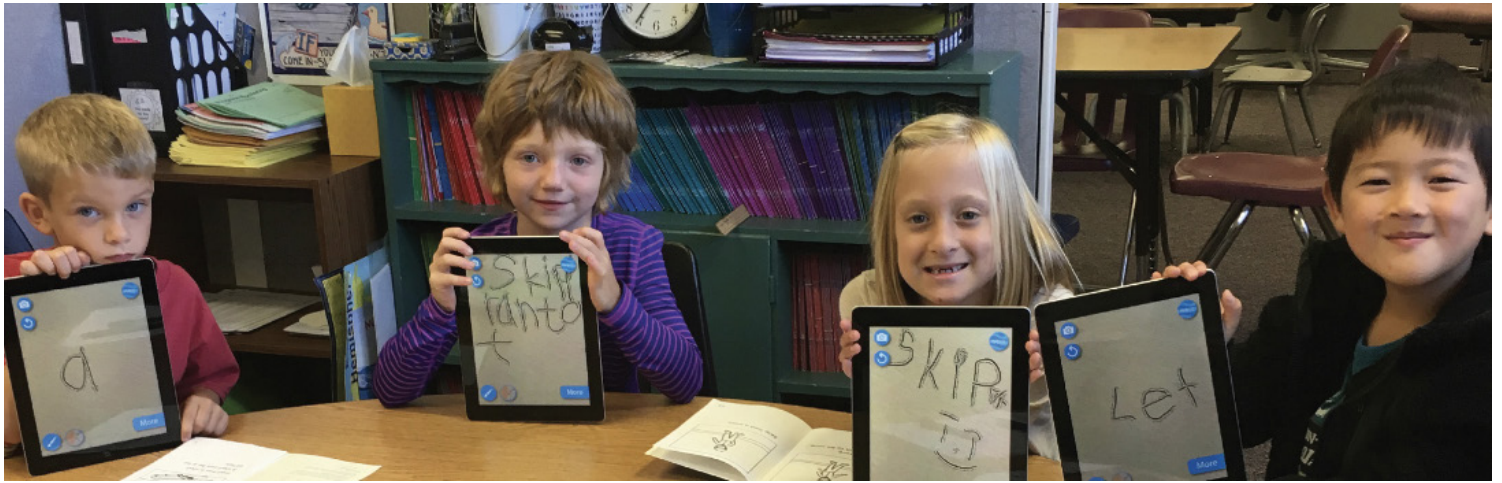


## A LEGACY OF LOVE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES | \$100,000



### *All God's Children Need to Learn About Jesus*

Lutheran School Education Ministry (LSEM) has been serving children with learning needs for 150 years. Children who have learning disabilities and for whom a Christian education needs to be available are underserved and the most vulnerable among us. One in five children in the United States has a learning need, and these children often face choosing between a public school that can address their learning needs or a Christian education that will develop their spiritual needs.

LSEM works and partners with schools and congregations to meet the learning needs of the children in their classrooms. In many cases, the support LSEM offers allows children to attend Christian schools. The Christian school encourages a personal relationship with Jesus and supports academic growth in math and reading and promotes on-going healthy brain development and function through an enriching fine arts program.

The LSEM ministry vision is to reach out to provide the opportunity for every child to receive specialized learning services. The "Legacy of Love" mission grant enables LSEM to serve a growing number of students with learning needs and allows them to attend Lutheran schools across the country and throughout the world. This means that more children would be able to receive an education to set them up for success while experiencing God's love in an amazing Christian environment.

Throughout LSEM's history God has graciously blessed them. Although the education landscape is constantly changing, LSEM is committed to partner with Christian communities to ensure children receive the individual, specialized learning services they need to be successful and thrive both in and out of the classroom. The grant will provide funds to help LSEM develop and research tools and techniques that will provide resources to Lutheran churches welcoming God's children and their families into their church families now and in future years.

*In paths that they  
have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the  
darkness before  
them into light, the  
rough places into  
level ground. These  
are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake  
them (Isaiah 42:16b).*