

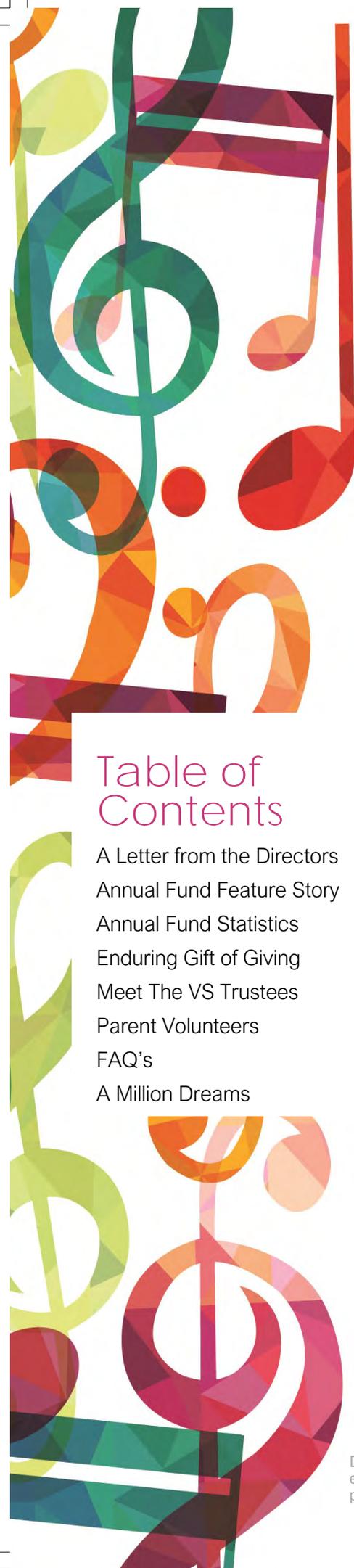


# The Village School

Montessori Education | est. 1977

2018-2019  
Impact Report





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### Our Mission

Our mission in partnership with teachers, parents and students, is to nurture a lifelong love of learning. Our “whole child” focus creates self-motivated, creative, critical thinkers and kind, responsible global citizens. We are unflagging in our commitment to our students and strive to create an exceptional and authentic Montessori environment so that each student may achieve their maximum potential.

### Our Philosophy & Guiding Principles

The Village School is guided by the theory and practice of the Montessori philosophy and believes that it is fundamentally important to:

**Foster** a lifelong love of learning.

**Impart** a challenging curriculum that supports and respects individual learning styles in multi-age classrooms.

**Educate** the whole child by recognizing and respecting the physical, emotional, and intellectual individuality of each child.

**Nurture** in each child creativity, independence, self confidence, and the joy of discovery.

**Provide** well-structured environments, order and orientation in classrooms, proper sequencing of materials, and a consistent educational approach.

**Encourage** sensitivity and awareness for all people and cultures as well as for the global environment.

**Affirm** and support the value of family-school partnerships by encouraging active family involvement.

**Develop** a sense of community in and out of classrooms by encouraging cooperative learning, problem solving, and community service.

The Village School is a private, not-for profit Montessori school educating children in programs from Toddler through Middle School. Students come from Bergen, Passaic and Rockland Counties and range from ages 18 months to 14 years.

The Village School was founded on the principles and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, reflecting that each child is inherently unique, having individual talents, interests, and internal schedules. The entire environment of our school, both physical and philosophically, is designed so that each child can pursue the course which will best promote his or her development.

The Village School is an Accredited school of the American Montessori Society and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. It is also a member of the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools and the New Jersey Montessori Administrators' Council.

Disclaimer: This Annual Report is for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The Development Office has made every effort to ensure the information in this report is accurate and complete. For misspellings of names, omissions, or other errors, please accept our apologies and notify us at 201-445-6160, so that we may accurately correct our records.

## Dear Village School Families and Friends,

We are very grateful for everything that you do to support The Village School. Your support is fundamental in making The Village School both financially stable and in building a strong supportive community working together to provide an amazing learning environment in which children can flourish.

In this report we have highlighted the importance of music in our school and how it enriches the children's educational experience. Maria Montessori said that "Music can touch us in a way that nothing else can. No better gift can we give to the children than to open this door for them."

All schools are required to provide a fundamental education, however, education should be about a lot more than just reading, math and taking tests. As an independent school we have the freedom to make important decisions as to what we feel will most enrich the children's learning.

As you already know tuition pays for the fundamentals. Fundraising pays for the extras which impacts all areas of school life. Fundraising enables us to have music on all levels with two full time music teachers. It also pays for the orchestras, choruses and percussion groups that further enhance our student experiences. It pays for updated materials and technology, it provides specialist subjects such as journalism and makerspace. It enables us to provide scholarships which helps to create a diverse environment. It also pays for staff development which ensures that our staff are kept fresh and current in their field.

This year our 'Fund A Need' paid for us to renovate our elementary playground providing both a safe and functional area for the children to use during school time and for families to use after school.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to fundraising this year, to those who made monetary donations to the Annual Fund and the Endowment Campaign, the businesses/people that donated items to the auction, the volunteers that chaired events. There are also many people that support the school in other ways, such as attending events, providing food for events or helping in the background.

As Directors of The Village School we are extremely thankful that we have you to support us in our mission to nurture a lifelong love of learning and create children that are self-motivated, creative critical thinkers who are also kind, responsible global citizens.

As a community we can all be proud that our fundraising efforts have enabled us to provide the children with an exceptional and authentic Montessori environment in which each child may achieve their full potential.

### *Marilyn and Dadmara*



Marilyn Larkin



Dadmara DeSantis



# Music at the Village School

The idea that every child is able to express themselves musically lies at the center of the Montessori philosophy. The Village School, established in 1977, has always placed a great emphasis on music education. It enables children to communicate and express themselves non-verbally; helps them to understand and enjoy music; enhances their math skills, literacy, and overall brain development; and can even improve their academic performance.

While music is a separate lesson in the day, it is also a natural and integral part of classroom life starting at the toddler level. Songs are heard at the start of the day, during transitions, through their walk down the hallway and on the playground. There is music being made or heard in almost every corner of our school.

Through the year, music is infused into our community celebrations and presentations. Our International Day begins and ends with songs that all children learn and sing together as a community. Middle School students are given an additional task to accompany these songs on instruments. Each grade level shares a song at the Thanksgiving celebration and our day ends with an annual sing-along of "Over the River and Through the Woods". Our graduation ceremony is a vast musical presentation. It not only allows each grade level to present a musical gift to the 8th grade students but also gives graduates an opportunity to showcase their musical talents.

Marina Krasnopolsky, joined the Village School as a Music Teacher in 2007. At that time, she taught all students from Toddler to Middle School and a small chorus of about 15 students that met weekly after school. With her experience in



operatic music and enthusiasm for choral repertoire, our chorus grew and in order to give older children an opportunity to perform more challenging material, our group was expanded into Junior (3-4th grade) and Senior (5-8th grade) Choruses.

Last year, Thad Wheeler joined our music faculty and brought with him his vast experience in instrumental music. Our instrumental program was initially implemented in 2013 with just a small group of children taking instrumental lessons at the school. This group formed into a Junior Orchestra, which consists of students who are beginning to study an orchestral instrument. Being in orchestra gives them an opportunity to make music with others, even if they have only learned to play 3 notes. Instrumental parts are adjusted to every child's ability and working together, they create music and an experience they can feel proud of.

At the initiation of instrumental program, there was also a small group of students who have taken instrumental lessons for several years and were proficient music sight readers. This became our new Chamber Orchestra, which is the only audition performance group at our school. Students who audition for the Chamber Orchestra have been taking lessons for several years, are able to learn music independently and work



on playing more challenging, classical orchestral repertoire.

Before joining us at the Village School, Thad worked as a professional percussionist performing on Broadway and around the world. He drew on his experience to create a new ensemble allowing many of our piano students to participate in a Percussion Ensemble. Students learn to use many of our pitched and non-pitched instruments and work on improvised and classical repertoire.

The Village School has several music concerts throughout the year. The choruses and orchestras perform a holiday and spring concert. Around February and March, Upper Elementary and Middle School students work to put on a talent show. Acts for the talent show range from songs, solo or group instrumental and original compositions. With some guidance from Marina and Thad, students work on putting this together on their own time, often coming in to practice early in the morning or during their recess time.

Our choral students also participate in American Young Voices, which is a unique choral experience consisting of over 6,000 children from the tri-state area, singing together at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ. Over the past years, several of our students auditioned and were accepted into a prestigious NJ Honors Chorus. This gives them an opportunity to sing with students from all around the state and learn from renowned conductors.

Every year, we have more and more students taking instrumental lessons at the school. Our program allows students to take lessons during the day or directly after school, making it a convenient choice for busy families. With the growth of our instrumental program, grew a need to allow those students an opportunity to perform and share their work with others. In June, we organize two instrumental music concerts where students who took lessons have a choice to perform a solo and occasionally together with other students of their same instrument family.

Music classes at the Village School allow children to experience music in many forms through singing, dance, movement, listening and music history. At the

earliest level, children hear stories of great classical composers through story-telling. Later in Upper Elementary, as they learn music notation, they will play music of this composer in classroom instrumental ensembles. Our music room is filled with a large variety of percussion instruments, recorders and ukuleles, giving each child a new way to experience music.

So why does the Village School put such an emphasis on music? Dr. John Feierabend, Professor Emeritus at the Hartt School of Music, is a leading authority in music and movement development in early childhood. He explains that our goal as music educators is to help children grow into adults that are tuneful, beatful and artful so they can participate in the music that is interwoven throughout our lives. Children and adults that are tuneful can sing Happy Birthday in tune with others or lullaby to a crying baby. Adults who are beatful can clap a beat at a sporting event or dance at their child's wedding. Artful individuals are moved by the music that they hear in concert halls, religious ceremonies, radio and can enjoy this shared experience with others in the room. Through our great commitment to music education and emphasis on musical programming, the Village School teachers strive to instill in our children a lifelong appreciation of music.

Sources: <https://rockandrolldaycare.com/7-reasons-music-important-montessori-education/>  
<https://www.feierabendmusic.org/first-steps-in-music-for-preschool-and-beyond/>

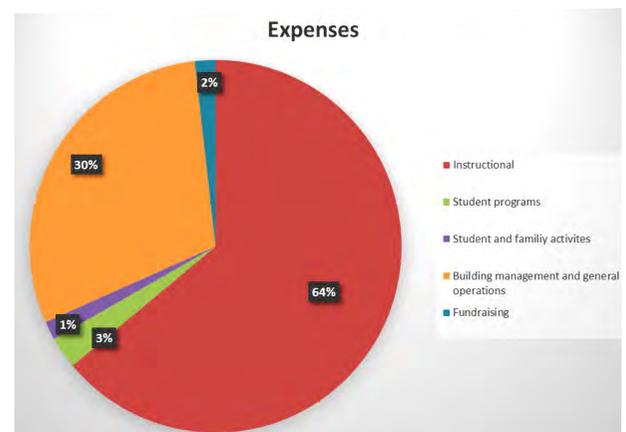
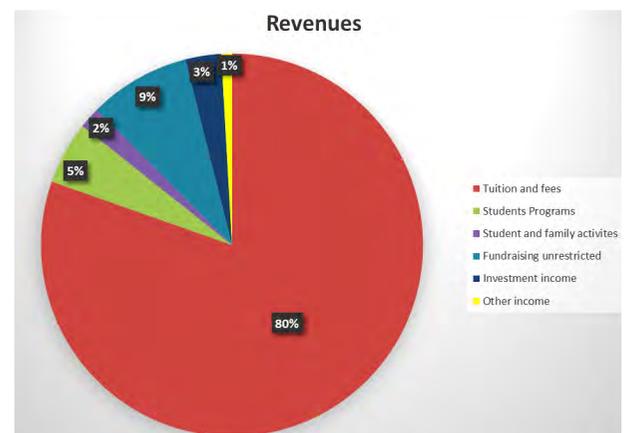


# Income & Expenses for Year Ended June 30, 2019

As an independent school, The Village School receives no public funding. We rely on tuition which covers 80% of the cost of running the school and the Annual Fund which covers the additional 20%. This additional 20% is made up of tax deductible donations and fundraising activities. All Village School families are expected to participate in our Annual Fund at whatever level they are able.

Revenue	2018-2019
Tuition & Fees	\$3,516,759
Student programs	\$232,125
Student and family activities	\$79,601
Fundraising unrestricted	\$375,228
Investment income	\$132,751
Other income	\$39,240
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,375,704</b>
Expenses	2018-2019
<b>Program services</b>	
Instructional	\$2,833,522
Student programs	\$123,930
Student and family activities	\$70,842
<b>Supporting services</b>	
Management and general operations	\$1,324,124
Fundraising	\$79,261
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,431,679</b>

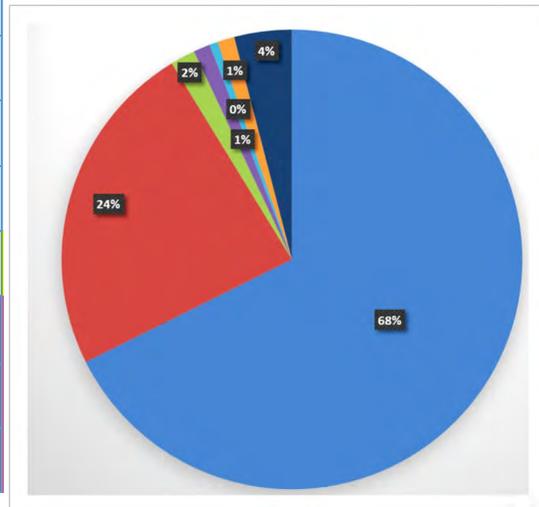
## Revenues & Expenses



Unrestricted Fundraising net of expenses (received from July 2018 through June 2019).

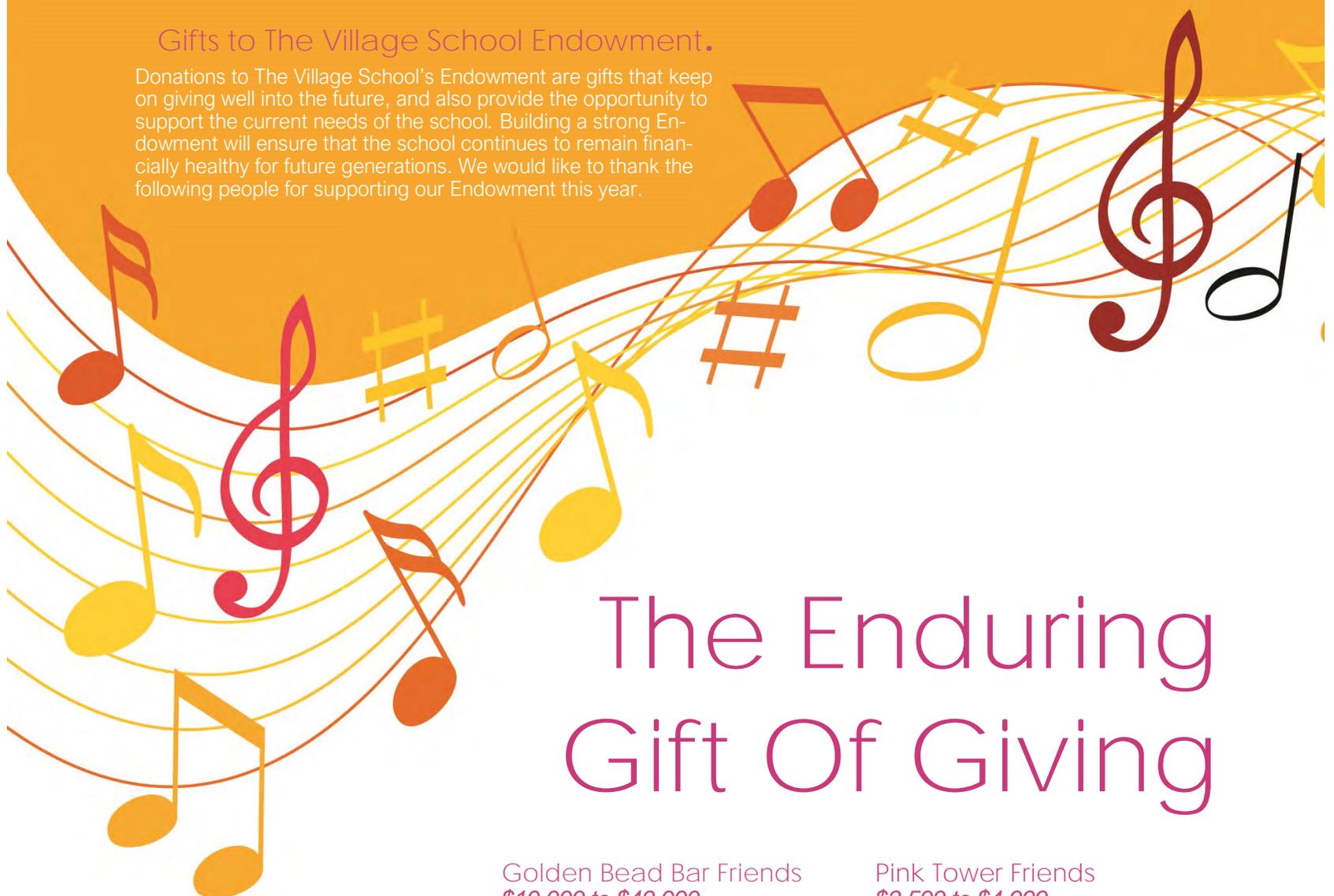
Annual Giving	\$253,791
Auction	\$88,649
Scholastic Book Fair	\$6,540
School Photographs	\$4,462
Casino Night	\$2,171
School Supplies	\$1,807
Peter Brown book sales	\$1,392
Spring Plant Sale	\$480
Amazon Smile	\$461
Fall Plant Sale	\$160
Stop and Shop	\$76
Box tops	\$75
Primary Clothing	\$14
<b>Annual Fund Total</b>	<b>\$360,078</b>
<b>Annual Fund Target</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>
<b>Endowment Campaign</b>	<b>\$15,150</b>
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>\$375,228</b>

## Fundraising



## Gifts to The Village School Endowment.

Donations to The Village School's Endowment are gifts that keep on giving well into the future, and also provide the opportunity to support the current needs of the school. Building a strong Endowment will ensure that the school continues to remain financially healthy for future generations. We would like to thank the following people for supporting our Endowment this year.



# The Enduring Gift Of Giving

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 Rahul and Dravina Reddy  
 Deborah and Shimon Rubin  
 Ron and Dania Sander  
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 Elise and Adam Sewall  
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**Geometric Demonstration**  
**Tray Friends**  
**Up to \$249**

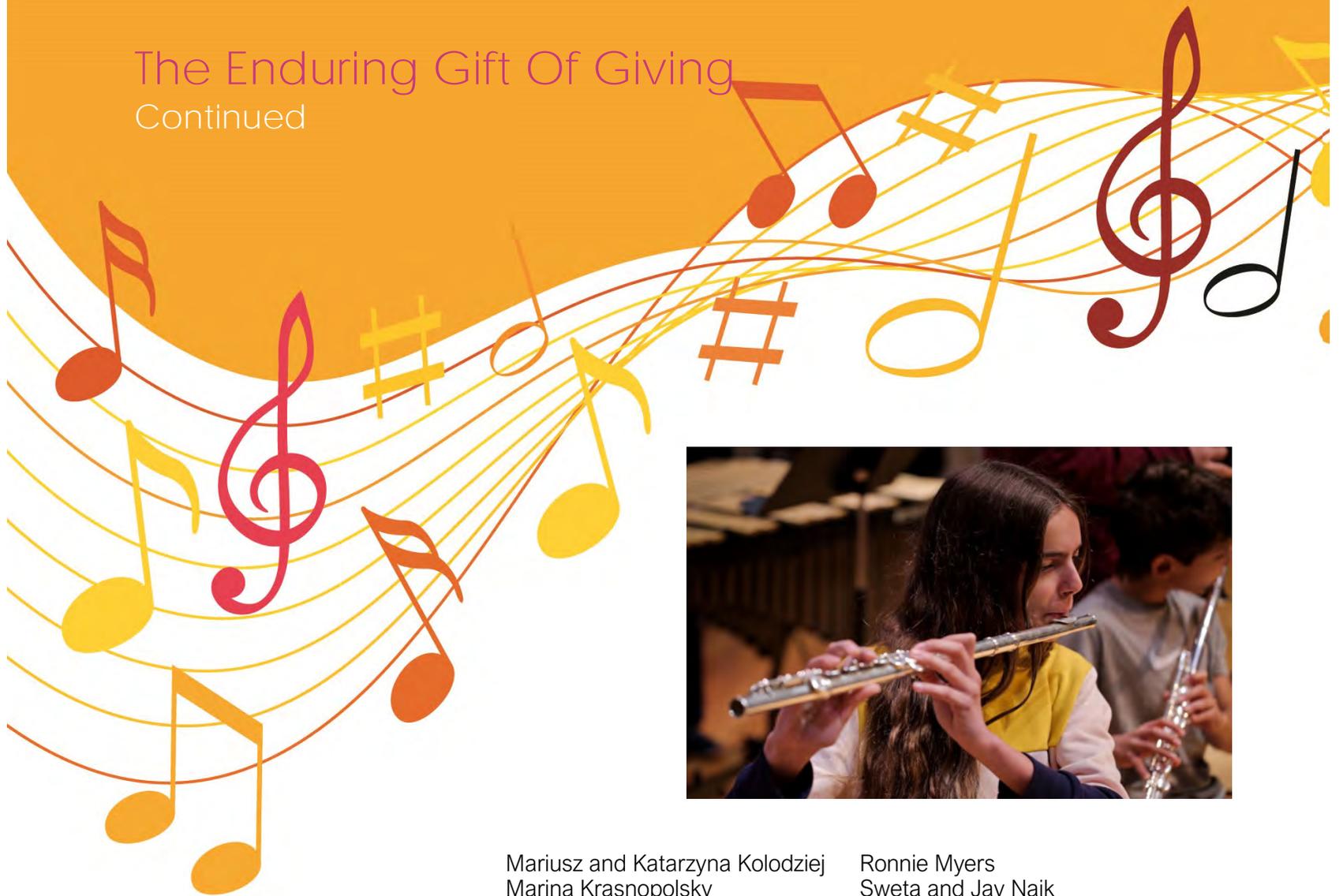
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 Patricia Barrett  
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 Tina Black



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*In Honor of Lennon Fuchs*

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*In Honor of "The Wonderful  
211 Teachers"*

Sangeetha Sivasubramani and  
Rajesh Kandaswamy  
*In Honor of The Village  
School Teachers*

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Marynchev*

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Salvatore and Claire Stile  
*In Honor of Lennon  
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Mary Lynch and Jay Kubinak  
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Sandsmark*

Maria Santos  
*In Memory of Jason  
Meji*

Joyce Sinclair  
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The following people made gifts to The Village School in Memory of Karen Diamond. Karen, her husband Stephen and their daughter Emma (Village School Alumni) who were long-time supporters and friends of The Village School.

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Patricia Barrett  
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Michelle Bork and Family  
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Sue Breger  
Ron and Annette Carr  
Casey Childs  
Mark and Suzette Corrado  
Leslie Moscou Corren  
Mari and Jack Davis  
Dadmara and Joe DeSantis  
Joseph Diamond  
Abbe Dienstag  
LaMarre Dyson  
Cherrie Fleisher-Strauss  
Larry Gallo  
Meryl Goldman  
Hali Goodman



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Brian and Luna Held  
Mary Lynch and Jay Kubinak

#### Up to \$499

Trish and Anthony Cavlov  
Wan and Kit Mui Chang  
John and Lisa Kapitan  
Joseph Cheng and Tina Hu  
Mary Ann and Michael Contreras  
Cindy and Stephen Morante  
Julie and Michael O'Brien  
Andrew Samson and Linda Biancardi

# 2018-2019 Community Volunteers

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Mary Lynch  
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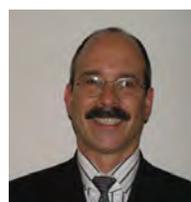
Book Fair Chairs - Denise O'Malley, Sue Kwon, Lorraine Haskins  
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Casino Night Chair - Val Magnus  
Auction Chair - Tanja Azzariti  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Chairs (Fall and Spring) - Anastasia Dragan and Sue Day  
Family Events Chairs - Crissy Dailey and Georgia Killilea  
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Speaker Series Chair - Sue Kwon  
Alumni Q&A Chair - Lois Miao



# Meet the 2019/2020 Village School Trustees



Ronald H. Carr Jr. is the proud parent of two Village School Alumni. As a Senior Partner at Creative Financial Strategies with over 37 years in the financial services industry, Ron specializes in employee and executive benefits as well as investment and insurance services. He holds several designations including; CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional (CFP®), a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), and Chartered Financial Consultant (CHFC®). He is a member of the distinguished Million Dollar Round Table, the New Jersey Chapter of the National Associate of Insurance and Financial Advisors, The Society of Financial Service Professionals, the Greater New Jersey Estate Planning Council, the Financial Planning Association, and the National Association of Health Underwriters. Ron is a graduate of Rutgers University, with a B.S. degree in Economics. He is a former Board Member and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Valerie Fund, a charity dedicated to children with cancer and blood disorders and remains involved in many of their fund-raising events.



Dr. Emanuel (Manny) Haber is a Podiatrist and Director of The Foot & Ankle Centre of NJ in Paramus and is on staff at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood. Dr. Haber is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, with a B.A. in Biology, and earned his D.P.M. from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He did a Podiatric surgical residency at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark. He has served on the Development Committee of The Village School and is an original member of the Directors Council, now known as the Board of Trustees. He is married to Shari and has two children, Jakob and Carly, both of whom are graduates of The Village School.



Diana Kaniuga began her professional career at the prestigious art auction house Phillips, Son, and Neale in Manhattan, shortly after receiving her B.A. in Art History from Dickinson College in 1996. After four years, Diana decided to transition to a career in advertising where she managed client services and strategic planning for some of the first billion dollar brands in the pharmaceutical industry. Her client roster included products from Pfizer, Wyeth, Janssen and UCB. After more than a decade in the industry she and her husband started a family and moved to Ridgewood, New Jersey. She is currently a managing member of her family's foundation, and president of Uddo Holdings, LLC an investment partnership. Today, Diana enjoys volunteering and fundraising at The Village School where both of her children currently attend, and staying active with tennis, rock climbing, reading, and cooking. She also volunteers in many of her surrounding New Jersey communities.



Christopher J. Leonard, LCSW, M.Ed. is the Director of Operations at Sage Day Schools and is on the Executive Board of New Alliance Academy. Mr. Leonard served as Principal of Sage Day's Rochelle Park campus from 1998-2011. His passions include building school communities and problem-based learning. A 1983 cum laude graduate of Boston University, Mr. Leonard taught in Central Harlem and two Bergen County school districts before earning his MSW from New York University in 1993. As a social worker, Mr. Leonard has worked extensively with children, adolescents and families at the Division of Family

Guidance, at Alternatives to Domestic Violence, as a member of the Ho-Ho-Kus Child Study Team and in private practice which he has maintained since 1995. In 1998, Mr. Leonard earned his certification in Group Psychotherapy from the New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis. He followed this in 2002 with his M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from William Paterson University. Mr. Leonard is married with two daughters and enjoys distance running, mountain and road biking, hiking, and the outdoors.



Mary Lynch (interim Chair) is the parent of a Village School lifer, John Kubinak, who attended from 1997 to 2008. Mary received a BA from Rutgers College and an MBA from Seton Hall University. She has worked in Software sales for 25 years and is currently employed by Oracle Corporation. In her spare time, she loves to travel, exercise and work with charities. She is privileged to be a part of the Board and The Village School Community.



Michael O'Brien founded Deerhill Pond Investment Partners, LP in 2007, dedicated to investing in the financial service industry. Mr. O'Brien worked 22 years for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods (KBW). He was Portfolio Manager for two funds, served as President of KBW Asset Management, and as a member of the Board of Directors and Operating Committee for KBW. He ran KBW's London office and advised portfolio managers overseas and in NY and PA. Mr. O'Brien served as a Managing Director for Data Resources, Inc. (DRI), an economic consulting firm.

Mr. O'Brien graduated with an MBA from Stanford University, and a BA in Economics from Trinity College. Mr. O'Brien is married to Julie and they have five children and two grandchildren. Mr. O'Brien has been an active member of the Church of Presentation and leads a ministry dedicated to helping the inner-city Catholic schools thrive. He served as Vice Chairman of the Board of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) for three years. Mr. O'Brien enjoys swimming, body surfing, biking, quiet reading, writing and reflection time, his 6 AM weekly men's group at church, the Bergen County Society (BCS) men's group where he serves on the Board, coaching his children's sports teams, sponsoring inner-city children's education, and serving as a merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts. Mr. O'Brien is a survivor of the bombings in the World Trade Center in 1993 and 2001. He has one son in his 11th year at the Village School and two older boys who attended. He was Co-chair of the last Capital Campaign.



Ann Marie Snyder is the parent of two current Village School students. Both children began their education in the Toddler Program and are now Upper Elementary students. Ann Marie attended Ridgewood Public Schools K-12 and graduated from Gettysburg College with a B.A. in Sociology. She worked in the field of Marketing Research for consumer goods and services in New York City before returning to Ridgewood to start her family. Ann Marie has been an active member of The Village

School community serving as room parent, vice-president and president of the Parent Association, Development Committee member, and co-chair of the "Building for Our Children" Capital Campaign. Outside of the Village School, Ann Marie has been an active member of the Ridgewood Fourth of July Committee, was named Ridgewood's Volunteer of the year in 2008, and is a member of both the Ridgewood C.E.R.T. (Certified Emergency Response Team) and the Bergen County C.A.R.T (Community Animal Rescue Team). Ann Marie enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, supporting her daughter's extensive efforts in horse showing and her son's interest in computer coding and intricate Lego construction projects.





## Frequently Asked Questions

### What High Schools do Alumni of The Village School attend?

Academy of the Holy Angels  
 Albertus Magnus  
 The American School, Puerto Vallarta  
 Bergen County Academies  
 Bergen County Technical High School  
 Bergen Catholic High School  
 Blair Academy  
 Delbarton School  
 DePaul Catholic High School  
 Don Bosco Preparatory High School  
 Dwight-Englewood School  
 Eastern Christian High School  
 Emma Willard School  
 Green Meadow Waldorf School  
 Hackley School  
 Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School  
 Holderness School  
 The Hudson School  
 Immaculate Heart Academy  
 Indian Hills High School  
 Mahwah High School  
 Marymount International School, Rome  
 Midland Park High School  
 Montclair Kimberley Academy  
 Morristown-Beard School  
 Northern Highlands Regional High School  
 Paramus Catholic High School  
 Peddie School  
 Phillips Academy Andover  
 Pompton Lakes High School  
 Ramapo High School  
 Ramsey High School  
 Regis High School  
 Ridgewood High School

River Dell Regional High School  
 Rondout Valley High School  
 Saddle River Day School  
 Salisbury School  
 Stratton Mountain School  
 Seton Hall Preparatory School  
 St. Joseph High School  
 Tenafly High School  
 Waldwick High School  
 Westwood Regional High School

### What Colleges do Alumni of The Village School Attend?

Alfred University  
 The American University of Rome  
 Bard College  
 Barnard College  
 Bergen Community College  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Boston College  
 College of William & Mary  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College  
 Dickinson College  
 Drexel University  
 Dyson Institute of Technology  
 Elon University  
 Emerson College  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 Georgetown University  
 The George Washington University  
 Goucher College  
 Hofstra University  
 James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University  
Long Island University CW Post  
Loyola University  
Marist College  
Monmouth College  
Muhlenberg College  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
Northwestern University  
Pace University  
Passaic County Community College  
Penn State University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rhodes College  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rockland Community College  
Roger Williams University  
Rowan University  
Rutgers University  
Salve Regina University  
School of Visual Arts NYU  
Seton Hall University  
Siena College

Smith College  
St. Lawrence University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Syracuse University  
The College of New Jersey  
Towson University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
University of Arizona  
University of CA Santa Barbara  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Miami  
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 The Borbon Saturley Family  
 The Brothers Family  
 The Carr Family  
 The Cavlov Family  
 The Chang Family  
 The Contreras Family  
 The Cristo Family  
 The Curious Reader  
 The Druckenmiller Sobbott Family  
 The Durgam Family  
 The Eguchi Family  
 The Faddis Douglas Family  
 The Foot & Ankle Centre of NJ  
 The Fuchs Family  
 The Greenberg Family  
 The Hartanto Family  
 The Haskins Family  
 The Held Family  
 The Hunt Davies Family  
 The Iron Horse Restaurant  
 The Kaniuga Family  
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