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### From Board Chair and Head of School

Dear McGillis Community,

It takes a community to support a school, and McGillis has always benefited from the deep engagement of its families and faculty, students and teachers, and staff and alumni to strengthen our ethics, academics, and our shared community. This annual report is filled with testimonials of achievement and success. These quotes demonstrate a remarkable commitment from so many who help our School live its purpose every day, as well as quotes from our families and alumni families on the impact McGillis has made, and continues to make, in their lives. We often hear the words: McGillis is different. Nothing could be more true. We are profoundly grateful to the many wonderful people who make the great work of our School possible!

McGillis is different. It is a School that began on values. These values guide our curriculum, they influence our programs, they impact our internal and external community, and they encourage the best in our students. McGillis embraces innovation. Our teachers take risks in their lessons, students are encouraged to take intellectual risks, an abundance of choices exists within our curriculum, teachers and students are researchers, and we embrace trying things we've never tried before. We are a School that is grounded and nimble all at once. We are flourishing with energy that is exhibited inside our classrooms and on our experiential adventures each day.

This past year, we had a strong year in annual giving thanks to your generous support. With the highest-grossing Gala in School history, an equally impressive Annual Fund, and a highly successful Bus Campaign which resulted in the purchase of three new buses, our community demonstrated an incredible commitment to carrying our honored history into our bright future.

We welcome Matt Haber as the School's new Chair of the Board of Trustees. Matt has already begun his two-year term as Board Chair. His second year will coincide with his son's 8th-grade year at McGillis, marking the end of the nine-year learning journey that so many McGillis families feel proud to experience yet sad to leave behind. We hope you and your family will never leave behind your cherished memories of McGillis. If you are an alumnus or the parent of an alumnus, we hope you will consider a visit to the School soon to remember your fond memories and celebrate where the School is today. Today's students and families are carrying on many of the wonderful traditions from years past while forging new directions we celebrate today.

McGillis is different. McGillis is special. With your generous support and engagement, it always will be.

Jim Brewer, Head of School Parent of Finn '21 & Lucy '23 Gretchen Dietrich, Board of Trustees Chair Parent of Henry '17 & JJ '20



### **OPERATING BUDGET**

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019 (AUDITED FINANCIALS)

REVENUE		
Tuition & Fees, net of financial aid & scholarships	\$5,753,748	80.3%
Auxiliary Services (AfterSchool, Summer, Lunch)	514,740	7.2%
Misc Income	207,029	2.9%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	6,475,517	90.4%
Contributions (including Annual Fund, Bus Campaign, Gala)	626,626	8.7%
Interest & Dividends	63,364	0.9%
Other	2,103	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,167,610	
EXPENSES		
Instruction & Student Services	\$ 661,542	9.3%
Salaries & Benefits Expenses	5,676,547	79.7%
Operations & Maintenance	313,932	4.4%
Administration & General	473,875	6.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,125,896	

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**\$5,753,748**NET TUITION REVENUE

80%

EXPENSES COVERED BYTUITION & FEES

\$490,163
TOTAL FINANCIAL AID &
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

19%
OF STUDENTS
RECEIVE
FINANCIAL AID OR
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$266,070 ENDOWMENT BALANCE

# From the Director of Institutional Advancement

From the very day McGillis opened its doors, this community gave above and beyond tuition to sustain the campus, faculty, and programs from which our students continue to benefit today.

While giving to the Annual Fund, the Gala, the Bus Campaign, and our Endowment ensures our operational excellence and provides an enhanced educational experience each year, it also serves as an expression of our collective gratitude to those who came before us. We all benefit from the legacy that began nearly thirty years ago, and it is our responsibility to continue that philanthropic culture proudly for many generations to come.

As you read this Annual Report and reflect on all the reasons to give to our School, I also invite you to celebrate our legacy of philanthropy. It is thanks to the generous support of our parents, grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, faculty, staff, and friends that we are able to fulfill our mission of educating children and instilling in our students a love of learning and the abilities to think critically, live ethically, and appreciate the value of each individual each and every day.

Thank you for your loyal support,

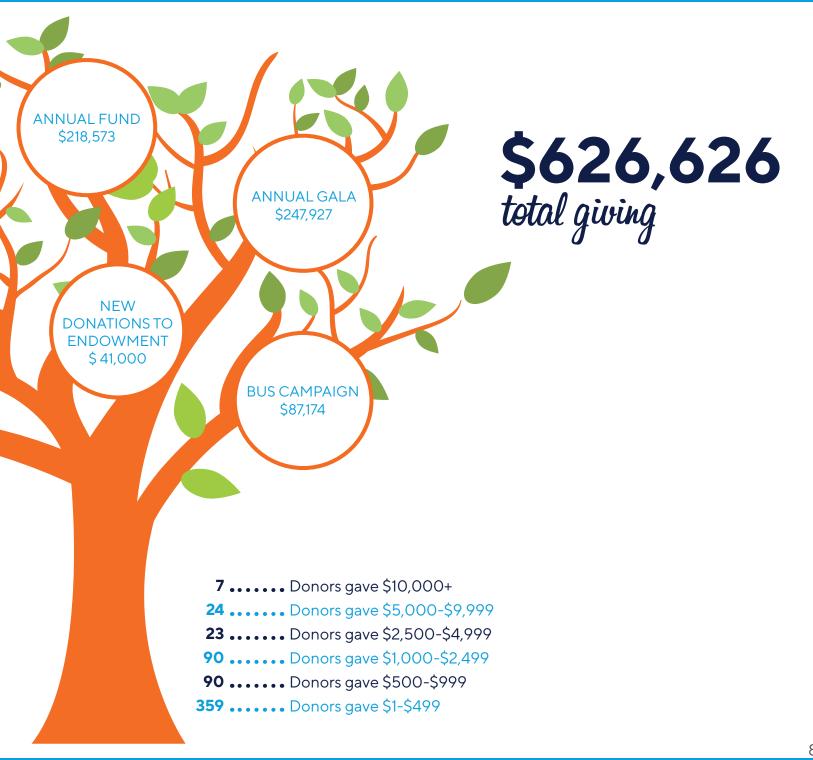
Jeh-Voros, MNO, Director of Institutional Advancement

Parent of Fred '24 and Helena '26



593 total denors





## YOUR SUPPORT HELPS **OUR MAGPIES SOAR** The Ensuring our Building a strong long-term financial **Endowment** The Partnering with resources to Foundations to **McGillis** support our provide full-tuition Financial Aid Gala Program rooke F. Scott Photography



\$218,573
gifts received

DONORS HAVE GIVEN FOR 10+ YEARS IN A ROW

91%
PARENT
PARTICIPATION

100%
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PARTICIPATION

100%
FACULTY/STAFF
PARTICIPATION

**Annual Fund** 





DONORS HAVE GIVEN FOR 5+ YEARS IN A ROW

129

NEW ANNUAL FUND DONORS

McGillis giving

The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of our fundraising efforts at The McGillis School. Like most independent schools, McGillis relies on annual, tax-deductible gifts - in addition to tuition - to balance the budget each year and provide resources that support our outstanding faculty, academic programs, hands-on-learning, athletics, and financial aid. During the 2018-19 fiscal year, Annual Fund contributions totaled \$218,573 and were received from 516 donors. Thank you!

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

McGillis is grateful for the generous support and leadership of the Board of Trustees who, once again, led the community with 100% participation in our Annual Fund. Thank you for your service and commitment to our students, faculty, and staff.

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Cyndi & Eric Baughman
Kurt & Petrina Bestor
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Kevin Shilling & Mara Rabin

Cory & Mimi Sinclair Brent & Mary Sonzini Ted & Sandra Sweetland Dory Trimble '00

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#### **PARENTS**

McGillis parents give to the School in important and diverse ways. We are grateful for their time, expertise, and generous support of the Annual Fund. Parent participation reached 91% with every grade reaching 87% or higher.

Anonymous (11) Kim & Robb Abrams

Cori & Jay Agarwal Osman Ahmed & Mariam Addo Belinda & Ephraim Akyuz John & Dorthy Anderson Katherine & Lucas Anderson Walter Anvan & Karen Madigan Hilary & Seth Arens Djordje & Sandra Atanackovic Adam & Amy Bahna Peter Bailey Laura & Wijitha Bandara Garrett & Jake Barnes Randy & Yesenia Barnett Julien Baudrand & Melanie Marier Cyndi & Eric Baughman Emily Bauman Chris Belfiore & Candice Rainey-Belfiore Jennifer & Wayne Berard Tammy Berkhoudt Kurt & Petrina Bestor Nicholaz Black & Marlie Kilcrease Kyle Blanchard & Whitney Call Stephen Bloch & Kara Pettit Monte Blunk & Ali DeSano Jon Boltax & Christina Gallop Steve Bott & Kristen Carroll Anneli & Glen Bowen 📐 Nicole Boynton Ben & Laura Bradford Ryan Brady & Kristy Allen-Brady Jamie Brant Will Brant Sara Bresee-Morgan & Sean Morgan Jim Brewer & Sara Day-Brewer Kate Broadbent Heather Brown

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Brian & Jocelyn Karney Caroline & David Kaufman Corinne & Matt Keane Adam Keller & Camille Fung Todd Kelley & Sey Lau Peter Kelson & JaNaye Payne Sangyole Kim & Minkyoung Yoo Alexey Kotov & Vera Kotova Amanda & Ryan Krejci Jim Kuemmerle & Jes Silverman Lisa & Mel Kuwahara Nicole & Pete LaBore Shane Larson & Genevieve Christianson \ Brian & Linda Lasater Myung Lee & Celia Garner Eileen & Lisandro Leon Laura Lewis David & Erin Litvack Cal Lloyd & Natalie Silverton Karin Lockovitch Stephanie Mace Alma & Jamie Madden Joe Mahon & Tamerin Smith Constantin Makoma & Suzanne Bucyanayandi Gary Marguardt & Amy Brandt Chris Martin & Angela Wang Mark Masters & Sherrie Hayashi Jenn & Jose Mathews Elana & Marcus Mazur Chad & Maggie McCormick Brooke McDonald & Jared Siegrist Amanda & Sean McKeown Will McMaster & Emily Lewis Amberly Miller Luke & Nichole Milliron Cintia & Jeremy Mindes Dan & Beth Mitchell Kim & Pete Molina Katherine Morgan Jamie & Keith Morley Dan & Jacque Moulding Robert Moyer & Noel Taxin Moyer Jeremy Myers & Vita Kaplan 🔪 **Brett Newman** Brendan & Elizabeth Nicholson Jaimi & Ryan Nielson Kate & Bill Novak Casey O'Connor & Ellen Weinstein

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Craig & Kimberly Selzman

Michael Shaw & Shannon Mussett The Shelby Family Katie & Orie Shelef Kevin Shilling & Mara Rabin Katie & Scott Short Marcus Simon & Laurel Redenbaugh Cory & Mimi Sinclair Sean Skamnes & Kara Trevino Tim Sleeper & Leah Owen Melissa & Shane Smith Warner & Elizabeth Smith Eric Snyder & Michelle Mendoza Brent & Mary Sonzini Jason Spaulding & Yvonne Contreras Lisa & Steve Speckman 📐 Adam & Emily Spivak Michael Stahler & Jenn Wlodarski Jamison & KJ Stark Matt Steward & Megan Shigeoka Caroline & Josh Stewart 🔪 Jesse & Suky Stewart Ben Storz & Barbara Chadwick Brad & Miriam Strassberg Lis & Nick Stratford Casey & John Stringham Briant Stringham & Wendy Evans Dan & Veronica Sudit Erin & Tim Sullivan Charity Swanson Martin Szegedi & Prema Rassiah-Szegedi Amy & Ryan Taylor Paul Thielking & Yvonne Hsu 🔪 Jennifer & Peter Thomas Eric & Hilary Thompson Jim Tipton & Tanya Smith Cramer & Leigh Tolboe Justin Toth Christopher & Lindsay Towson Joel & Patty Trachtenberg

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#### GRANDPARENTS

McGillis greatly appreciates the generous financial support provided by grandparents of current students. Thank you!

Anonymous
Johanna & Selim Akyuz
Carolyn & Dal Bagley
Terry Bandler
David & Mary Beth Beck
Shari Bennett
Marilyn & Donald Bennett

I give to **McGillis** because I *believe* in McGillis.

When I give, I know I'm nurturing our students' experience and their ability to **repair the world**.

Mike DiBiasio, middle school teacher





I give for the **COFFEE** in the morning, for the hugs my son gives to teachers years after he was in their class, for the amazing food cooked every day, for the camping trips, for **family group lunches**, for Fall Leaf Haul, for **teachers who listen**, for the beautiful light in the classrooms, for all-school *Shabbats*, and for the abiding commitment the school has to teaching children how to live and love and learn as **part of a larger** 

Kate Reymann, parent of Luke '23, parent association president

Barbara & Marc Bloch Dale & Gayle Blunk Aram Bobigian & Anne Myers Bobigian Jack & Mary Bottino Carolyn Brady Jim & Madeline Brewer Lindy & Mark Burton Jaylene Chandler Charles & Young Chung Ron & Shaunna Clark Richard & Robin Clutz Murray Cohen Charlene & Richard Coleman Carolyn Connell Christine & Dennis Day George Dorsev Ilona Fasselin Karen Freed Kam Fung Susan Gaskill Harriett & Ray Gesteland Marty & Robyn Giovacchini Deene Goodlaw Craig & Sara Goodrich Bunny & Tom Green Barbara Greiner Ann & Mike Griffith Janet & Nicolas Gross

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#### PARENTS OF ALUMNI

McGillis is grateful to have the continued financial support provided by the parents of our alumni. Thank you for your loyalty and continued support long after graduation.

John & Dorthy Anderson David Anson Djordje & Sandra Atanackovic Bryan & Tina Bagley Adam & Amy Bahna Douglas & Jill Barnhart 📐 Cyndi & Eric Baughman Julien Baudrand & Melanie Marier Jennifer & Wayne Berard Ann & Paul Bernstein Josh Blumental & Amy Wolfe Jon Boltax & Christina Gallop Steve Bott & Kristen Carroll Anneli & Glen Bowen Brvan & Marci Burk Tim Bywater & Mary Beth Scholand Daniel & Kathy Chace Geoff & Jeanne Crockett Gina Dalton & Larry Weiss Alan & Vanessa Davis Mike & Tara Deans Evan Dillon & Amanda Smith Cassie & Marcus Dippo Frank Drews & Monisha Pasupathi Anna & David Dries Chris Eisenberg & Margaret Solomon Scott & Shannon Evans Bill & Jennifer Gaskill Andrew Gettig & Rachel Borup Bridget & Bob Gill Denise Gitlin James & Jo-Ann Goh Denise & Douglas Goldsmith Rachel Goldstein & Lou Lederer Edward Gorfinkle & Beth Krensky Ben Greenberg & Elisa Pardo Henryk & Margaret Hecht Dave & Wendy Hopkins Oz Hutton Malik Ibrahima & Alamissi Ouro-Gneni Christina Jones 16



### WHY WE GIVE

When we are asked why we chose the McGillis School for our daughter's education, people are often surprised that the high scholastic standard the school strives for is not first on the list. Neither are the impeccably maintained facilities and grounds. Rather, we chose McGillis for our daughter's education because we immediately found our **Community** - a place full of teachers, staff, and parents who Value the love of learning and who share similar life values. When asked for a yearly contribution, my husband and I consider this an easy investment, one that will pay dividends in our daughter's life and in building this **valued** community that is The McGillis School.

Petrina Bestor.

parent of Ella 23 and board of trustees member

Part of what we **love** about **McGillis** is the broad diversity welcomed through the doors and the sense of inclusiveness cultivated in the halls. When we give to the Annual Fund, we are helping ensure that financial assistance is available to families with whom we might not, otherwise, have the chance to share this beautiful community.

Michelle, parent

We give because we are **ALL-IN!** We believe in the mission of the school, the values that drive the decisions, and the amazing teachers and staff who are leading our children to becoming incredible people.

Ashley Rothwell-Campagna, parent of Fisher '24, Finn '25, Liam '27 and board of trustees member

We give to McGillis because we believe in the mission. Every year we watch McGillis teach our children that will contribute to *life-long success*. We give because **experiences** like Teton Science School, trips to the State Capitol, and Fall Leaf Haul are as important as learning the geography of the United States. We give because the teachers know our children - not just their names but who they are as growing humans. We give because tape measurers are used as breathing tools as well as measuring devices. We give because if we could create a school that educates the **whole person**, it would be McGillis. Thank goodness we don't have to.

Elizabeth Smith, parent of Porter 22, Walden 22, Billie 26

Through **innovation**, Values, respect of culture, and most importantly seeing the value and contribution of each and every student, my kids have the opportunity to shine. For us, we give because it is as important, if not more important, for others to shine as well. Giving is an opportunity to provide resources and even tuition for families, faculty and staff to join the collective vision of McGillis, to heal the world. Together. Garrett Barnes.

parent of Lucy '26, Alice '28, Jvy '28 and board of trustees member

Todd Kelley & Sey Lau **\**< Lisa & Mel Kuwahara David & Erin Litvack Ann & John Malooly Chris Martin & Angela Wang Mark Masters & Sherrie Hayashi Deborah McDermott Alysse & Kevin Morton Tom Moyer & Lauren Barros Karen Nielsen-Anson Heather Novotny & Cary Martin Greg Orme Joanie Packard Gretchen Dietrich & Monty Paret Kiley & Ryan Patano Ann & Hal Pos Dave & Sandi Raines Victor Rickman & Susan Koles Saveez Saffarian & Shanti Deemyad Josh & Mo Schiffman Buffy & Marcus Schwieger Gregory Seare & Shannon Christiansen Seare Koffi & Olivia Sessi The Shelby Family Melissa & Shane Smith Brent & Mary Sonzini Lisa & Steve Speckman 🔪 Jeff Stevenson & Lori Krasny Derek Steward Jesse & Sukv Stewart Ted & Sandra Sweetland Amy & Ryan Taylor Jennifer & Peter Thomas Justin Toth Teresa Totorica & Alysia McEvoy Steve Trimble & Joanne Slotnik Catherine Tucker Linda & Wayne Tyler George Vargyas & Denise Marlowe Scott Wall & Beth Underwood Elizabeth & John Walsh Kathleen Weron David & Elle White

### GRANDPARENTS OF ALUMNI

Gifts from the grandparents of our alumni continue to enhance the McGillis experience. Thank you for your loyal support!

Carolyn & Dal Bagley
Andy & Rick Barros
Richard & Robin Clutz
Carolyn Connell
Karen Freed
Susan Gaskill
Deene Goodlaw
Dave & Sue Hoeppner
John & Judy Holbrook

Edna & Jerald Taylor

Don Tucker

Aileen & Theodore Wang

John & Sally Ware

Judith Wolfe

Ann & Ken Workman

#### **ALUMNI**

McGillis alumni demonstrate their commitment to the School in countless ways, including donating to the Annual Fund. Thank you for your support!

Allison Bagley '14 Ella Bagley '16

I give to McGillis because I feel my children are known, supported and encouraged every single day. I deeply value and appreciate the support of the McGillis community and how much they have all been a part of my children's growth and education. I give to McGillis because I fully support and value the mission of the school, the energy and enthusiasm that my children's teachers have, and the DIFFERENCE they make in so many children's lives.

Suzanne Jeschke, parent of Ruby 19. Sophia 20

Kay Howells

Burton & Eleanor Jaffe

Cheryl & Jim Kusko

Mimi Levitt

Richard & Sue Lund

Ann & Bill Martin

Ruth Pardo

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David Hecht '96
Xavier Hutton '14
Ryan Lundy '09
Gwen Orme '15
West Singleton '09
McKenzie Steward '14
Isaac Trease '16
Dory Trimble '00
Jake Weiss '09

### FRIENDS & FORMER COLLEAGUES

Each year, McGillis is pleased to receive gifts from individuals who choose to support the School's mission with a gift. Thank you to the following friends and former colleagues who gave to the Annual Fund.

Bryan & Tina Bagley Jennifer & Wayne Berard Dan Burke James Culberson Deborah McDermott Pete & Susan Morgan Tom Moyer & Lauren Barros Bonnie Nell David & Shari Quinney Debby & Edward Rosenfeld Charles & Judy Smith Sue Smith Lois Spiegel Dave Sweetland Sarah Warmath Susan Warshaw Andrea & Matt Wells Jennifer Yim & Winston Inoway

#### **FACULTY & STAFF**

Faculty and staff devote their time, energy, and expertise to our students each and every day. We are also grateful for the continued financial support provided by faculty, staff, and their partners. For the 12th year in a row, 100% of the McGillis School's faculty and staff made a contribution to the Annual Fund! Thank you for all you do!

Anonymous
Douglas & Jill Barnhart
Emily Bauman
Jennifer Bell
Matt Blake & Tania Velasquez
Ben & Laura Bradford
Jim Brewer & Sara Day-Brewer
Bishop Brown

Wvatt Brown Bryan & Marci Burk Josie Byer Zoe Calahorra Tim Campbell & Lia Martinez Sara & Stephen Capone Elicia Cárdenas & Andy McKerrow Paul Chung Anna Coleman Stacey Collett & Steven Aderholt Erika Collins Molly Connor Sarah Davies Blake & Kim Denkers Mike DiBiasio Cassie & Marcus Dippo Rachel Gardner & Ochi Awinda Bridget & Bob Gill Kealey Gill '06 \ Anne Goldberg & Brent Christiansen Monica Gomez & James Kehr Ariane & Dave Green Jocelyn Gukeisen Kevin Hanson Dorothy Herrington Cynthia Hori Megs Horwood > Laurie Humbert

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Tisha Myers & Reid Prentice

### CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, & MATCHING GIFTS

McGillis is pleased to recognize the following corporations, foundations, and organizations that provided important support for the Annual Fund in 2018-19. The School is especially grateful to the many parents, alumni, parents of alumni, and friends who took advantage of matching gift opportunities through their employers or board relationships to double their gifts to the School.

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American Endowment Fund
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#### **GIFTS MADE IN HONOR**

The following individuals have been honored by their friends, families, and colleagues with a gift in their name to McGillis.

Stacey Collett & Steven Aderholt
in honor of Olivia '19
Anonymous
in honor of The McGillis School
Faculty & Staff
Anonymous
in honor of Olivia
David Anson
in honor of Suky Stewart
Walter Anyan & Karen Madigan
in honor of Jia
Terry Bandler
in honor of Eli

We give to **McGillis** because the school has helped us raise **caring**, **inquisitive**, **hard-working** children who value their place in this world and their myriad of responsibilities to their community. We see the **IMPACT** McGillis has made in their (and our) lives each and every day and we want to support the school so that this critical institution remains **student-centered**, **NIMBLE**, **innovative** and a catalyst for social change.

Joelle Kanshepolsky,

parent of Avi 21. Eliana 24 and board of trustees member

Kate Broadbent in honor of Caroline **Drew Cooper** in honor of Elie & Andrew Jessica Cooper in honor of Elie & Andrew Evan Dillon & Amanda Smith in honor of Madeline '19 Frank Drews & Monisha Pasupathi in honor of Vimala '19 Karen Freed in honor of her precious grandchildren Adam Keller & Camille Fung in honor of Lian & Cameron Michael & Yuan-Yuan Hashimoto in honor of Sarah CJ & David Hecht in honor of Marcus Coleman & Shelby Herrod in honor of Emily, Lucy, & Wilkes Matt & Wendy Hobson-Rohrer in honor of the Hobson-Rohrer kids Andrew & Candice Howell in honor of Thomas, Harrison, & Madeline

Luke & Mits Huber in honor of Mr. DiBiasio Jennifer Yim & Winston Inoway in honor of Joanne Slotnik Karin Lockovitch in honor of the Lockovitch kids Gerri & Mike McDonald in honor of Brooke & Wylie Arthur & Nancy Mitchell in honor of Matt Haber's birthday Bonnie Nell in honor of Max Walley Greg Orme in honor of the McGillis Teachers of Gwendolvn Orme 15 Tim Sleeper & Leah Owen in honor of the 2nd Grade Rockstars Liz Paige & Woody Crowell in honor of Anna '19 Jan & JW Pieper in honor of Owen & Charlie John & Sara Jane Pieper in honor of Owen

John & Sara Jane Pieper

in honor of Charlie

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The following individuals have been remembered by their families and friends with a thoughtful contribution to McGillis.

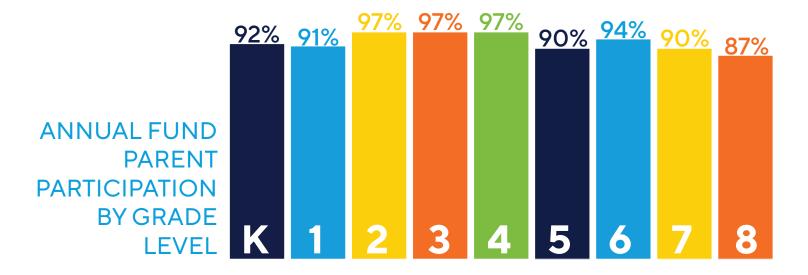
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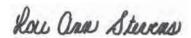
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It was an incredible and unimaginable honor to receive the Robert Norris Award last year. I feel fortunate to be part of this wonderful community.

Our community includes parents, grandparents, friends, and other relatives who support our students and staff in countless ways. Their appreciation for our beautiful school is unmatched and felt each and every day, through a greeting or a thank you, a handwritten note or enjoying an activity in our classrooms or with students.

Our faculty and staff are an amazingly dedicated, enthusiastic, accessible, and caring group of people. Our teachers inspire hope and deliver a true passion for learning, while providing warmth and joy. They understand that no two students are alike, and they have the ability to build strong relationships with each child. Our teachers see challenges as opportunities to grow, and as lifelong students themselves, they possess the desire to keep learning. I am grateful and humbled to work alongside my colleagues, and what a privilege it is to have been selected as someone who represents and exemplifies the ideals we all strive for every day.

I plan to use the very generous award to travel to Costa Rica in February 2020, and I hope to enroll in a Spanish immersion class to further my linguistic studies in a beautiful setting.



### **ENDOWMENT**

We gratefully acknowledge those who gave to The McGillis School Endowment during the last year. As of June 30, 2019, The McGillis School Endowment Fund stood at \$266,070. Endowment growth continues to be a strategic priority for the School and we are grateful to those donors who make Endowment Fund gifts to ensure our financial sustainability and longevity.

#### The Joanne S. McGillis Endowed Fund

Established in 2015 by Joanne McGillis, to fund and support competitive salaries, benefits, professional development, and other related expenses in order to attract and retain the very best teachers, Head of School, and administration the School can afford.

Fund Balance: \$63,300

### McGillis Community Scholarship Endowment Fund

Established in 2017 by the Robert
Norris Foundation, this fund provides
scholarships to students with
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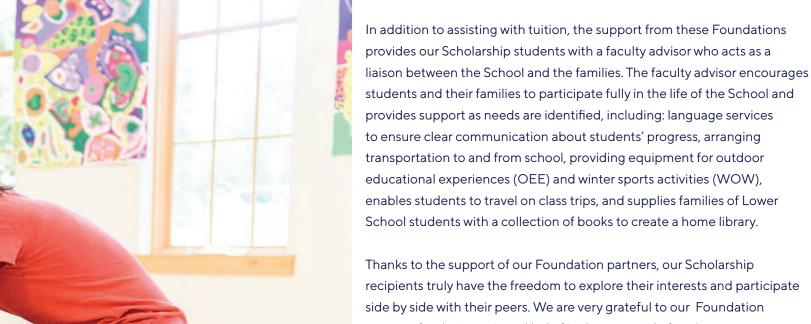
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### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Thanks to the generous support of our Foundation partners, The McGillis School supported six students with full-tuition scholarships during the 2018-19 school year. Our Scholarship Program ensures that we are able to include students who show enthusiasm and motivation for academic success and who represent diverse social, racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, and socio-

economic backgrounds in our community.



Thanks to the support of our Foundation partners, our Scholarship recipients truly have the freedom to explore their interests and participate side by side with their peers. We are very grateful to our Foundation partners for their continued belief in the potential of each young person and for their loyal support of The McGillis School. Together we are instilling and teaching the next generation a love of learning, the skills to think critically, the moral compass to live ethically, and the commitment to change the world for the better.

We are grateful to the following Foundations who continue to provide critical support of our Scholarship Program.

Joanne L. Shrontz Family Foundation

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Teachers **know our kids** and make them feel welcomed and supported. **McGillis** has challenged our kids and *helped their minds grow* and prepare for the future. The community has been a **positive experience** for our children, as well as us as parents — it's like a **FAMILY**.

McGillis Scholarship parent and alumni parent

### McGillis transformational



My daughter, Gwendolyn, graduated from McGillis in 2015. She had gone to preschool and kindergarten at the JCC (McGillis did not then have its own kindergarten). Although we are not Jewish, she was very comfortable with the Jewish philosophy, culture, and ethical focus familiar to all McGillis families. She was among the comparatively small group of students to opt for Hebrew over Spanish for all eight years she was at McGillis. When I dropped her off for her first day at Judge Memorial Catholic High School, she looked down at the logo on her white uniform shirt. Focused on the embroidered phrase "Christ the King," and matter-of-factly said, "Wow. This is going to take some getting used to." Then off she went.

But it was not her ability to transition from one religious tradition to another that concerned me as she embarked on her new

educational adventure. It was her adaptability to a very traditional educational model. Aside from homework being posted online and the availability of internet support from sources like Khan Academy and Chegg, her high school education at Judge was pretty much like mine was: textbooks, lectures, notes, homework, quizzes, tests, the occasional paper, the dreaded final exams during finals week! While on the McGillis board of trustees, and as McGillis embarked on its journey to re-envision primary and middle school education with an increased focus on experiential and problem-solving learning, I frequently registered concern about whether getting too far ahead of the rest of the educational world might leave our kids at an educational disadvantage.

However, a few weeks after dropping Gwen off for her first day at Judge, I had one of those well-shut-my-mouth moments. Gwen came home with a report card that had only A's. I was proud of her, of course, and told her so. She said, "Well I owe all that to McGillis." A bit of an overstatement, perhaps, but she was mostly right. McGillis had equipped her with the skills and discipline that allowed her to thrive in any educational setting, not just one with an experiential learning methodology. She brought home 15 more such report cards while at Judge, even though her classes became more challenging as she loaded up on AP and honors courses. She ended her run at Judge as a National Merit Scholar and her class salutatorian.

And now she's a freshman again – this time at Middlebury College, where she plans to major in neuroscience while obtaining a highly regarded liberal arts education. I am confident she will do great things, for which the JCC, McGillis, Judge, and Middlebury will all be due some of the credit. But by reason of its pivotal role during her formative years, and the fact that she was at McGillis for as long as she will be in high school and college combined, it still seems apt to observe: we owe all that to McGillis.

Greg Orme, Former Trustee and Parent of Gwen '15



My dad has always called McGillis my jumping off point and I think that is very true. Academically, McGillis helped to prepare me to go to an elite liberal arts college by teaching me how to write eloquently, read carefully, and think critically about pressing issues. But I think even more valuable than all of that was what McGillis taught me about being a good person. I learned how to be empathic, ethical, and respectful not only to other people but also to our planet. McGillis set me up to be successful in school, but, more importantly, in life. I am eternally grateful that I had such a strong jumping off point. Gwen Orme, '15

### THE MCGILLIS IMPACT

Alumni families share the impact a McGillis education made on their future experiences.

McGillis provided me the environment and opportunities to think and act outside myself. I feel many of the life lessons I learned at McGillis are contributing to my ongoing success.

Andrew Sonzini '16

'16 and Rowan '19

The McGillis value of Limud L'shma, learning for the sake of learning, truly resonated with both of my kids. They are enthusiastic, lifelong learners and I attribute those qualities to their time and educational experience at McGillis.

Ashley Lindsey, parent of Erin

McGillis provided a safe learning environment where Alex learned how to be a good student and a good human. That is the McGillis difference! Kirsten Dodge, Parent of Alex '16

McGillis taught me how to accept people and myself for who we are. It prepared me for not only school but how to handle others.

Kaitlyn Taylor '16

**McGillis** taught me to be a good and open minded person. Zach Taylor '14

One of the values that **McGillis** taught me is to "learn for the sake of learning." This value has inspired me to not only strive for a grade but to grow my knowledge too. Whether this means by reading an optional reading, attending a lecture series, or working to understand something deeply.

McKenzie Steward '14

The McGillis School provided me a foundation for sustained academic success in high school and now college. But most importantly, it taught me to never stop seeking out knowledge and to never stop learning.

Max Gruber, '13

The McGillis School shapes students to be compassionate and cognizant of their surroundings; whether it be by helping to preserve mother earth, by aiding someone who has fallen on hard times, or by getting behind a cause that is important to them.

Jen Gaskill, Parent of Sam '16 and Savannah '19

Lattended The McGillis School from first through eighth grades, graduating in 2014. My immersion in the McGillis community and institutional values gave me what I believe to be a healthy notion of success in the first place. McGillis instilled in me the idea of measuring success not through grades or money but the extent to which I as a student and person can live out values such as learning for the sake of learning and taking care of the earth. Now, being part of very different communities in college prep boarding school and now a small New England college, I feel grateful for the perspective McGillis helped me cultivate and understand that most students are not so lucky.

Phoebe Brown '14

McGillis prepared me for success in college more than my high school did.

Paxton Juhlin 15

McGillis taught me to love learning and love going to school every day.

David Bernstein '13

McGillis is more than academics. It's knowing your children are with other children whose families want to focus on raising great humans, not just the smartest, not just the most competitive, but wellrounded, conscientious human beings. McGillis prepared my children for high school but gave them a head start in life by being kind and knowing how to give to others. And, one small, often overlooked detail, I know that my children are getting the tastiest, healthiest lunch of any school. Amy Taylor, Parent of Zach '14, Kaitlyn '16, & Owen '21

Five years later, a freshman in college, and I still feel welcomed when I return to the light-filled hallways at McGillis or when I bump into a teacher at the Art Fair. McGillis is truly the community of teachers and classmates that taught me the value of surrounding yourself with others who will pick you up and brush you off no matter who you are or where you come from. In turn, I have learned to be resilient. pick myself up, and do the same for others

Samantha Carlisle '15



### ANNUAL GALA

The McGillis School's annual Gala, *Tropical Nights*, was a celebration of the people and programs that make McGillis special. During the event, our entire community demonstrated overwhelming support for The McGillis School's mission, programs, and most importantly, our students. Thanks to this support, *Tropical Nights* raised net proceeds of over \$210,000 - the second highest raised by the McGillis Gala in the School's history. Additionally, over \$78,000 dollars was raised in direct support of our Financial Assistance Program. These results are a powerful testament to the commitment of our community and a celebration of the school we all love. We are profoundly grateful for your support of our program and our students. At McGillis, we are committed to educating children and instilling a love of learning, critical thinking skills, and the moral compass to live ethically and repair the world. None of this would be possible without the support of our donors. Thank you!

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#### A small, close knit community

where individuals are known and kids are taught to RESPECT each other, the environment, and the community.

#### A holistic approach

to education that makes kids enjoy learning and teaches them problemsolving skills.

This has been the **BEST PLACE** for my family. We have enjoyed our **McGillis**experience and we are all better having been a part of it.

The **community** of the School is very strong with a **modiceable unity** and cohesion of beliefs and values. Teachers and students **CARING** for each other is palpable.

## What are the *strengths* of The McGillis School experience and culture?

Highlights from the Parent Survey conducted in the Spring of 2019



Always striving to be **GOOG**While striving for **academic success**.

Strong leadership and outstanding teachers.

Prioritizing things other schools
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citizens not just excellent test takers.
Considering the student as a WHOLE
PERSON not just a learner of
math or history, and considering their
environment (school, home, city,
mountain range, country, world) as a
crucial part of their life and education.

There is a **genuine interest** from all faculty and staff in finding the best ways to educate students. The amount of flexibility I've observed is rather amazing, and I'm offen at how much teachers insist on seeing opportunity for growth where others would see challenges.



### **PARENT ASSOCIATION**

The McGillis School extends our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who generously donated time and talent to our Parent Association. Your leadership and commitment has made an enormous impact on our school. Your gift of volunteering enables many wonderful community events and educational achievements for our students. Thank you for your support.

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Sara Day-Brewer

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Denise Marlowe & KJ Stark

**McGillis Traditions** 

Patty Trachtenberg

**Social Committee** Bruce Johnson

**Faculty & Staff** Appreciation Candice Clark & Mo Schiffman

#### **Grade Representatives**

Kindergarten Jessica Cooper & Dasha Runnions

Sixth Grade Shelby Herrod First Grade Caroline Kaufman. Ray & Allison Henger

**Seventh Grade** Alyson Genovese **Second Grade** Candice Clark & Staci Poppleton

**Eighth Grade** Suzanne Jeschke Third Grade Nicole LaBore &

Leigh Tolboe

Fourth Grade Aimee Hersh & Diana Pagan

Fifth Grade Lisa Kuftinec. Eileen Leon, Michael & Andrea Yount









The McGillis School 2018-2019

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE** 

19

**STUDENTS** 

9:1

STUDENT: FACULTY RATIO

**GRADES K-8** 

433

STUDENTS

Our vision is to inspire and prepare our community for a lifetime of creating a better world.

#### **VALUES**



Tzedakah GIVING TO OTHERS



Tikkun Olam REPAIRING THE WORLD



Gemilut Hasadim DOING GOOD & KIND DEEDS



Derech Eretz HAVING RESPECT FOR ALL



Limud L'shma LEARNING FOR THE SAKE OF LEARNING



Kehilah OUR COMMUNITY



#### **ONE SCHOOL • TWO DIVISIONS**

LOWER SCHOOL GRADES K-5

STUDENTS PER 15-20

20-25 \$13.7K

TUITION

**SECTION** 

\$15.3K

MIDDLE SCHOOL

**GRADES 6-8** 

19%

STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

**FINANCIAL AID** 

\$500K

FINANCIAL AID DOLLARS AWARDED TO FAMILIES

1158

STUDENT NIGHTS OFF CAMPUS (GRADES 4-8)

19%

STUDENTS OF

COLOR

~9

OFF-CAMPUS LEARNING EXPERIENCES PER GRADE (GRADES K-5) 2

LANGUAGE OFFERINGS HEBREW & SPANISH

16%

STUDENTS OF JEWISH DESCENT

1990 FOUNDED





McGillis different

