lives, as new understanding motivates choices and actions. Ripples extend outward, reaching peers, families, and communities. Before too long, the positive wave of access to learning lifts all of us onto higher ground.

In a time when disagreement runs deep over definitions of the common good, you can take heart as you explore these stories. What you've made possible this year for learners and teachers through your support of the Stern Center offers undaunted hope and a clear way forward.

The report you hold spotlights just some of the ways that you've shown your care for students and families who needed a hand this year. Each ripple is powerful for those learners and their loved ones, but your giving also multiplies impact across whole classrooms by providing teachers with the current know-how that can change all their students' lives for the better.

As we count on you, you can count on us: nothing will slow or stop the momentum you've helped our learners and educators to build. Your investment in changing lives through our nonprofit mission ensures that more and more of our fellow citizens can move from possibility to breakthroughs.

Thank you for your part in reminding learners, families, educators, and everyone: You matter. We're in this together. A new day brings new learning.

The stories here belong in no small measure to you, and the mission priorities you'll find listed below and on the back cover depend on you to become reality. Let's focus fearlessly together on the power of learning for all.

We're so glad you're with us.

What We'll Do Together

Change More Lives
with Learning Now
and Tomorrow

Help More Teachers
as Practical Allies,
Trusted Leaders

Support
Difference-Makers
to Sustain Impact

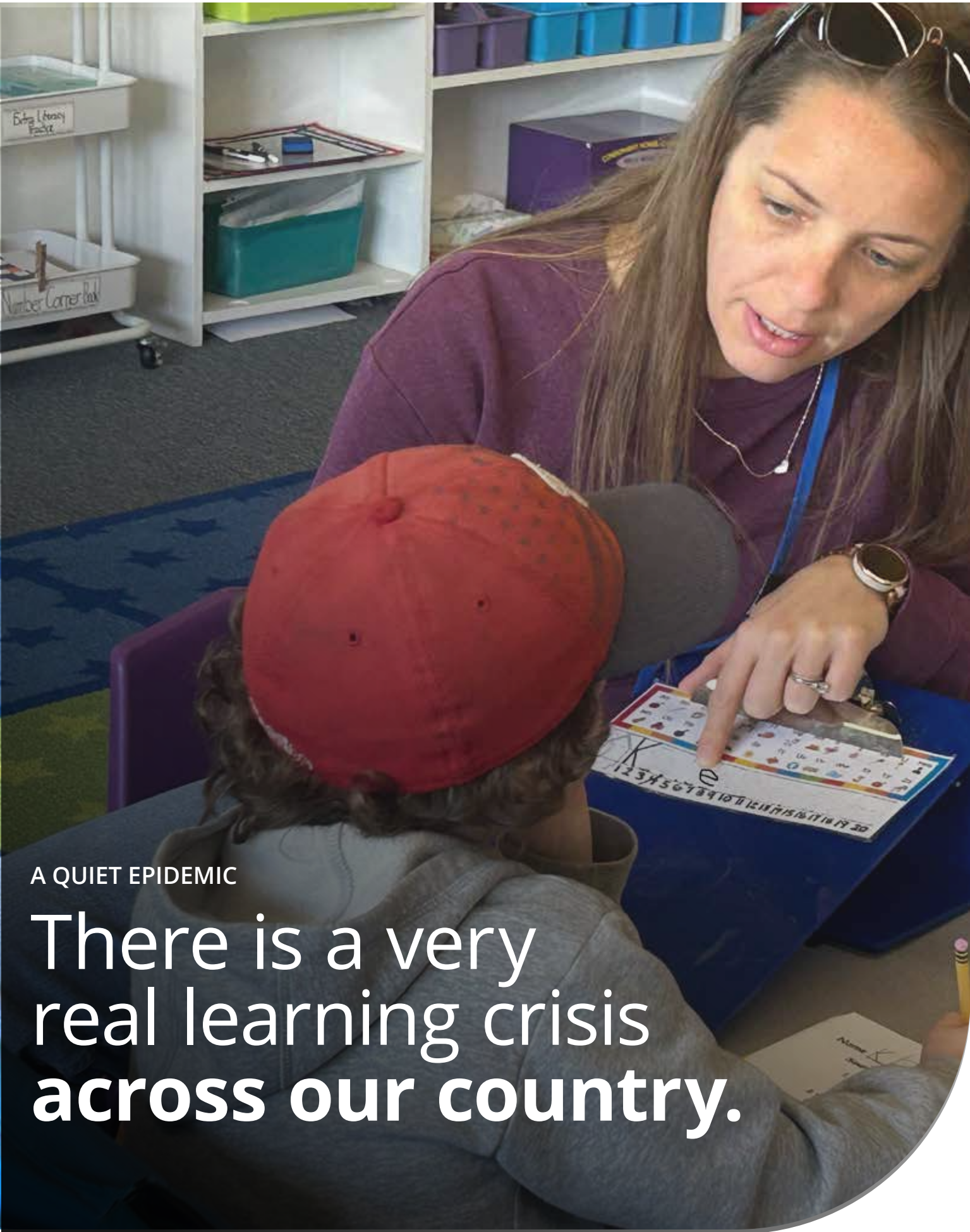
Details on the Stern Center's mission priorities 2026-2028 are on our website: sterncenter.org

COVER IMAGE:

Emily Intemann, M.Ed., kindergarten teacher with a student in Vergennes Union Elementary School

BACK COVER IMAGE:

Alyssa Saunders, M.Ed., kindergarten teacher with a student in Vergennes Union Elementary School



A QUIET EPIDEMIC

There is a very
real learning crisis
across our country.



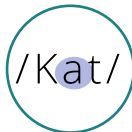
Every child deserves joyful learning and an education that truly supports their needs.

Our Solution



Evaluating Learners to Maximize Potential

Giving students, families, and educators expert insight to address struggles and build strengths.



Teaching Learners for Lifelong Success

Customizing proven approaches so learners improve in academics and communication.



Inspiring Teachers for Impact

Engaging educators with quality courses and workshops so every student benefits.



STUDENT INSTRUCTION

Learning Changes Lives

Students find confidence—and grasp new futures—through learning help that you make affordable to families across the income spectrum. One-to-one teaching with real experts helps build strong reading, writing, and math skills based on research about how learning works. Our learners grow in confidence, discover the joy of learning, and unlock their futures.



After a tutoring session at the Stern Center, my son had brighter eyes and more energy because he likes learning here. It's inspiring. I am so grateful that the Stern Center is there on the education journey with our family.

— Lisa, a Stern Center Mom



Joyful Breakthroughs, Whole-Family Benefits



When this spirited third grader came to the Stern Center in January, he proudly identified as an athlete—but didn't yet see himself as a learner. His pediatrician recommended the Stern Center to his family, and though his ADHD diagnosis didn't explain all his struggles, his family thought targeted instruction could help.

A few months later, his father shared that his son had started reading entire classic children's books to his younger sister at bedtime—proudly, expressively, even correcting Dad's storytelling: "You're not reading it right—say it like *BANG!*"

With each session, his decoding, fluency, and comprehension continue to grow. And most importantly, he's starting to believe what even his little sister can easily see: he's not just trying to read—he is a reader.



SOCIAL LEARNING & SPEECH THERAPY

Connection and Communication

At the Stern Center, neurodiverse learners express themselves, connect with others, and are understood for their unique brilliance. Positive goals and new possibilities ripple into family life, academics, careers, and community.

Helping Discover What is Possible:

- Building meaningful conversations—from casual chats to deeper discussions
- Recognizing and responding to facial expressions, tone of voice, and body language
- Adapting to new situations and responding calmly to changes
- Considering and appreciating different perspectives
- Engaging with stories—whether written, visual, or spoken
- Navigating unwritten social norms in school, work, and everyday life
- Working collaboratively and making friends
- Sharing needs, strengths, and goals

Dedication + Experience: A Stellar Speech Therapy Team



Elizabeth Cook
M.S.Ed., CCC-SLP



Mary Cotton
M.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-CL



Ivy Dugan
M.S., CCC-SLP



Erin Loughlin
M.S., CCC-SLP



Lydia Normyle
M.S., CCC-SLP



Shaun Stephens
M.S., CCC-SLP

Helping Teachers Embrace Neurodiversity

Offered by Julie Erdelyi in both Summer and Fall 2025, *Embracing Neurodiversity: Affirming Practices in Education* equips educators with practical tools to support students with ADHD, autism, dyslexia, and mental health differences. This ongoing course offering fosters inclusive mindsets, affirming environments, and stronger school communities. It's more than professional development—it's a commitment to belonging, and to classrooms where every learner thrives.



Julie Erdelyi, M.A.
Director of Social Learning and Speech Therapy



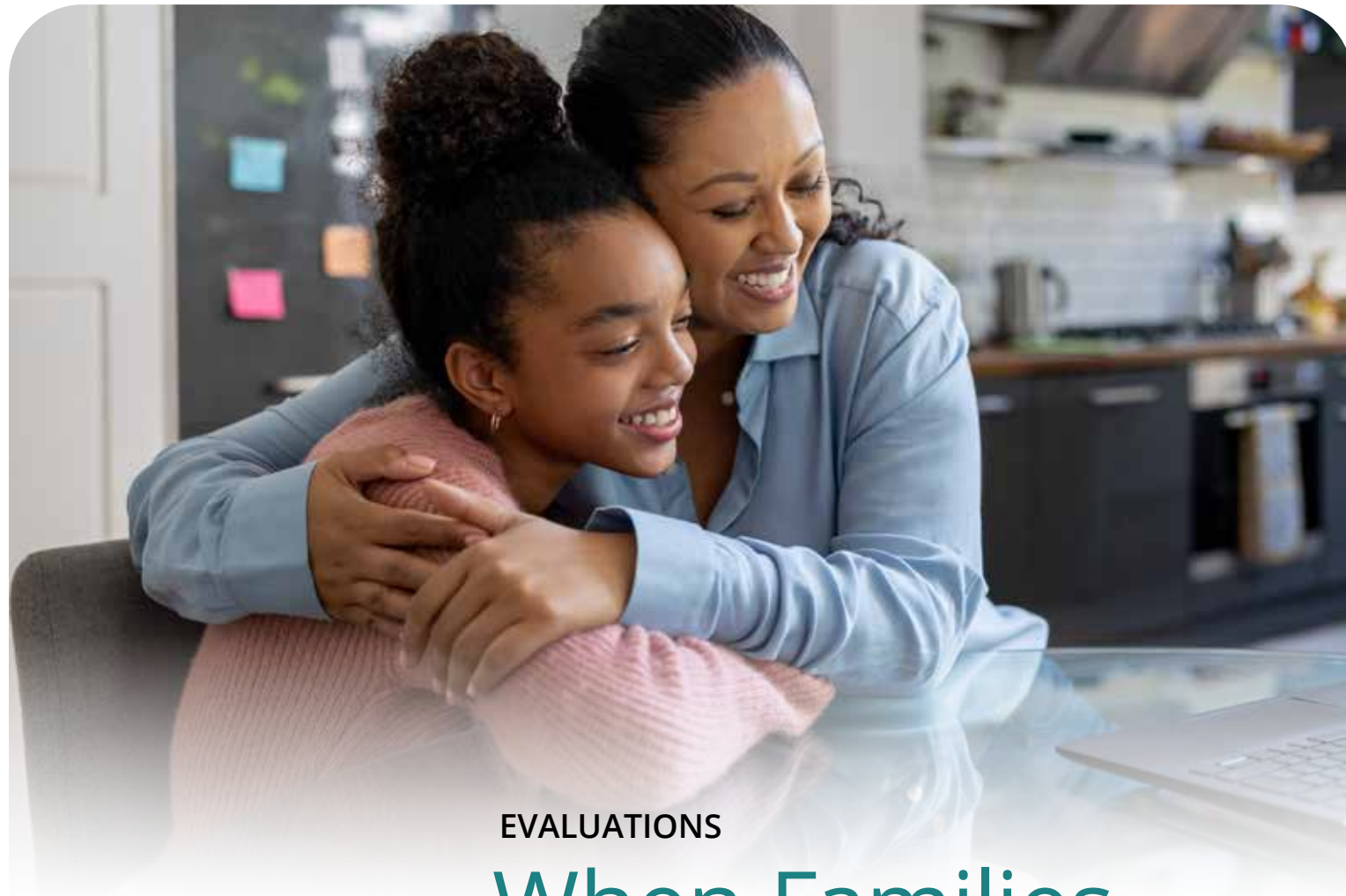
Ivy Dugan, M.S., CCC-SLP
with her student

A Growing Voice

When this bright, sensitive four-year-old first came to the Stern Center, he was silent, overwhelmed, and unsure. His family worried—he wasn't talking or playing in age-appropriate ways.

The first sessions were hard. He cried and didn't participate. But by week three, he began to connect with his kind and skillful instructor. With structure, stories, snacks, and visual supports, he started to feel safe.

Now, he's telling weekend stories, making jokes, and sharing emotions. He is stepping into the world with new confidence, greater connection, and a growing voice.



Moyo Studios

EVALUATIONS

When Families Need Insight



This student is smart, engaging, and creative, but his family worries that something in his learning style may be holding him back from fully embracing opportunities and sharing his gifts. They believe a Stern Center evaluation could provide answers and guide his growth and learning.

—2025 income-based assistance award request

When insight is needed most, our expert team provides in-depth learning assessments that clarify strengths, challenges, and next steps. Stern Center evaluations guide individuals, families, and educators with personalized, evidence-based recommendations to support learning and life.

Families and schools benefit from a collaborative team, including our in-house

- 🕒 clinical psychologists
- 🕒 school psychologists
- 🕒 neuropsychologist
- 🕒 speech-language evaluator



A Game-Changing Partnership



Elizabeth Keenan, M.Ed.
Stern Center Structured Literacy Coach

Innovative Design for Literacy Learning

What if everyone working with youth—from afterschool programs to sports to theater—understood how to nurture literacy through everyday activities? Could we build better readers by supporting youth services colleagues at organizations like the Boys and Girls Club? This pilot project demonstrated that literacy programming belongs everywhere, and integrating basic literacy principles can make a powerful everyday difference.

Connected by a Champion

Stern Center supporter Landon Storrs wanted to honor her husband David’s memory with a breakthrough project that connected two causes she champions: the lifelong gift of literacy and a safe place for all children to grow. A trailblazing aviator, Mrs. Storrs is no stranger to blue sky thinking. Brainstorm with Honorary Board Chairs Peter and Margie Stern and President Laurie Quinn launched a promising new model that pairs a literacy expert with a youth programming leader.

125+
young readers
every month
reached through this
24-month program

Teaming Up for Impact

Stern Center Structured Literacy Coach Elizabeth Keenan mentored a talented social worker, Celeste Stewart, based at the Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley in Connecticut. Their virtual planning engaged Club kids in literacy-rich activities over two years of collaboration. Outcomes include both reading breakthroughs for individual youngsters and stronger foundations for future academic success.



What is Orton-Gillingham?

The Orton-Gillingham (OG) Approach is a structured, evidence-based method for teaching literacy to everyone, including beginner and struggling readers. Grounded in cognitive psychology and neuroscience, the OG Approach emphasizes the explicit teaching of the structure of the English language. The OG Approach equips learners, including individuals with dyslexia, to become independent, lifelong readers and writers.

The Stern Center Orton-Gillingham Institute is proud to be the only accredited OG training organization in Vermont serving educators in grades K-12.



ORTON-GILLINGHAM INSTITUTE

Reading Teachers in the Know

This year, over 100 educators discovered their superpowers through the Stern Center Orton-Gillingham Institute, where effective literacy instruction takes flight. Through courses and coaching, teachers gained tools to support beginning and struggling readers. Teacher cohorts in 2025 included **Vermont teachers from Addison Northwest, Central Vermont Supervisory Union, and South Burlington;** and from **locations in Florida, Wisconsin, California, Canada, and Qatar.**

Mentors for Teachers

Supporting teachers across the U.S. and beyond through the Stern Center's Orton-Gillingham Institute

- **Shirley Bate, M.Ed., F/OGA**
Vermont
- **Corbin Bettencourt, M.Ed., CS/OGA**
Massachusetts
- **Laura Bryant, M.Ed., F/OGA**
Ohio
- **Marcella Fulmer, M.S., F/OGA**
Vermont
- **Catherine Hagberg, M.Ed., F/OGA**
South Carolina
- **Lynne Howard, M.Ed., CS/OGA**
New Hampshire
- **Lara Morales, M.Ed., CS/OGA**
Vermont
- **Kim Nau, M.S., F/OGA**
New York
- **Susan Nyman, M.Ed., F/OGA**
South Carolina
- **Anne Schramm, M.Ed., CS/OGA**
Vermont



Top Left: Peggy Price, Director

Bottom Left: Amy Ducey,
Assistant Director

Below: Colleen Metzler, M.Ed.,
4th grade teacher at
Vergennes Union Elementary,
engages her students through
interactive review and
practice.

Teachers as Learners

Literacy scholar Louisa Moats wrote, “There is a chronic gap between what teachers need and what they have been given...[to] enable their teaching to succeed.” This year, more than **2,250 teachers** grew their capabilities and renewed their professional commitment to all students with coaching and learning through the Stern Center.



CONNECTICUT:
MaKayla Broughton
Elementary Literacy Specialist

I’m MaKayla, an Elementary Literacy Specialist based in Lakeville, CT. I’m continuing to grow in guiding students to work through spelling patterns themselves, rather than simply editing or commenting on their writing.

CLASSROOM IMPACT:
Through the Foundational Writing Skills workshop with the Stern Center’s Leigh Buettler, I’ve strengthened my ability to identify whether students are making phonological, orthographic, or morphological errors—and to provide quick, recursive reviews using orthographic mapping.

FLORIDA:
Mary-Elizabeth Langston
Park School Founder

As an Orton-Gillingham tutor, reading teacher, and founder of a school for students with dyslexia, I found Reading and The Brain to be an outstanding professional development experience. The course clearly connected neuroscience to evidence-based reading and writing instruction, affirming and deepening my practice.

CLASSROOM IMPACT:
The Stern Center’s Peggy Price is exceedingly knowledgeable. Her clarity made complex topics accessible and engaging. This course strengthened my ability to support students and better explain the “why” behind our classroom practices. It was a valuable and reinvigorating professional development experience.



Joanne Kelly
3rd grade classroom teacher
Aztec Municipal School District,
NEW MEXICO

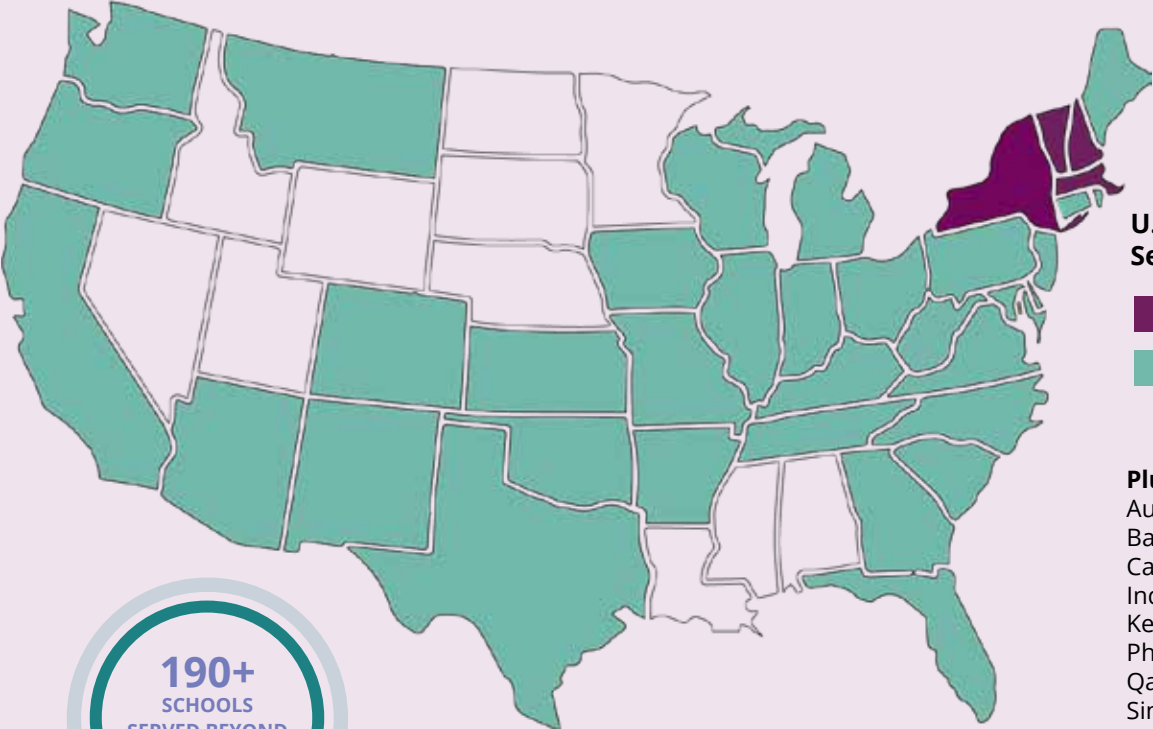
This workshop has helped me develop empathy and compassion for the struggles my students have with writing; I have a better understanding of why they are not successful. I take with me the simple, yet powerful truth that success inspires motivation!



—**Brad Larrabee, WISCONSIN**
Iron River and Northwestern
Elementary School Principal

This was a great learning experience for an amazing group of teachers. The course has had a dramatic impact on how we understand our youngest learners.

Amplifying Teachers’ Impact Across the US and Beyond



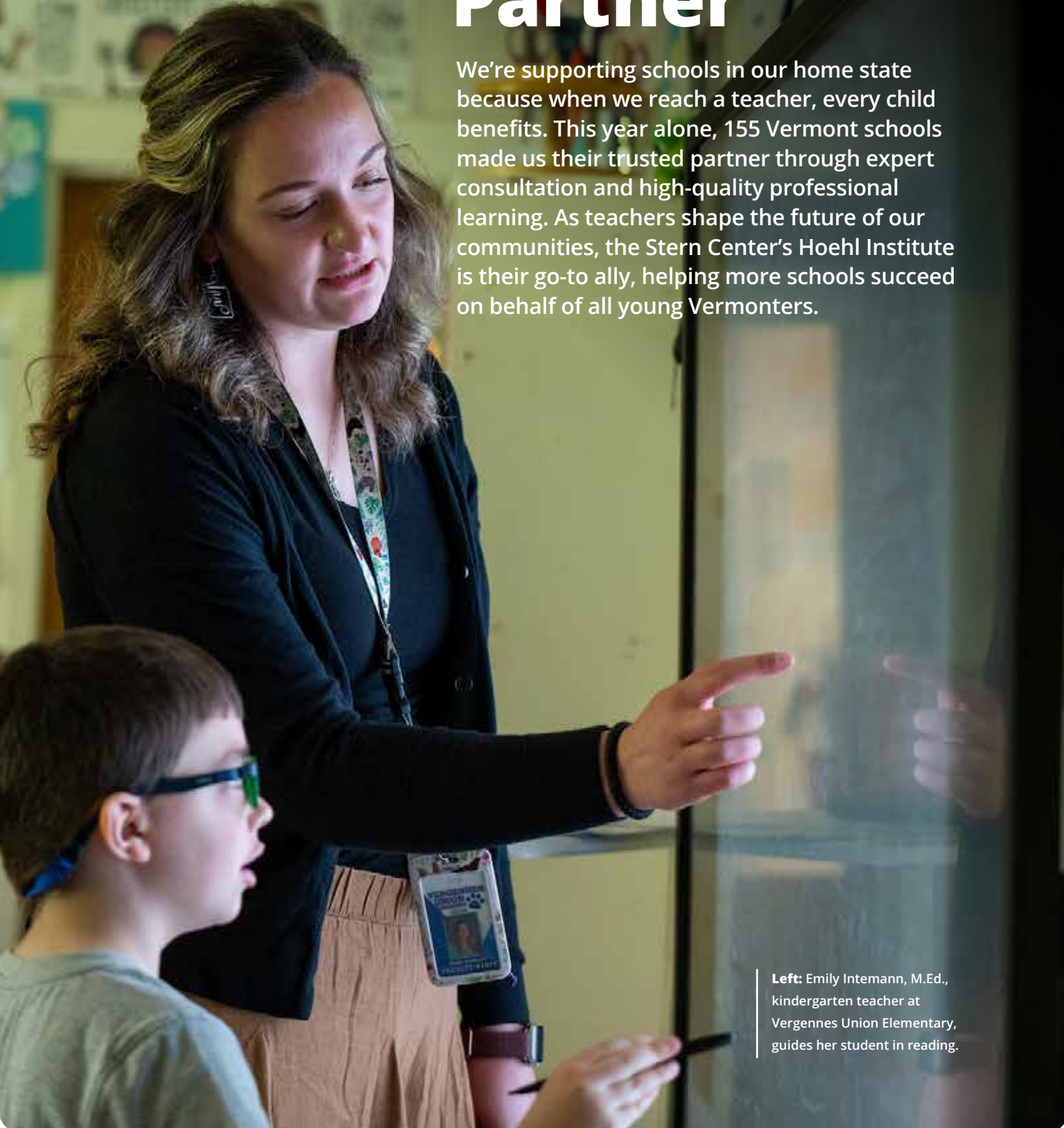
U.S. Teachers Served This Year:
Up to 1,000+
Up to 60

Plus Teachers From:
Australia
Barbados
Canada
India
Kenya
Philippines
Qatar
Singapore
United Kingdom

190+
SCHOOLS
SERVED BEYOND
VERMONT
THIS YEAR

Vermont Schools' Indispensable Partner

We're supporting schools in our home state because when we reach a teacher, every child benefits. This year alone, 155 Vermont schools made us their trusted partner through expert consultation and high-quality professional learning. As teachers shape the future of our communities, the Stern Center's Hoehl Institute is their go-to ally, helping more schools succeed on behalf of all young Vermonters.



Left: Emily Intemann, M.Ed., kindergarten teacher at Vergennes Union Elementary, guides her student in reading.



Helping Vermont Teachers Through Courses & Workshops



Teachers by County, fiscal 2025

Addison	77
Bennington	22
Caledonia	58
Chittenden Cty	184
Essex	3
Franklin	70
Grand Isle	2
Lamoille	65
Orange	52
Orleans	42
Rutland	120
Washington	155
Windham	121
Windsor	121



This course has been the most intensive and thorough course I have taken in my ten years of teaching.

—Shelby Sarno
Blue Mountain Union School at Orange East Supervisory Union

Thanks to You, Learning Endures

Named gifts are vital to increasing access to income-based financial assistance for services at the Stern Center. Our gratitude to all whose generosity supports equal opportunity for learners.

Michael Allen Scholarship
Charles Bartlett Scholarship*
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Leslie Watson Botjer Memorial Scholarship*
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Paul Post Memorial Scholarship
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Eleanor “Chris” Pratt Memorial Scholarship
Humbert L. Riva, M.D. Memorial Scholarship*
Neil Shapiro Memorial Scholarship*
Smallwood Family Scholarship*
Paul Toomey Memorial Scholarship

** Indicates an endowed gift. Endowed funds honoring a loved one are awarded annually in perpetuity after a donor’s minimum investment.*

Lives of Purpose



Patricia (Pat) Pizzagalli

Patricia Pizzagalli (1935-2024)

Pat Pizzagalli’s connection to the Stern Center began in the late 1980s with founding President Emerita Dr. Blanche Podhajski, who impressed Mrs. Pizzagalli with the Stern Center’s innovative work. Always passionate about opportunities to further education, Pat grew to believe deeply in the Stern Center’s mission. She saw her gift to the Beacon Campaign as a perfect way to provide meaningful, lasting support. As Pat wrote to Dr. Laurie Quinn in 2021, during Laurie’s first year leading the Stern Center, “I am impressed with the number of former students and Board members who are still actively supporting Stern many years later.... I wish you the best.” We are honored by Mrs. Pizzagalli’s generous legacy, and grateful for her belief in the learners and families her gift helps us to serve.

In Loving Memory

Julia Molson, Psy.D. (1971-2025)

Dr. Julia Molson worked as an Evaluator for more than twenty years on our team from the time she came to us as a post-doctoral fellow until May of 2023. Julia’s colleagues respected her steady grace, her clinical brilliance, and her devotion to doing our best for children and families. Julia quietly helped the Stern Center to be better, day by day, every day that she did her remarkable work. We remember Julia Molson with love, and honor her lasting memory.



Julia Molson, Psy.D.



Patrica (Pat) Farnham

Patricia Farnham (1936 - 2024)

Patricia “Pat” Farnham was among the original members of the group that came to be known as the Friends of the Stern Center. She was an energetic participant at events, helping to raise awareness of learning differences and increasing our ability to support learners and families with need-based financial assistance. Pat served as a Stern Center Board member from 1985-1988. We are a stronger organization today thanks to her years of generous support for our mission.



Robert (Bob) Jones

Robert Jones (1934-2025)

Robert “Bob” Jones was introduced to the Stern Center by his wife Betty, and immediately warmly received by all. Always ready for hands-on physical assistance at any event, Bob was the tireless personal trucking company during preparations, and brought his classic dry Vermont humor to all proceedings. Bob was a loyal, dependable, gracious, and generous supporter of the Stern Center with his time, talents, and treasure, and is remembered with great affection and gratitude.



Dr. Mary Scollins

Mary Scollins, M.D. (1943-2025)

Mary Scollins, M.D., was an early colleague of President Emerita Dr. Blanche Podhajski, and Mary’s support was essential in the founding of the Stern Center. Their mutual professional interests in the UVM Neurology Department quickly evolved into a personal friendship lasting several decades. Mary, along with her husband Michael Scollins, M.D., were enduring and generous philanthropic supporters, with Mary always a joyful participant at events, often still engaged in conversation when the lights were turning down. We cherish all that Dr. Mary Scollins brought to our organization over her years as a champion.



Generosity & Gratitude

Visionary Circle

\$100,000 & Up

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Patricia Pizzagalli Estate
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President's Circle

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Thomas Wilkins
Matthew Zahn

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Barbara Riva Coates
Sally Conant
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Cynthia and Mack
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Sarah and Dennis Healy
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\$100–\$249

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Susan Harvell Julian
Robin Kelly and Lisa Tenerowicz
Peter and Joyce Klinkenberg

Until Every Child Knows the Joy of Learning

Together, we can provide the right support to end the learning crisis. Your giving commitment reaches more children, empowers more teachers, and ensures that everyone in our communities has a chance to thrive, grow, and contribute.

We thank all those who made gifts in support of every learner. If we have inadvertently omitted any names, we apologize and ask you to contact us with the correction. This listing includes donations and pledges received during FY25: September 1, 2024–August 31, 2025. Multi-year pledges are marked * and planned bequests are marked †.



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Jeanne Landau**
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Dr. Steve Contompasis

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Stephen Scheu

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Barbara Riva Coates

Lili Ruane
Four Angels Fund

Dr. Mary Scollins
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Neil Shapiro
Albert and Barbara Gross
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Mark Saba and Karen Paul
Gerry and Peggy Shapiro
Matthew Zahn

Barbara R. Slade
Robin, Randy, and
Maia Bertrand

Haviland Smith
Dolores Smith

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Legacy for Learning Circle

The *Legacy for Learning Circle* is a generous group of donors who have planned bequests to the Stern Center. Legacy gifts keep the Stern Center strong so we can be there for learners in the years and decades to come. Please contact Ed at ewilkens@sterncenter.org or call (802) 276-8737 to learn more about planned giving options.

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of Stern Center financial assistance awards in this most recent year helped families making less than \$80,000.



We understand that for many of those who seek your services, the innovative and compassionate help they receive can reorient their entire educational journey. Thanks for your consistent and long-running focus on serving area youth... who benefit greatly from the strategies you have to offer.

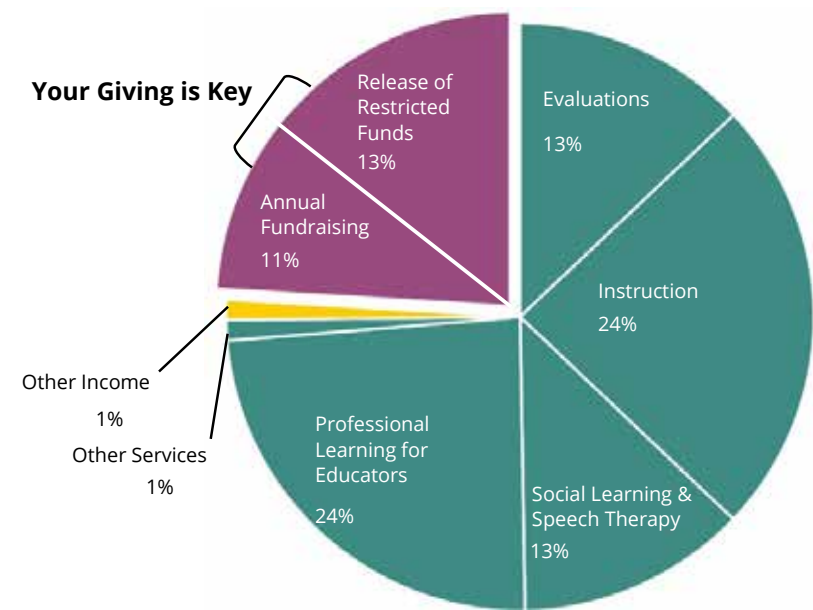
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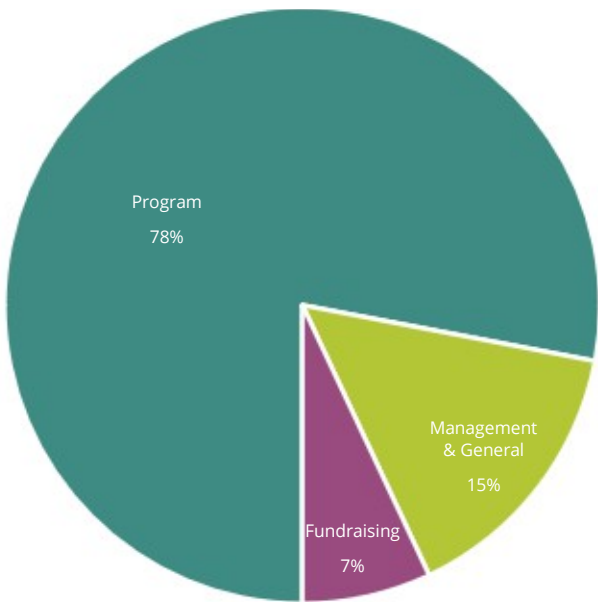
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Financials

Our Sustaining Revenue Sources



Your Direct Mission Impact



The Stern Center has proven itself worthy of our increased support. Your nonprofit stands out for a long track record and a very bright future for your vital educational mission.

—Longtime donor

Through caring Stern Center donors and greater access to support, learners and teachers can thrive.

Fiscal Year 2025 results show growing sustainability even amid the urgency of the learning crisis. We are making a difference together thanks to your generous annual gifts, our commitment to increasing income-based assistance to families, and wise financial stewardship.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures*
All funds for the 12 months ended August 31, 2025

	Unrestricted & Access	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenue				
Income from Programs	3,531,882	-	-	3,531,882
Discounts on Services	(207,647)	(189,868)	-	(397,515)
Other Income	51,682	608,386	-	660,068
Fundraising	512,230	419,696	514,075	1,446,001
Funds Released from Restriction	504,062	(504,062)	-	-
Transfers from Endowments	121,777	(121,777)	-	-
Total Revenue	\$4,513,985	\$212,376	\$514,075	\$5,240,436
Expenses				
Salaries, Benefits and Staff Development	3,737,989	-	-	3,737,989
Office, IT, Occupancy (Including Depreciation/Amortization)	457,739	4,692	-	462,431
Finance, Legal, Audit, Professional Fees and Licenses	137,015	46,873	-	183,888
Marketing and Program Expenses	108,381	-	-	108,381
Travel and Miscellaneous	18,187	-	-	18,187
Total Expenses	\$4,459,311	\$51,566	\$0	\$4,510,877
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$54,674	\$160,810	\$514,075	\$729,559

Net Cash from Operations	
Net from Operations	\$54,674
Depreciation and Amortization	\$140,000
Cash from Operations	\$194,674
Capital and Financing Expenditures	(\$15,599)
Net Cash	\$179,075

*All figures represent unaudited financial results



A Visionary Vice President and Passionate Educator

Janna Osman, M.Ed., Vice President for Advanced Learning, retired in 2025 after serving on the Stern Center Leadership Team for more than 15 years. Previously, she led Professional Learning and founded the Orton Gillingham Institute, envisioning and leading transformative initiatives including Lead to Read and our Reading Readiness early literacy partnerships. Prior to coming to the Stern Center, Janna was the Learning Disabilities Consultant for Vermont's Agency of Education. Her storied career includes roles as an adjunct professor and practicum coordinator at Saint Michael's College, teaching as a special educator, and serving as a school board leader. Janna has been a respected contributor to the field for over 40 remarkable years. Thank you, Janna, and may your joyful energy infuse all your next adventures.

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Stern Center Board Members provide essential leadership that strengthens our mission and impact. We're deeply grateful for their dedication and service.



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