

Dear Friend,

As parents of two children at The Montessori School, the joy of witnessing their growth and development, and that of all the children at TMS, brings us a feeling we hope you share and cherish. TMS provides us all with a unique and extraordinary environment for our children to grow and learn: one that needs nurturing, support and investment. Please consider joining us and participating in the 2009-2010 Annual Fund as a way of affirming your desire to see TMS sustained and improved and to acknowledge the importance of its place in our children's lives.

You probably know that tuition and fees are lower than what is required to cover all the school's expenses. The Annual Fund helps us continue to serve our community with an authentic Montessori program while directing the support toward areas where it is needed the most. Since tuition and fees alone do not cover all of the School's expenses we continue to rely on your generosity and belief in our School to ensure a strong program along with a well maintained facility.

The current economic crisis, which is in many ways not over yet, raises the stakes in this yearly effort: the need has never been greater, many families' resources have never been so stressed, and so the will to make this year's drive a success must be stronger than ever. Take inspiration from the many tangible products of past years' efforts—our wonderful new library—and consider the less evident returns of authentic Montessori classroom materials, acoustical solutions across the school and other capital improvements to our facility. It's an ongoing community beautification project, and it needs support from all the community to become reality.

We expect this year's goal of \$50,000 to be a great challenge, but with the help of many gifts, small and large, it will be a great achievement. We see the older children pitching in to help their school with enthusiasm: let it be contagious! Thanks for coming together to affirm for them, and for ourselves, how precious our TMS community is.

Gratefully,
Beth and Dave Reboussin

