



Center for Urban Education Ministries

Connecting & Equipping
Leaders





“The Center for Urban Education Ministries’ work, in shaping new models, identifying key resources, and networking many Christian groups focused on Christian urban education, is invaluable.”

— Dr. Shirley Roels, NetVue, Calvin College

MISSION

The Center for Urban Education Ministries (CUEM) connects and equips leaders with resources to develop innovative and effective Christian education ministries that nurture hope for children, youth and families who live in urban areas.



IMPACT

The vision of CUEM is impacting Lutheran education by leading efforts to create a sustainable system of Lutheran-supported urban education ministries, bringing hope and healing to the children and families of our cities. These ministries are helping to break the cycle of poverty in urban communities by providing the means to achieve intellectual and social competence, thereby encouraging people to reach their full potential.

OUR GOALS

- To improve student educational and social outcomes by acknowledging and effectively implementing new, quality, and varied models of urban education.
- To inspire, affirm and support Lutheran educators in public and faith-supported educational settings.
- To increase the number of quality, sustainable Lutheran or Lutheran-related schools in the major cities of the United States.



OUR INITIATIVES

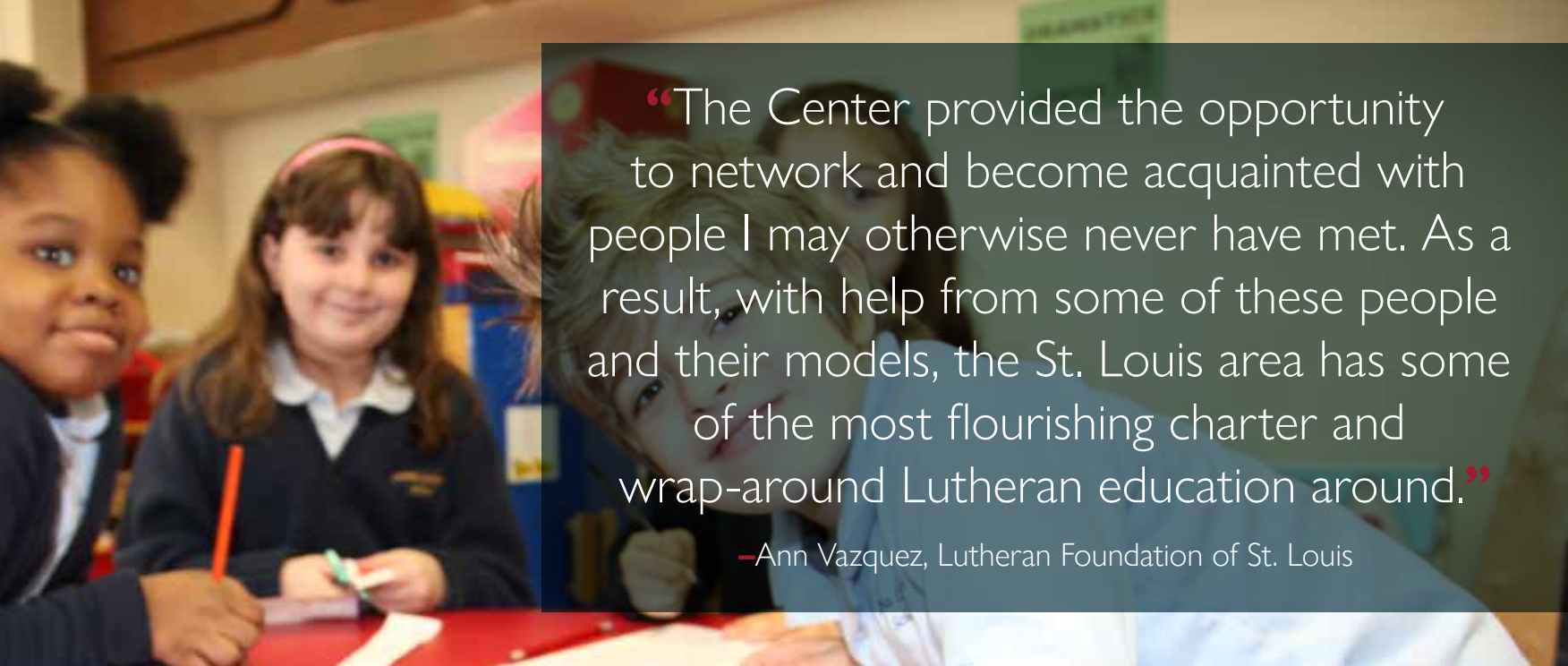
The Charlie Project identifies innovative and sustainable school models and assists schools, churches and agencies in their implementation. Current work includes a pilot program to establish a series of blended learning models in Lutheran schools throughout the U.S. and assistance with the establishment of Lutheran-led charter schools.

Educational Opportunities include best practices summits on a wide range of topics, the Kieschnick Lecture Series, and a variety of workshops presented throughout the country.

Support and Encouragement is provided through gatherings, and recognition is offered through the Lester R. Bayer Award for Excellence in Urban Education.

CUEM consults and shares information on a broad range of educational topics, bringing a cadre of partners throughout the country to the table to share mutual concerns and ideas.





“The Center provided the opportunity to network and become acquainted with people I may otherwise never have met. As a result, with help from some of these people and their models, the St. Louis area has some of the most flourishing charter and wrap-around Lutheran education around.”

—Ann Vazquez, Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis

Executive Director Marlene Lund has served Christian education for over 40 years, as a teacher, counselor and administrator. She is passionate about the right of every child to receive an excellent education, and through the Center for Urban Education Ministries, seeks to serve the large numbers of underserved children and families living in our cities.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Cortland State University, New York; a Master of Arts degree in Education from Hunter College, New York; and a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from New York University.



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OUR MISSION

“Called by God, we encourage people to
reach their full potential.”

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