

# THIRTY

Celebrating Community



**CITY OF LAKES WALDORF SCHOOL**  
**2018-2019 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN**

If you want to go quickly, go alone.  
If you want to go far, go together.

– African Proverb





To truly know the world, look deeply within your own being; to truly know yourself, take real interest in the world. — Rudolf Steiner



## WHY GIVE?

70% of gifts to the Annual Fund go directly to compensation and benefits for our faculty and staff. If you would like to show support for our teachers, support the Annual Fund! City of Lakes Waldorf School is a fiscally healthy non-profit with notably low overhead costs. That means you can feel confident that your gift goes straight to the heart of our mission: directly supporting the teachers who offer an enlivened Waldorf education to our students every day.

The costs of education continue to rise. Our Minneapolis Public Schools expenditures now exceed \$23,000 per pupil. At a tuition rate of \$15,100 for one middle school student, the question becomes: How does City of Lakes Waldorf School provide an exceptional school experience for less than the cost of public schools? In part, the answer is the Annual Fund, which provides significant support to our annual budget.

Our Annual Fund Campaign and other development efforts support nearly 10% of our school's budget each year. These funds fill the gap between what is charged by tuition and the actual cost of providing a Waldorf education to every student. Without generous donations to the Annual Fund, we would need to charge over \$1,000 more per student in tuition. We rely on these tax-deductible gifts to bridge the gap and balance the school's budget each year. Annual gifts help to provide the highest quality education possible while keeping tuition affordable so that more students can benefit from Waldorf education.

*We could not do it without you.*

In Service and Gratitude,  
**Caroline Askew, Development Director**

## OUR GOALS

- To raise \$150,000
- To reach 100% participation from the school's families and leadership groups
- To increase the number of Sustaining Families offering recurring, monthly gifts

We depend on participation from parents, faculty and staff, board members, alumni, alumni parents and grandparents and friends of the school to reach our goals. The amount of each gift isn't nearly as important as participation - at any level. Some give \$5, others give \$25,000. We ask you to give a gift that is significant and meaningful to you and your family. Your participation demonstrates our community's commitment to our school's missions and encourages others to support us as well.

*With your help, we will meet our goals, one family and one gift at a time.*

*Donate online at [www.clws.org](http://www.clws.org) or using the envelope included.*



# This year we celebrate thirty years of community at City of Lakes Waldorf School.

We attribute the school's growth and success to the tremendous strength of our extended community of teachers, staff, parents, students, alumni and friends. **The spiritual underpinnings of Waldorf education provide a rich framework for the developmental journey of childhood and a context for us to acknowledge the breadth and depth of our shared human experience.**

Many people discover a unique sense of community at City of Lakes Waldorf School and build lifelong relationships that sustain them well into the future. From the first days of early childhood through the grade school journey, children are able to form meaningful connections over years of shared experiences. Families have the opportunity to create associations and share in the joys and challenges of parenting. **Over the course of their education, each child is held in love and reverence by an entire school community who sees their gifts, honors their strengths, and celebrates their successes.**



**As we see an increase in division in our society, the capacity to embrace differences, build sustained relationships and honor individuality are more important than ever.** The present tendency to experience our individualism as human aloneness and to engage in anti-social behaviors, requires that we take even greater interest in one another, actively build our capacity for collaboration and cooperation and insist on upholding the belief in our mutuality and interdependence. Waldorf education provides an extraordinary opportunity to build these capacities and to foster community through activities such as class plays, festivals, overnight camping trips and community events. The bonds

between students extend beyond graduation; our alumni continue to value the unique friendships formed in a class that traveled together over eight to ten years. The connections formed within our community are often exceptional and are grounded in the profound self-knowledge we gain only through our relationships with one another. **The education of the heart and the building of community are hallmarks of the educational experience at City of Lakes Waldorf School.**

Thank you for being a member of our school community.

**Marti Stewart, Administrative Director**



Queen bees have  
to drink special  
royal jelly to  
become a queen bee



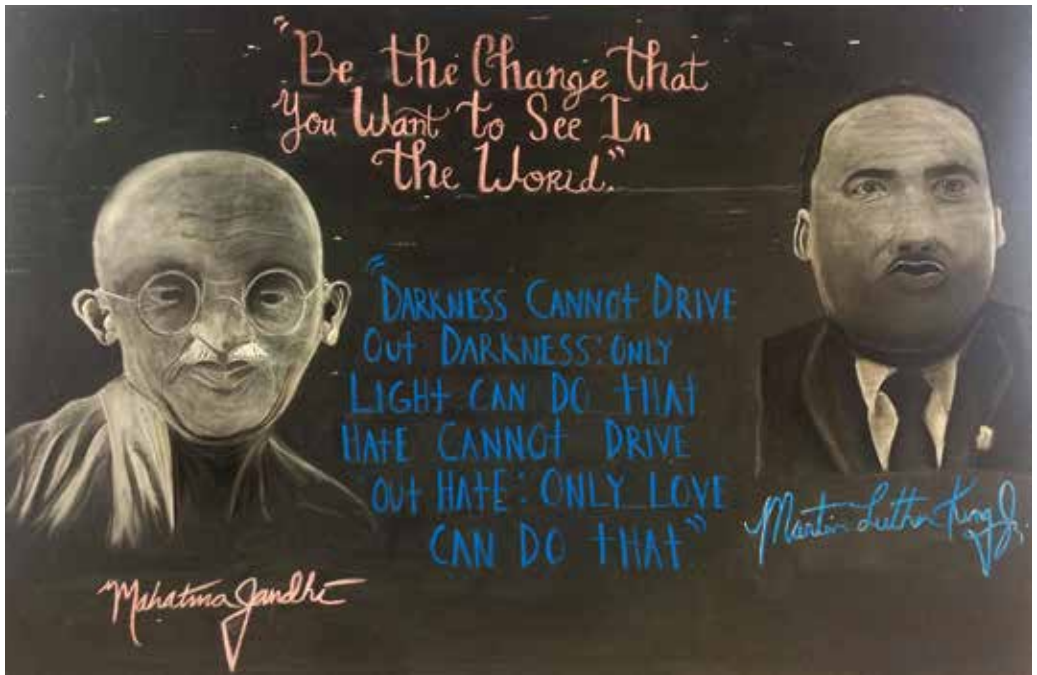
## YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL SUPPORT

Classroom and subject teachers for one grades classroom	\$100,000
World Language Program for grades 1-8	\$45,000
Ensemble Program for grades 3-8	\$35,000
Tuition Assistance Award to one family/child for one year	\$6,700
School Festivals throughout the year	\$5,600
Woodworking/Art Program Supplies for all grades	\$3,500
Grow and maintain library program	\$2,500
Rent the Woman's Club for our Annual Circus	\$1,800
Support the "gap" between tuition and the true cost to educate each child	\$1,000
Subsidize one month of tutoring for students receiving tuition aid	\$750
Ensemble Lessons	\$1,000
Main Lesson Books	\$5,250
Drumming Residency per block	\$1,500

## OUR 2017-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- **Graduated** our 25th eighth grade class bringing our total alumni to 414
- **Opened** a Toddler program at our Loring Campus serving children 18 months through three years
- **Provided** a record amount of tuition assistance \$462,197 to support families
- **Achieved** 26% diversity
- **Offered** SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Training to staff
- **Completed** a comprehensive Feasibility Study to determine the focus of our upcoming Capital Campaign
- **Hosted** 25th Annual Circus





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