

Finding new ways to defeat dyslexia

Since 1994, hundreds of children have received free specialized instruction at the Learning Centers, enabling them to overcome the effects of dyslexia.

We are pledged to continue to offer this service to as many children as we can – free of charge.


In addition to serving more children through a growing number of Learning Centers, we provide guidance and funding for other means to defeat dyslexia, such as teacher tutor programs, research, and scholarships for teachers.

Growing with the help of many.

While all contributions benefit children with dyslexia, donors to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. can designate how they want their gifts to be used.

The 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc. is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service and all contributions are tax deductible.

For information on how you can help, call your local Learning Center.




Mary had a little lamb.

These familiar lines are easy to read and fun for most school-aged children.

But for a child with dyslexia, reading brings nothing but frustration.

Here's the same passage as seen through the eyes of a child with dyslexia:



Mar gha dal it tie lamd.

With letters flipped and words broken in the wrong places, the passage is simply impossible to read.

It's easy to see why a child with dyslexia loses interest in reading, writing and other academics.

Without specialized help, these children face serious stumbling blocks throughout their school years and beyond.

Techniques that use a variety of senses – such as drawing letter shapes in a sand tray – give children alternative ways to learn.



Meeting the challenge of dyslexia

A small boy sits at his desk, looking down at his open book as his classmates read aloud. He wrinkles his forehead and squints his eyes but the letters and words he sees are jumbled, twisted, senseless.

He grips the book tighter, holds his breath and makes a silent wish that the teacher will not call on him ...

This child has dyslexia, a common learning disability. He needs help to overcome it before it sets him back emotionally as well as educationally.

Where will he get the help he needs?

The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. has been created specifically for the purpose of providing free specialized training and tutoring to children with dyslexia.

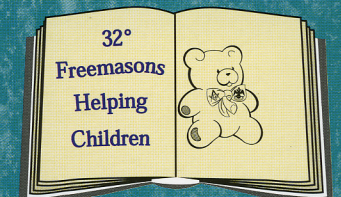
It is the aim of the Learning Centers to equip these children with the skills and confidence they need to approach learning with eagerness and without fear. To learn more, please call your local Learning Center.

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We're bringing the *joy* of reading and learning to children with dyslexia.



And *you* can help.



32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.

A *free* service for children with dyslexia

We're making a difference for children with dyslexia

Dyslexia is estimated to affect some 15% of our population – more than 2 million school-age children in the United States.

Although these children typically have average or above-average intelligence, their dyslexia can create difficulties not only with reading, writing and spelling but also with listening, thinking, talking and arithmetic.

These academic problems can lead to emotional and self-esteem problems throughout their lives.

With early diagnosis and appropriate instruction, these children can learn – and can enjoy learning – at their own age level.

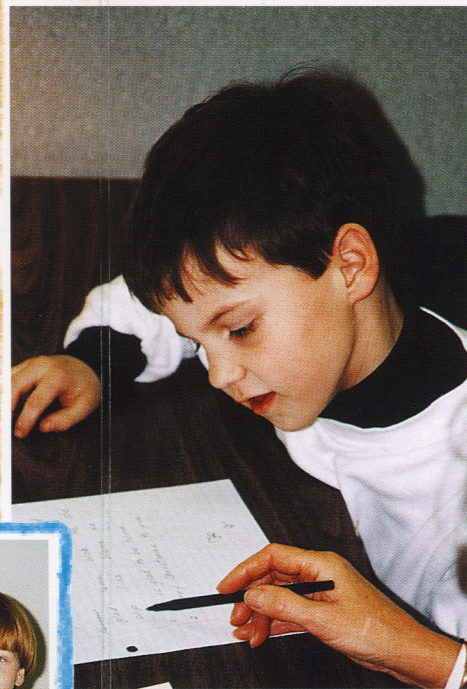
But programs to treat dyslexia have been few and far between. Most communities have little or no funding to support the facilities and staffing needed to properly address this disability.

Offering services free of charge

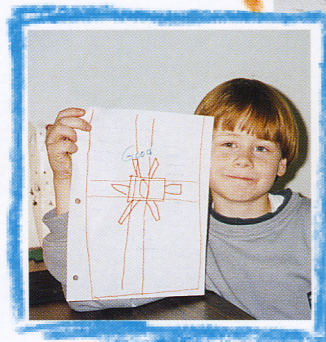
In creating the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., it has been our mission to provide professional treatment – free of charge – to children with dyslexia.

Services are made available to children on a first-come, first-served basis.

We're also committed to increasing public awareness of dyslexia as well as improving the standards of care through research and education.



One-on-one instruction is customized for each student's particular strengths and challenges.



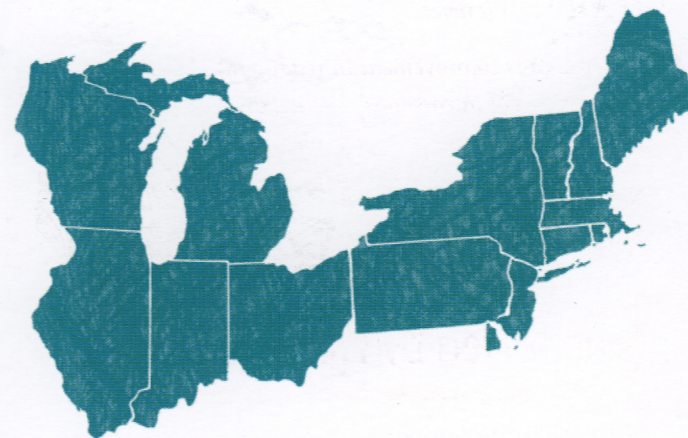
Success is achieved step by step and measured smile by smile at 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.



Reaching more children

In the years to come, we expect to have at least 55 Learning Centers operating throughout the 15-state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

These Learning Centers will bring our free services and proven teaching methods to more communities and to more children.



Setting high standards

Each Learning Center provides a highly qualified staff specially trained in the treatment of dyslexia.

After professional assessment and evaluation of a student's needs, the staff then provides customized one-on-one instruction using a variety of techniques.

In addition, each Learning Center provides training for local teachers or volunteers who want to tutor children with dyslexia.

Showing progress and promise

Children have made substantial advances through their work at our Learning Centers. Here are some descriptions of their progress in the words of their parents:

"... our sincere appreciation for the gift of literacy you provide. All of you have significantly touched the lives of our children forever ..."

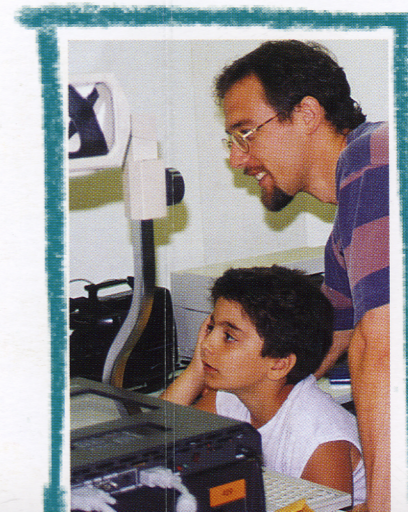
"... our child's improvement in reading has been nothing short of miraculous. She is now reading to herself, to us and to her 4-year-old brother ..."

"Not only have her reading skills grown but her confidence and self-esteem have grown as well."

Supported by Freemasonry

In 1994 the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction adopted the Learning Center Program as its fourth charity.

The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation established for the purpose of creating and operating Learning Centers throughout the 15 states within the Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction.



Specially trained staff members give students encouragement as well as instruction.