

For those who struggle to learn, we provide specialized learning services that unlock their fullest potential by the renewing of their minds

The Idaho Learning Center is seeking investors and partners to help us better serve families in the Treasure Valley who have students with learning disabilities. We have the opportunity to purchase a building and property that will allow for twice as many students to be served in a much more conducive environment than we are at now.



Make A Significant Difference:

The Idaho Learning Center targets at-risk students in the Treasure Valley. These students have struggled to succeed in school and have not found the help they need in the traditional education setting. According to the National High School Center (betterhighschools.org), 35% of high school dropouts have a learning disability such as dyslexia. These smart students are some the next generation of leaders! But they need a different approach to education if they are going to become those leaders. With the right intervention and help, students with learning disabilities can find significant success turning their learning disability into a learning opportunity. Interestingly, research shows that a significant percentage of prisoners have a learning disability, but also a disproportionate percentage of CEO's and highly successful people also claim to have overcome dyslexia. The Idaho Learning Center provides effective, research-supported interventions and services to students in our community who are having serious difficulties in school. The Academy is a school designed specifically for students with learning disabilities using a 10:1 student/teacher ratio and a targeted and intentional approach to student learning known to give these students consistent classroom success (some for the very first time.) It's also a place...a refuge... where they hear about Christ, His unconditional love for them, as well as His incredible plan and purpose for their lives. Students are being transformed by the renewing of their minds.

Current Situation:

The Idaho Learning Center currently serves 53 students who go to school each day at the Academy. We also serve an additional 30 students who attend different schools, but receive educational therapy services from the Idaho Learning Center therapists in Boise, Meridian, and Nampa. The ILC also has an influence in other schools in Idaho as staff from 6 different schools in the area attended training delivered for teachers, special education professionals, and therapists in the summer of 2014.

We are currently located in a business park in Meridian, leasing 4400 square feet, with limited outside space, poor parking, and a layout that is not conducive to a school. We maintain a satellite location in Nampa and our educational therapists go into some schools to provide educational therapy services. We are out of space and are limited in how many students we can serve.

Student's lives are being changed as they gain confidence that they are able to learn. Some of them are learning to read for the first time. Parents come to us, sometimes in desperation, looking for help for their children that they are unable to find elsewhere.

Testimonials:

"My son keeps saying the Academy is a safe place. He is able to try to succeed and even fail and still feel confident. The result of that is a consistent growth in academics, spiritual, emotional and social growth." Parent

"Last year my son, Levi, could not read at all. He hated school. On top of that we just moved from Colorado and he was missing "home". This year there is such a complete change in him after a year at the academy. They meet the student where they are while striving for excellence with effective tools AND grace. This year my son is reading and doing math at grade level. He LOVES school and was so excited to read a chapter book on his own for the first time." Parent





Vision:

Our vision is to provide the opportunity for more students to be unleashed to reach their learning potential.

- We desire to provide space for 100 students to participate in the Academy. This number allows for the intimacy and the learning safety that comes from a small environment, while also creating a sustainable business model to be able to expand our offerings. It is our desire that this building look and feel like a school that students can be proud of attending.
- It is our vision to have a headquarters for providing learning services, and also create satellite locations throughout the Treasure Valley for delivering these services more locally. We have begun implementing this model by maintaining a satellite location in Nampa, and delivering services in several schools.
- It is our vision to create a business model that is not only sustainable, but maximizes accessibility to our services for families of all economic ranges.
- It is our vision that our headquarters and Academy be centralized in the Treasure Valley, and be within close proximity of Cole Valley Christian's Secondary Campus so that students can participate in athletics and activities that Cole Valley Christian has to offer.

Specific Need:

We currently have a contract to purchase the building and property shown in the pictures in this document. It fits all of the criteria that we have mentioned in our vision. We have passed the first milestone and have allowed our \$25,000 in earnest money to become non-refundable because we believe God is working through generous people to meet the financial goals necessary to make this a reality. We have been able to renegotiate the closing date to give us more time to make this happen. Our closing date is now April 1st. We have adjusted our goals to be more achievable in that timeframe.

By the Numbers				
Purchase Price	\$849,000		Down Payment	\$200,000
Projected Improvements	\$100K - \$200K		Financing Need	\$650,000

Notes

There are minimum renovation requirements at the time of moving in, but the priorities may be adjusted based on available funding. We are asking for donations of any size to help with this project.

How To Give:

If God is placing it on your heart to get involved financially, there are a few ways to do so:

- Go to <u>www.colevalleychristian.org</u> -> Support CVCS and follow instructions to make a commitment now and donate any time before March 1st, or make a donation before December 31st and receive tax benefits this year.
- Send donation to CVCS c/o Joan Sperl, 200 E. Carlton, Meridian, Idaho, 83642.
- For questions, contact Brad Carr at bcarr@cvcsonline.org or 208-947-1212.

About the Idaho Learning Center:

The Idaho Learning Center is a 501c3 non-profit organization. It was founded in 2008 by Connie Risser whose passion is to help students who struggle to learn unleash their potential. In 2013, the ILC came under the management of Cole Valley Christian Schools. While we operate as one organization, the ILC maintains its corporate independence and separate identity in order to better serve our community.