



- Why have we launched The Meadowbrook Fund?
 - Meadowbrook has always relied on the generous financial support of our community for annual giving, which accounts for 12% of our operating budget. This is never more important at this time of uncertainty and distance learning. Our faculty is working harder than ever to meet that commitment. The Meadowbrook Fund will support our work to deliver the excellent Meadowbrook program in the new ways that will be required through the end of the year and into the fall.

- What is The Meadowbrook Fund?
 - The Meadowbrook Fund is an unrestricted fund that combines all of this year's giving into one place. The Meadowbrook Fund combines the Annual Fund and the financial assistance funds that would have been raised at the 2020 Gala to provide vital, flexible resources to support our most urgent needs during these uncertain times.

- How much money needs to be raised?
 - Every year, Meadowbrook relies on fundraising to cover the gap between tuition and the cost of running the school including faculty salaries and benefits, program costs, and financial assistance. This gap averages \$5,500 per student. Our 2019-2020 fundraising goal was originally \$1.7 million, of which we had raised approximately \$900,000 before The Meadowbrook Fund was launched. Our goal for The Meadowbrook Fund is \$1.2 million as of May 1, 2020. This is a combination of our remaining \$800,000 fundraising gap and \$400,000 in additional expenses and lost income in this fiscal year.

- How will the money donated to The Meadowbrook Fund be used?
 - The Meadowbrook Fund will be used to provide the best educational experience for our students by providing unrestricted operating support to Meadowbrook's budget. It both fills the fundraising gap that we need to fill every year and helps to support the additional costs and challenges presented by COVID-19. For example:
 - Operating support
 - Program and curriculum support for our students

- Faculty salaries and benefits
 - Financial assistance
 - Facilities maintenance
 - Additional expenses
 - Technology expenses including software and hardware for faculty and students
 - Increased, unbudgeted, financial assistance for existing families
 - Additional professional development for faculty
 - Lost summer program income
 - Lost facilities rental income

- I already gave to the Annual Fund this year. Does that count towards The Meadowbrook Fund?
 - We are deeply appreciative of your donation to the Annual Fund, and it will, of course, be counted towards annual giving. We do hope that you will consider giving an additional gift to The Meadowbrook Fund that matches or exceeds your donation to last year's Parents Gala if you are able. We are counting on our community to go beyond their usual giving to support one another in this time of need.

- Will my gift to The Meadowbrook Fund count toward my class participation?
 - Yes! Gifts to the Annual Fund before May 1, 2020, and all gifts to The Meadowbrook Fund will be counted toward class participation. As always, we are hoping that 100% of our families will participate in one or both of these efforts this year!

- Why did you cancel this year's Parents Gala?
 - Back on March 24, we announced that the 2020 Parents Gala was being postponed. After much consideration, we decided that it was in the best interest of our community to cancel the event and hold the Meadowbrook Goes Glamping Parents Gala in 2021. Last year, we raised almost \$400,000 for financial assistance, and the funds are still needed to sustain our Financial Assistance program.

- Is it possible to re-assign an existing pledge towards The Meadowbrook Fund?
 - Absolutely! We would love to discuss creative ways to help the community during this time. For example, we have had families extend their *Imagine More* capital campaign pledges by one year to use this year's pledge to donate towards The Meadowbrook Fund this fiscal year.

- Are we still raising money for the 8th Grade gift?
 - We want to be sure 8th grade families know that your gifts, in whatever size they may come, are needed now more than ever. It is up to you as 8th Grade parents how your gift will be used by the school: for the previously announced Meadowbrook Travel Fund, or for The Meadowbrook Fund. Both are wonderful ways to honor your child as they move on to secondary school.

- How can I donate to The Meadowbrook Fund?
 - You can donate by filling out our online giving form, by sending a check to school at 10 Farm Road, Weston MA 02493, or by arranging a wire transfer. Detailed instructions for ways to give can be found on The Meadowbrook Fund webpage a www.meadowbrook-ma.org/giving/tmf