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CHIARAVALLE MONTESSORI

2019-2020 Impact Report





2019-20

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your incredible generosity and support of Chiaravalle Montessori in the 2019-20 school year. Last February, at the *Right Where You Belong* Benefit, we celebrated an evening of community and learning. That night a room full of engaged, caring parents were laughing, dining, and dancing together. Little did we know that would be the last time we'd be together in person until Chiaravalle reopened in the fall. That feeling of camaraderie and shared goals of cultivating each child's potential through self-development, deep learning, and peace education was palpable. Caring and commitment to sustain our school truly matter.

Your support of the 2019-20 Annual Fund and Benefit has proven critical in our progress towards achieving Chiaravalle's strategic goals. Last academic year, the Annual Fund contributed over \$110,000 in essential operating revenue while the Benefit supported our Tuition Assistance program with close to \$124,000. These resources have allowed Chiaravalle students and faculty to take on new, bigger challenges. In 2019-20, we:

- Created dynamic programming that sparks curiosity and enables self-discovery, including Stanford's Jo Boaler Youcubed Math for grades 1-8 and an 8-week mindfulness program in middle school.
- Strengthened delivery of our mission through the certification of two Montessori teachers and the addition of a K-8 Learning Specialist.
- Progressed in delivering an anti-racist/anti-bias education through introducing a third SEED [Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity] facilitator and training cohort.
- Sustained our community by supplementing a robust tuition assistance program with emergency COVID assistance. Nearly 40% of Chiaravalle students qualify for 50% tuition assistance, highlighting our commitment to socio-economic diversity.
- Capitalized on a planned environmental systems upgrade and renovation of the Toddler floor to create a safer and healthier learning environment with state-of-the-art HVAC technology.

Pre-pandemic, Chiaravalle was on a roll! While facing unprecedented challenges that have reshaped our lives, we are proud to be thriving and innovating. We are delivering our mission in new, unexpected ways. And we must be loud and clear: it is because of families like yours who support the school, that Chiaravalle ended the fiscal 2020 year in a stable financial position, which allowed us to reopen school with the safety measures, facilities, training, technology, and staffing that we needed to adapt to COVID. Every student and staff member benefit from your support.

We are grateful for the love and trust you invest in our school every day and thank you for helping Chiaravalle to remain strong and vibrant for another 55 years.

With gratitude,

Robyn and Becca

Robyn McCloud-Springer

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Head of School

Becca Groothuis

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Board President



FUND FOR CHIARAVALLE 2019-20

\$242,500 IN DONATIONS AS OF MAY 31, 2020

One of the greatest strengths of the Chiaravalle community is the rich tradition and spirit of Giving. We are grateful for and appreciate our current families, alumni families, faculty, grandparents, local businesses and friends who support our mission philanthropically. This list represents contributions made by direct giving to the Annual Fund, Spring Benefit and other major gift initiatives. Additionally, we are grateful to all who demonstrate their passion for Chiaravalle by volunteering at our school.

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2019 – 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue



Tuition	\$6,332,501
Fees/Misc/Interest	\$141,462
Fundraising	\$242,473
Summer Camp	\$206,050

Total **\$6,922,486**

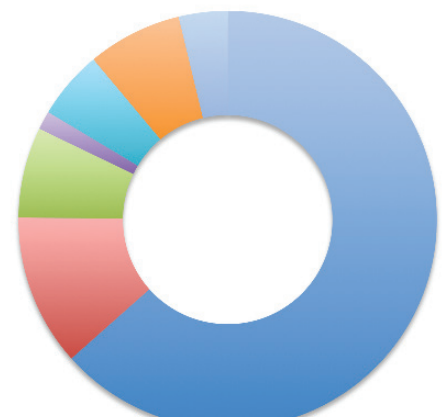
Fundraising



Annual Benefit	\$123,594
Annual Giving	\$111,107
Other	\$7,772

Total **\$242,473**

Expenses



Personnel	\$4,046,649
Tuition Assistance	\$1,012,758
Program	\$380,575
Summer	\$94,849
Facility	\$339,125
Debt Service	\$429,442
Other	\$299,050

Total **\$6,602,448**

CAPEX Contribution **\$250,200**
\$70,037



HEROES WORK HERE

Heroes Work Here became the anthem of 2020. In a time of sudden upheaval for our students, families and community, Chiaravalle teachers and staff provided a lifeline of normalcy by quickly transitioning our Montessori philosophies and traditions to a remote platform. In record time our teachers had virtual choice boards up and running, our students were exploring interests, working on practical life skills and sharing their discoveries with their classroom communities. We honored our traditions with virtual events, such as an all-school talent show, spring ice cream social, artist's showcase, flower ceremony and even graduation. And yes, the Tree Song was performed. We are so grateful for our talented and dedicated faculty. They are Chiaravalle Heroes!



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