



2024-2025 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

# 35 YEARS OF WALDORF EDUCATION



“When you know who you are; when your mission is clear and you **burn with the inner fire of unbreakable will**; no cold can touch your heart; no deluge can dampen your purpose. **You know that you are alive.”**

CHIEF SEATTLE



# 35 Years of Waldorf Education

This year, City of Lakes Waldorf School is celebrating 35 years of Waldorf education in urban Minneapolis. From our inspired beginnings in 1989, we have become a mature and established Waldorf School in the heartland of North America. With the passage of time, the relevance of Waldorf education continues to grow. In our fast-paced and divisive world, CLWS serves as an educational oasis, providing a human- and heart-centered learning experience for our students, and a warm and supportive community for parents and school staff. Students receive a well-rounded education, grow confident, and are a part of a loving social community. The ultimate goal of Waldorf education is to awaken the full capacities of a child so they are free to be fully themselves, and live a life of meaning and purpose.

While trends in public and private education are constantly changing to include an emphasis on everything from project-based learning to social-emotional development or the advanced integration of technology, Waldorf education remains true to the foundational principles that guide the healthy development of the whole child in our changing world. The principles guiding Waldorf methods are based on the fundamental assumption that every human being enters the world with an equally precious destiny to fulfill.

We provide an environment for students to learn to be in meaningful relationship to each other and to the world around them. Social-emotional learning has always been central to the Waldorf educational experience: students form long term relationships, and are a part of a classroom community that is central to their 8-plus-year journey at CLWS. Skills in collaboration and cooperation, along with the development of a sense of responsibility for others and courage for the truth are the natural result of this relationship-based education.

Our students move out into the world confident in their myriad capacities, and mindful of the role they play within the community. With the foundation built through

Waldorf education, they are free to chart their own course, and to develop their full potential throughout their lives.

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

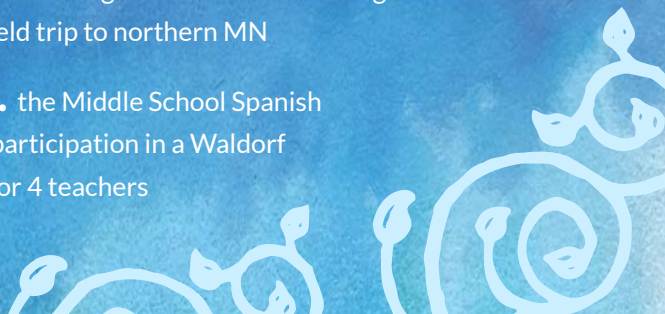
## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL SUPPORT:

- Tuition assistance for more than one third of current CLWS families.
- Teacher compensation and ongoing professional development opportunities.
- Enhanced educational programs and materials such as leveled upper grades math instruction, high quality woodworking and art supplies, and more.



## IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 35 YEARS

- *A gift of **\$35** pays for...* 10 main lesson books, 3 bottles of watercolor paint, or 3 skeins of yarn
- ***\$350** pays for...* 3 flutes, 1 student desk, or 11 sets of juggling balls for our circus arts program
- ***\$3,500** pays for...* a 3-week guest teacher block for grades 3-8 students, or bus rental for a field trip to northern MN
- ***\$35,000** pays for...* the Middle School Spanish program, 1 Safety Officer, or participation in a Waldorf Certificate training program for 4 teachers





# Our Goals:

**Raise \$120,000**

**100% participation by parents, board, faculty and staff**

**Increase the number of sustaining families**

**Increase alumni participation**



## PARTICIPATION

The Annual Fund Campaign is an appeal to all members of our community to make tax-deductible contributions that help ensure the best possible education for our children. These gifts improve the daily lives of students and faculty members. We depend on participation from parents, faculty and staff, board members, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, and friends of the school to reach our goal. We ask you to give a gift that is significant and meaningful to you and your family.

## 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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**We are celebrating 35 years** of Waldorf education in Minneapolis! The mission of City of Lakes Waldorf School endures and is renewed through our work each day to provide an exceptional educational experience in an environment full of love, creativity, and joy. Your contribution supports CLWS and the profound learning opportunities that meet the needs of our children now, and as they journey into the future.

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