



MORRISSEY-COMPTON  
EDUCATIONAL CENTER, INC.

# 2016 Annual Report



# A Letter from the Director

Dear Friends,

When an agency is in the business of “helping people do better,” its successes are not always easy to quantify. Our goal is always to balance the fees we charge and the reality of rising costs of maintaining two Bay Area offices, and the financials on the facing page illustrate that we managed to accomplish this goal in 2016.



I am proud that we managed to expand our offerings this year to include **psychiatric services** and **vocational assessment**. Our **Executive Function Research Program** made solid progress. And the great majority of our clients continue to indicate satisfaction with our services, due in no small part to our gifted clinical staff that has grown to include **30** psychologists, tutors, and educational specialists, all of whom are dedicated to providing quality services that meet the needs of the students and families who seek help.

There is nothing more powerful than when the students or families we serve take the time and energy to give back to Morrissey-Compton. We saw several special efforts on our behalf in 2016. In Half Moon Bay, a fundraising project of creating and selling Mother’s Day baskets was proposed, organized, and delivered by one of the students who had been served through our Outreach to Latino Families Program. Aided by staff and other students, he managed to raise almost **\$1,000** for the Program! Another student selected Morrissey-Compton as his philanthropy project at his school, and I proudly and very gratefully accepted his check for **\$1,461** at an event held at his school in May. And when Bill, the parent of three of our young clients, turned 50 in March, he generously requested that his family and friends give to Morrissey-Compton in his honor—raising a total of **\$2,650** throughout the year!

Our ability to provide services to students is directly related to the dedication of our donor families to help students in need. Your generosity was particularly evident on May 3, where during the online giving event **Silicon Valley Gives** we raised the most money of any nonprofit in our category, thereby earning a special bonus grant of **\$40,000**.

Morrissey-Compton has been operating on the Peninsula for 34 years, and we have helped many individuals with learning differences get into college and enter into productive careers. One of our greatest strengths lies in the close ongoing relationships we have cultivated with many past clients, parents, and colleagues. They make up the vast majority of our donor base, and have remained remarkably loyal throughout the years.

I would like to offer my deepest thanks to all of our supporters, past, present, and future, for their kindness and generosity. Please know that you continue to make a wonderful difference in the lives of those who learn differently.

With Warmest Wishes,

John T. Brentar, Ph.D.

# Financial Statement

For years beginning January 1 and ending December 31:

## Income

### Support

Contributions	\$380,530	\$390,312
Contributions In-Kind		\$1,225
<b>Total Support Income</b>	<b>\$380,530</b>	<b>\$391,537</b>

### Program Revenue

Tutoring	\$303,332	\$310,766
Educational Evaluations	\$1,469,714	\$1,543,456
Educational Consultations	\$142,439	\$206,224
County Contracts	\$187,604	\$198,131
Challenge School	\$169,228	\$171,825
Therapy	\$170,792	\$139,717
<b>Total Program Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,443,109</b>	<b>\$2,570,119</b>

Investment/Interest Income	\$48,030	(\$5,157)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,871,669</b>	<b>\$2,956,499</b>

## Expenses

Educational Expenses*	\$2,107,133	\$2,145,104
Scholarships	\$356,477	\$395,457
Facilities Expenses	\$227,214	\$214,168
Administrative Expenses	\$237,025	\$297,209
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,927,849</b>	<b>\$3,051,938</b>

Net Assets & Liabilities Beginning	\$1,029,731	\$1,045,544
Change in Net Assets & Liabilities	(\$44,827)	(\$15,813)
<b>Net Assets &amp; Liabilities Ending</b>	<b>\$984,904</b>	<b>\$1,029,731</b>

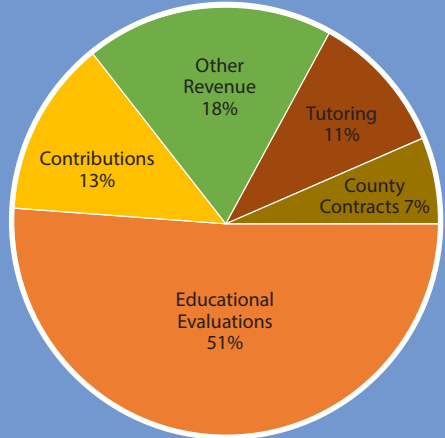
### Endowment Funds\*\*

Revenue	\$48,006	(\$5,183)
Expenses	\$3,028	\$2,954
Opening Balance	\$585,312	\$593,449
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$630,290</b>	<b>\$585,312</b>

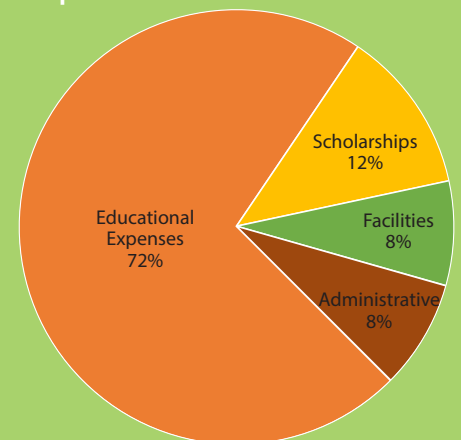
\*Includes Salaries, Payroll Taxes, Benefits, Outside Services, Supplies

\*\*Includes Restricted

## Income



## Expenses



# All About MCEC

## Diagnosis & Evaluation

Diagnosing a learning difference is the first step to finding the best way to treat it. Our comprehensive evaluations are performed by our team of gifted specialists and include:

### Psychoeducational Evaluations

Typically used to determine whether a learning disability is present. Includes educational and intellectual evaluations.

### Extended/Comprehensive Psychoeducational Evaluations

Conducted when further testing/observation is needed to assess for social or emotional concerns, inattention, and executive function weaknesses.

### Psychological Evaluations

Issues such as anxiety or depression are measured through rating scales, clinical interview, and specific psychological tests.

### Autism Spectrum Evaluations

Early diagnosis is key to effectively help parents and the individual with Autism Spectrum

Disorder (ASD), but sometimes ASD is diagnosed later in life often in relation to learning, social, or emotional difficulties. There are specially trained psychologists who administer autism-specific behavioral evaluations for individuals of all ages to identify ASD and support with intervention therapies.



### Educational Evaluations

Academic skills are assessed through both standardized tests and clinical observation.

### Intellectual Evaluations

Sometimes required for school admission, IQ testing is available for individuals with or without learning differences.

## Uniquely Comprehensive

Besides being the only local agency focused solely on those who learn differently, Morrissey-Compton offers a remarkable array of programs and services designed to help entire families, as well as individuals of all ages, cope with LD.



## Groups for Kids

Skill-building groups are available for kids who struggle with issues such as making/keeping friends, impulse control, anxiety, emotion regulation, and managing stress.

## Parent Education

Free workshops are held in both our Redwood City and Half Moon Bay offices, as well as at schools and to parent groups, that address various topics (e.g. ADHD and EF, anxiety, maintaining connection with your kids, organizational skills, and homework). Fee-based support groups are also available.

## Advocacy

We provide consultations, evaluations, and advocacy for students with learning differences, and coaching for parents, to ensure that, as legally required, their school program includes appropriate special education services and accommodations.

## New Services at Morrissey-Compton!

### Psychiatric Consultations

Psychiatric medications are rarely used alone and are usually one part of a comprehensive treatment plan. Morrissey-Compton now has a psychiatrist on staff, **Dr. Thomas Butler**, who can provide psychiatric consultations to families—allowing our students to access medication services along with our other support services such as individual, family, and group therapy; educational therapy; and executive function therapy.

### Speech & Language Evaluations & Therapy

With the recent addition of **Patricia (Pat) K. Klein, M.A, CCC** to the Morrissey-Compton staff, we are able to provide treatment, support and care for adolescents and children who have difficulties with speech, language, and social communication. Pat has particular interest and experience with non-verbal children as young as 18 months and toddlers and preschoolers with verbal dyspraxia.



### Treatment

#### Educational Therapy/Tutoring

Our educational specialists are highly trained in effective techniques specific to reading, writing, math, and study skills across all age groups and learning differences.

#### Psychotherapy Services

**Play Therapy for Children:** Addresses social/emotional concerns.

**Cognitive Behavior Therapy:** Teaches skills for behavior change.

**Psychodynamic Therapy:** Improves self-esteem and emotional self-awareness.

**Dialectical Behavior Therapy:** For emotion regulation and adjusting ineffective behavior.

#### Family Therapy

A means to identify and cope with issues that affect multiple family members.

#### Consultation

An initial step taken to address difficulties for individuals, families, schools, and other agencies.



### Challenge Summer School

A special five-week summer program for children with mild to moderate learning disabilities. Within a fun, theme-based curriculum, students review basic reading, writing, and math and learn ways to develop organization and thinking.

### EF Research

Our Executive Function (EF) Research Program addresses the growing needs of students with weaknesses in EF skills and general learning difficulties. Problems with EF often contribute to academic and life challenges.

### Staff Experts

Our staff experts are qualified to speak to your school, parent group, or other organization on many subjects related to education, learning differences, and mental health disorders. Choose from a variety of available topics, or request customized topics to fit your needs.

### Career/Vocational Assessments

Used to analyze an individual's current skills and experience, identify potential career and vocational interests, and help set career/vocational goals.



## We're Naming Names—and Providing Backup

Morrissey-Compton Educational Center is able to help a great many individuals each year who can afford to pay full price for our services, and we are so proud to have helped thousands of students go on to enjoy academic success and amazing careers over the past 35 years. However, the heart of our agency is our ability to provide services to all who need them, regardless of ability to pay, and our donors are the lifeblood that keep that heart going year after year.

### Who's Who in Local Philanthropy

Over the next three pages, we are listing the names of those who in 2016 gave to Morrissey-Compton. We thank each and every one of them for enabling us to live to fulfill our important mission for another day, another month, another year, and hopefully, far into the future.

## The Numbers

Your generous support helped us to do the following in 2016:

- Allow **28** children the opportunity to discover their strengths, build self-esteem, and make lifelong friends by attending **Challenge Summer School**.
- Enable **57** individuals to discover the nature of their learning differences—and gain access to the tools that can help overcome them—by receiving full and partial scholarships for **Educational, Intellectual, Psychological, and Psychoeducational evaluations**.
- Provide **22** young people with **354** hours of **therapy** to help them resolve self-esteem issues, social/emotional problems, and ineffective behaviors.
- Help **52** students do better academically, and enjoy the same opportunities as their peers, by receiving financial aid for **855** hours of tutoring.
- Give **425** parents of children with learning differences, and another **19** parents of children with executive function difficulties, valuable strategies to help their children succeed by attending free **Parent Education** classes and receiving scholarships to attend our innovative day-long **EF Conference for Parents**.



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