Little People of America is funded through memberships, private donations and conference revenue. We operate on an October 1-September 30 fiscal year. A large portion of LPA’s financial assets are in restricted funds.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

*As of September 30, 2009*

**ASSETS**

- Current Assets $187,874
- Investments (Fair Market Value) 618,664
- Fixed Assets (Net of Depreciation) 2,885

**Total Assets** $809,423

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

- Current Liabilities $47,041

Current Net Assets Restricted Funds 722,807

Retained Earnings/Net Income 39,575

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** $809,423

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**REVENUE**

- Contributions $139,940
- Dues 58,620
- Conference 0*
- Other Income 3,375

**Total Income** $198,935

**EXPENSE**

- Scholarships $10,000
- Program Services and LPA Today 24,316
- Committees and Other 557

**Total Program Services** $34,873

- Salaries/Payroll Taxes 62,525
- Director’s Expenses 1,864
- Computer Support 8,813
- Insurance 4,221
- Marketing 2,150
- Professional Fees/Consulting 17,795
- Postage 8,313
- Printing 2,725
- Depreciation 999
- Publications 4,494
- Bank Fees 8,100
- Rent 12,139
- Telephone 5,198
- MRF Expense 1,097
- Office Supplies 3,426
- Travel 1,998
- Other 4,740

**Total Administrative Expense** $150,597

**Total Expense:** $185,470

**Net Ordinary Income:** $13,465

**Other Income:** $11,051

**Net Income:** $24,516

**Change in Net Assets** $58,562

**Net Assets, October 1, 2008** $703,820

**Net Assets, September 30, 2009** $762,382

Financials are unaudited and do not include any potential net income or loss from NYC Conference.

* Pending figures from New York Conference
PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS

LPA offers membership to any person who has dwarfism and their family members or friends. We also offer membership to medical professionals. Specific programs conducted during 2008-09 include:

Adoption – LPA seeks out children who are in need of adoption as well as helps families who want to adopt. We also have grant money available to help with adoption expenses.

Archives – The Archives program seeks to preserve and provide access to LPA’s collective memory. Archives collected include official documents, pictures and media, annual reports, and other memorabilia.

Bereavement Committee – Volunteers reach out to LPA members in their time of loss, whether it be for a newborn or an adult.

Community Outreach – LPA members realize that educating others is important. LPA seeks to provide help and support for those willing to be leaders and educators in their communities.

National Annual Conference – The annual national conference brings together members and their families for a week of fellowship, peer support, fun and education. The Kitchens’ Travel Fund helped twenty-five (25) families attend the 2009 national conference.

Medical Resource Center – The online MRC provides information and links to 160 of the known types of dwarfism. It is the preeminent collection of medically-related dwarfism information in existence.

Educational Scholarships – LPA provides financial assistance for college and vocational schools. In 2008-2009 LPA gave scholarships to 35 students totaling $25,000.

Dwarf Artists Coalition – The DAC is a coalition of artists who exhibit each year at the national conference.

MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

Parents and Peers Support Groups – Parent-to-parent and peer support is provided by members who understand the variety of medical, educational, social, and psychological concerns experienced by people with dwarfism and their families.

Advocates – National advocates continually work on legislation regarding genetic discrimination, patient healthcare rights, public access and other issues.
Medical Resources  LPA is committed to providing access to the most current medical information available. Dedicated and experienced physicians from LPA’s Medical Advisory Board generously volunteer to assist members and their physicians with medical consultations, referrals and critical information. These physicians cover multi-specialized fields of practice.

Financial Assistance  LPA offers educational scholarships, conference travel assistance, adoption assistance and medical assistance funds to qualifying individuals.

Adaptive Equipment Referrals  We refer to a range of products, including infant supplies, step stools, chairs, and car pedal extensions.

Networking  LPA provides many social and workshop opportunities by offering planned events throughout the year and across the nation.

Friendships  Members participate in LPA events and meet lifelong friends who share the same concerns as they do.

Workshops  Opportunities to participate in informational workshops on a wide variety of issues such as genetics, adaptations, public access, pregnancy and parenting are provided at regional and national events.

Our Magazine and Website  Members are informed of the latest news and information via our quarterly newsletter, LPA Today, and our website, www.lpaonline.org These services offer the most current and comprehensive news, products, and services associated with dwarfism. Individual districts and chapters also publish their own newsletters; all newsletters are mailed to members’ homes.

Public Relations  LPA’s PR team manages media issues and strives to raise public awareness on key issues associated with dwarfism.

National Office  – Each month in 2008-2009, our national office fielded:

- More than 1,000 emails.
- More than 800 phone calls.
- Mailed 80 New Member Information Packets.
- Daily requests from Chapter Presidents and District Directors for mailing lists and updated rosters, and various queries.
EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

President
Lois Gerage-Lamb
Vice President
Bill Bradford
Vice President of Finance
Jon North
Vice President of Membership
Ethan Crough
Vice President of Programs
Anthony Connor
Vice President of Public Relations
Gary Arnold

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Casey Hubelbank District 1
Joe Zrinski District 2
Keith Connolley District 3
Ken Miller District 4
David Doidge District 4
Lydia Graber District 5
April Brazier District 6
Joy Wyler District 7
Leigh Ann Breen District 8
Robyn Watson Farris District 8
Louis Taylor District 9
Suzy Ingalls District 10
Randy Bradford District 11
Joe Shaffer District 11
Joe Foos District 12
Sheryl Hankins District 13
Richelle Thornberg District 14

(In District voting years 2 District Directors will be listed.)

STAFF

Joanna Campbell Executive Director
Sandy Becker Office and Database Administrator
Vicky Schulte Office and Database Administrator

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Adoption Coordinator ................................................................. Colleen Gioffreda
Advocacy ......................................................................... Joseph Stramondo
ANSI Delegate ............................................................... Judith Irving
ANSI Delegate ................................................................. Tricia Mason
Bereavement Committee .................................................. Mary Ellen Little
Bylaw and Policy Manual ................................................... Mark Trombino
Community Outreach ............................................................. Barbara Spiegel
Dwarf Artists Coalition .................................................... Amanda Cachia
Finance Chair .................................................................. Mark Povinelli
Historian/Archivist ............................................................. Jim Kay
International Liaison (English-speaking countries) .............. Jennifer Hubelbank
International Liaison (Spanish-speaking countries) .............. Olga Marohnic
LPA Online, Web Editors ................................................. Joanna Campbell
LPA Today, Editor ................................................................. Jody Yarborough
Medical Resource Director .................................................. Ericka Okenfuss
National Conference Chair (2009) ......................................... Mike Petruzzelli
National Conference Review Committee Chair .................... Ron Piro
Parent Coordinator ............................................................. Laura Wagonlander
Teen Coordinator ................................................................ Jane McKenzie
TSA (Transportation Security Administration)......................... Bob Whittemore

The Mission of LPA

LPA is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with dwarfism throughout their lives while celebrating with great pride Little People’s contribution to social diversity. LPA strives to bring solutions and global awareness to the prominent issues affecting individuals of short stature and their families.