

2023-2024 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

# INSPIRING FUTURES







“Children are not things  
to be molded, but are  
people to be unfolded.”

JESS LAIR



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Our students are growing up in—and learning to navigate—a world of unprecedented global interdependence and connectedness. Never before in history have human beings experienced activities around the globe with such immediacy. As adults, we can feel a sense of overwhelm in relation to the wealth of information and stimuli that is part of daily urban life.

*How do we educate children and support their healthy growth and development in today's world?*

The task of Waldorf education is to bring learning and experience to our students at the right time and in the right measure—to encourage the natural unfolding of their multiple capacities—so they remain eager to gain knowledge and experience of the world, and grow strong to face the future. Waldorf education's singular understanding of the child, developmental approach, and deep commitment to whole child learning provide a remarkably healthy foundation for children to grow into young human beings who are ready for further education, and able to develop all of their unique capabilities in order to meet and shape the world.

Over the eight year journey through the grades, students develop the capacity for discernment and the agency to act and think independently. By creating a loving school environment that allows students to gain academic knowledge, experience the joy of learning, and develop the skills for building community, our students carry both practical skills and an inspired vision out into the world. As parents, grandparents, and educators we want to protect children, share with them the breadth and depth of human existence, and give them wings to soar.

— **Marti Stewart**, *Administrative Director*

# WHY THE ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN?

*Our Annual Fund Campaign and other development efforts support approximately 5% of our school's budget each year.*

These funds help the school meet day-to-day operating expenses not covered by tuition income. Annual gifts help to provide the highest quality education possible while keeping tuition affordable so more students can benefit from a Waldorf education.

## **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL SUPPORT:**

- Making Waldorf education accessible by supporting tuition assistance for more than one third of CLWS families.
- Teachers through improved salaries and benefits, and ongoing professional development opportunities.
- Enhancing programs through leveled upper grades math instruction, science curriculum materials, high quality woodworking and art supplies, field trip costs, festival expenses, and more.







## Our Goals:

Raise \$100,000 during our 2023-2024 fund campaign

100% participation by parents, board, faculty and staff

Increase sustaining families (*recurring, monthly gifts*)



### OUR 2022-2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Provided over \$600,000 in tuition assistance
- Completed the first phase of masonry restoration on our historic building
- Approved a significant wage increase for faculty and staff
- Added the Early Childhood Faculty Chair position
- Strong faculty and staff retention

### HOW TO DONATE

*We are immensely grateful for your generous support to the CLWS Annual Fund.*

To make a gift, go to [www.clws.org/donate](http://www.clws.org/donate)



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**City of Lakes Waldorf School** depends on participation from parents, faculty and staff, board members, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents and friends of the school to reach our goal. The amount of each gift isn't as important as the 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.

Please donate online at [www.clws.org/donate](http://www.clws.org/donate)

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