



ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021



The Montessori School *of* Raleigh



▶ Our Mission

The Montessori School of Raleigh is the Triangle’s modern embodiment and mindful practice of the time-proven Montessori philosophy, developing agile thinkers, poised communicators, and gracious collaborators—engineers of authentic and fulfilling lives.

▶ Our Vision

In the year 2023, The Montessori School of Raleigh will be a thriving, well respected, and diverse day school community, recognized for its expertise in empowering students (15 months to grade 12) to be confident and competent life-long learners and respectful global citizens, distinct in the Triangle for delivering the authentic Montessori program and the International Baccalaureate program with unified purpose and integrity, competitive in attracting and retaining exemplary faculty and staff, and robustly funded by an ever-expanding circle of support.

* Created and endorsed by MSR’s Faculty, Staff and Board of Trustees, November 2018

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From the Head of School and Chair of the Board of Trustees

Dear MSR Community,

A new school year always presents the opportunity to both reflect on the past and anticipate the future. Last year, like many independent schools, MSR faced unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, in the face of these challenges, the generous gifts of volunteerism, financial resources, and unyielding commitment from our parents, employees, grandparents, and special friends afforded our faculty the means to deliver the time-tested Montessori and International Baccalaureate curricula successfully, safely, and in-person.

As we look forward and consider the 2021-2022 school year, we have much to celebrate. We have grown our student body from 271 students in August 2020 to 365 students in August 2021. We have waiting lists for both Toddler House and Children's House, and a freshmen class of 17 students—our largest Upper School class yet. Additionally, we have affirmed seven new members to the board of trustees who are all accomplished individuals in their own right and have a solid commitment to ensuring the financial and institutional longevity of MSR as we head into our 47th year. All in all, we are in a much stronger place as an educational institution than we have been for a long time, thanks to the generosity and support of the community, along with the tremendous efforts of our faculty, administrative teams, and the board of trustees. Nonetheless, we have all witnessed the devastating economic impact of COVID-19 on businesses and schools, in particular independent schools. Although we have come so far, we still must continue to plan conservatively and strategically for the fiscal and operational unknowns until the pandemic comes to an end.

The MSR Annual Fund is the school's major philanthropic arm. Charitable gifts to the Annual Fund support program development and excellence from academics to the arts to athletics to professional development. The fund also allows MSR to continue to provide a safe learning environment by way of facilities improvements and safety and security enhancements, which are vital during a global pandemic. Ultimately, your support of The MSR Annual Fund ensures that we can sustain a school culture where each child not only receives an excellent education, but is also known, cared for, and and respected.

Like the vast majority of independent schools, tuition alone does not cover every aspect of student learning experiences. Due to the record-breaking generosity of our community last year, we have been able to expand our academic programming to ensure our students continue to receive the excellent teaching and learning experiences they deserve. This year we are most excited about the introduction of the Suzuki violin program at the Children's House level, hiring a music/theater teacher and a school nurse, expanding a lead teacher position to also serve as a parent liaison, and re-introducing the Parent Education Program (PEP). Facilities on both campuses have also undergone improvements from turf management on Ben's Field to newly-painted focal walls in the Upper School building. It is due in large part to the generosity of our community that we have been able to expand our programming, address faculty needs, and improve the spaces our students utilize everyday.

Although it is early in the school year, we are confident MSR will continue with the same momentum and excitement experienced last year, and will even surpass it. Each gift to The MSR Annual Fund helps provide our students with the opportunity to grow and thrive as young learners in a safe environment. Thank you for your partnership, leadership, and support of The Montessori School of Raleigh.

With gratitude,



Monica Rodriguez
Head of School



Krystin Knox
Chair, Board of Trustees



2020-2021 Annual Fund

- \$246,000+** Total raised
- \$63,000** Raised from gifts under \$1,000
- \$12,600** from Employer Matching Gifts
- 527** Total Annual Fund donors
- 47** Leadership Giving Circle households
- 93** First time donors
- 20%** Increase in total \$ raised over 2019-2020
- 61%** Parent participation
- 100%** Faculty/Staff participation

▶ Turning Point: The Leadership Giving Circle

Transformation, Year-After-Year

There is a reason the Leadership Giving Circle is the most transformational group of donors on campus. Established in 2019 and composed of donors making a three-year pledge commitment to The MSR Annual Fund, Leadership Giving Circle members have contributed nearly half of the total annual fund dollars raised each year. Furthermore, this investment has given MSR the gift of stable financial footing year-after-year.

Giving Begets Giving

A burgeoning annual fund directly translates to improved facilities, hands-on experiences, and further distinguishes employees through professional development—solidifying MSR’s position as a leader in Montessori and IB education.

With the MSR community committing the resources needed not only to sustain, but to thrive, the school is positioning itself to attract additional funding and emerge as an institution philanthropically aligned with independent schools across the Triangle, the state, and the nation.

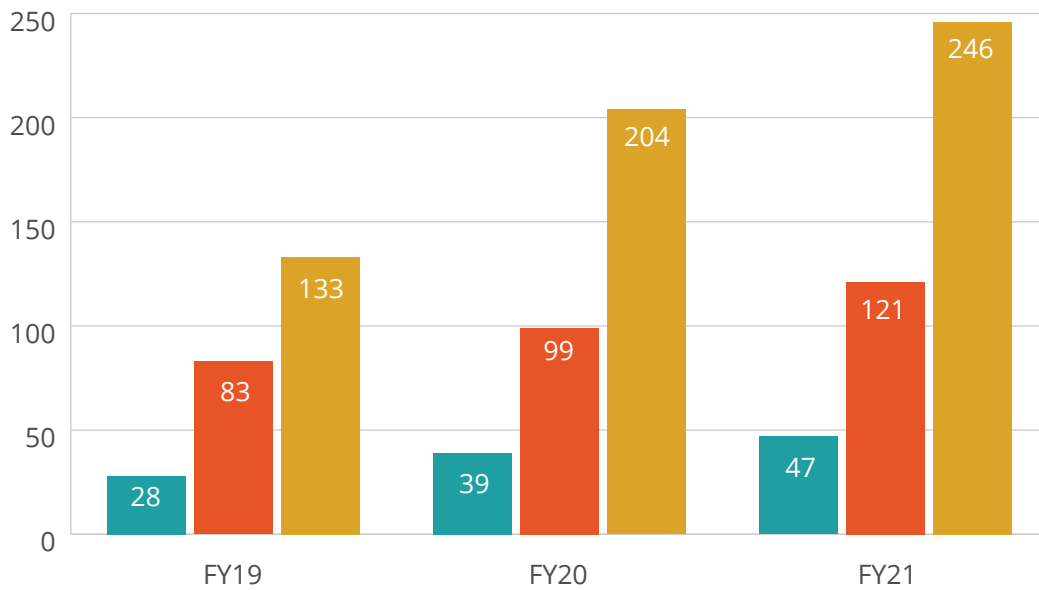
Thoughtful Stewardship

Today, over \$200,000 is already committed to The MSR Annual Fund through 2024 thanks to Leadership Giving Circle pledges. This advance funding allows MSR leadership to strategically plan for expenditures years in advance and confidently take immediate action when critical needs arise.



► The Impact of the Leadership Giving Circle

- Total Raised in Fiscal Year (in thousands)
- Number of Giving Circle Members
- Amount Raised Prior to Beginning of Fiscal Year (in thousands)



Each year, households who join the Leadership Giving Circle continue to be the most influential philanthropic leaders on our campuses. Every new member of the Leadership Giving Circle has a significant impact and contributes to substantial financial growth and stability for the school, magnifying what we can do for our students, faculty, and families.





2020-2021 Volunteer Leadership

▶ Montessori Parent Staff Association Officers, Liaisons, and Event Chairs

President

Wendy Peele

Middle/Upper School Representative

Wendy Peele

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Julie Siegmund

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Megan Nettuno

Book Fair

Carrie Bekerman and Kristina Heinz

Fall Plant Sale/Garden Day

Dana and Shannon White

Spring Plant Sale

Wendy Peele and Shannon White

Go Play Save/Rewards Programs

Rexine Connor

Holiday Treat Extravaganza

Megan Baldwin and Nishi Patel

Staff Appreciation Tea

Sarah Scott and Kate Thompson

▶ MSR Annual Fund Parent Chairs

The MSR Annual Fund Parent Chairs serve as leaders for parent participation and champion the The MSR Annual Fund and the important role it plays in the advancement of our school and its resources.

Matt and Megan Baldwin

Brian Baker and Renee Balyoz

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Jake Maule and Anne Burke

Derek Sanger and Samantha Clark

Kevin and Kelly Shoaff

Andrew and Ashley Techet

Sean and Terri Witty



A Gift of Time and Talent

MSR parent volunteers (and helpers) built new patios for our Children's House classrooms. Volunteers giving of their time and talents on projects like this is a meaningful way to positively impact student learning and the MSR experience. Thanks to our MSR volunteers!



2021 Day of Giving

On May 19, 2021, The Montessori School of Raleigh held its third annual Day of Giving resulting in the most generous 24 hours the school has ever seen!

\$93,500 Total received (\$66,600 in new gifts; \$26,900 in pledge fulfillments)

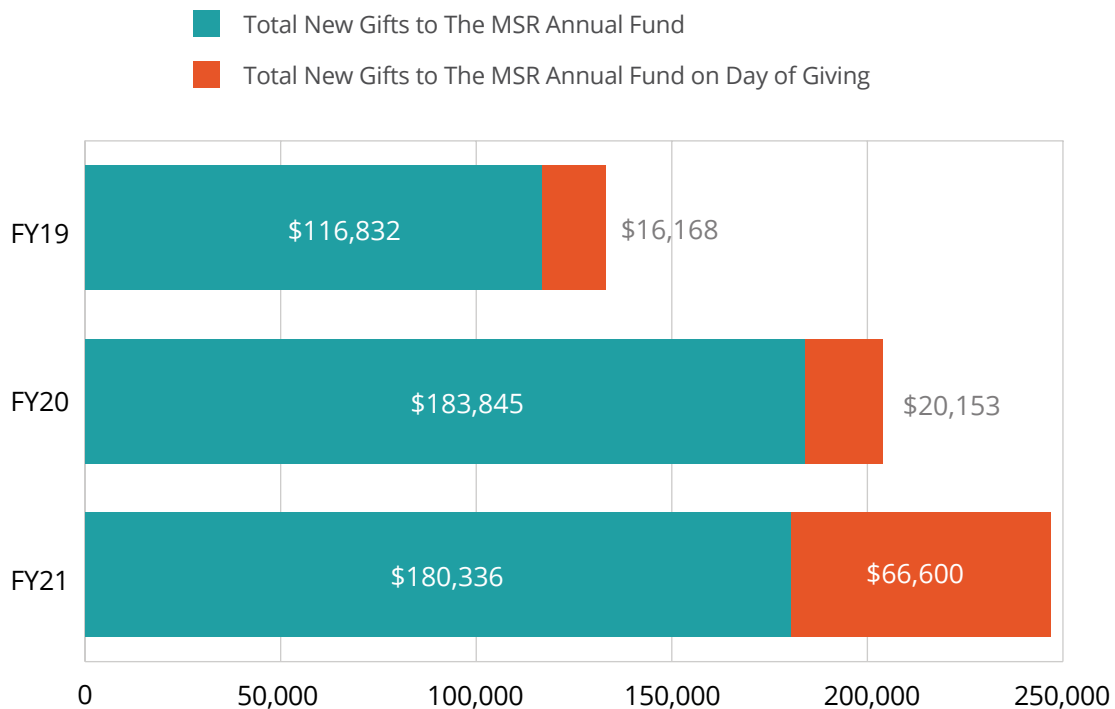
48% Parent participation

192 Total donors

59 First-time donors

▶ The Difference a Day Makes

For the past three years, MSR's Day of Giving has proven to be one of the most important days for The MSR Annual Fund. Fueled by friendly challenges, MSR parents, grandparents, alumni, trustees, employees, and friends of the school come together over 24 hours to support The MSR Annual Fund. The ultimate winners—our students!



The 2020-2021 Day of Giving yielded nearly 27% of the entire Annual Fund, a testament to the community's steadfast support and growing commitment to MSR's sustainability for years to come.



Good for the School, Good for Our Kids

May 19, 2021 was a typical school day for students at MSR, but a historic day for The MSR Annual Fund. As school doors opened, thousands of dollars had already been donated as part of MSR's third annual Day of Giving. With excitement growing, Dustin and Christine Bermudez watched the Day of Giving leaderboard with anticipation.

This year marked the first-ever Head of School Challenge Match made to the MSR community. The Bermudez family generously challenged MSR families, friends, alumni, and employees to raise \$10,000, to be matched dollar-for-dollar. Through this challenge, the Bermudez's sought to honor both new Head of School Monica Rodriguez and the MSR teachers who worked tirelessly in the midst of COVID -19 to keep children safe in the classroom, while also maintaining the academic integrity of a Montessori and IB education.

For Dustin, Christine, and their four children, Juliana, Olivia, Serena, and Jackson, the investment in MSR, and the challenge to the community, was a "no-brainer." "We were hopeful that since this was such a new approach to Day of Giving and fundraising for MSR it would catch everyone's attention," notes Christine. "I've always felt better giving back to an organization where the people within the organization itself are also willing to step up and show their support, and I just hoped I wasn't alone in that sentiment." Indeed she wasn't!

Forty-eight percent of the Bermudez's fellow MSR parents followed their lead, contributing over \$37,000 alone that day.

The Bermudez's investment in MSR reflects their belief in the value of the MSR education and community. "I think it's important to really invest in things that are important to you—education and community are both very important to us. Something I say fairly frequently in regards to our kids is 'set them up for success,' and I think that translates well here...the better the position

the school is in financially, the better the chances of our school and children reaching their full potential. School is such a big part of our children's lives, so what's good for the school is good for our kids (and what's good for our kids is good for the future!)," says Christine.

By the afternoon of May 19, it was clear the Head of School Challenge Match

would be a success—not only reaching the \$10,000 match, but far surpassing it. Christine credits this to "...people see[ing] the worth and value in MSR. We, as a community, all want the school and our children to be as successful as possible and believe the potential is here! The pandemic has really made us reevaluate what is important to us and it has really made things come into focus. There has been so much going on, so many emotions—but we saw as a constant our desire for our children to be safe and presented with as many opportunities



The Bermudez family: Christine, Dustin, Juliana (UE), Olivia (LE), Serena (CH), and Jackson (Future Miner).

as possible, and we feel that MSR has proven to be a place for that to happen with a community that also recognizes and appreciates that.”

The Head of School Challenge was so successful that another challenge match of \$2,500 was introduced by Dana and Shannon White. That challenge was also met and surpassed. “Thankfulness, pride, and joy” are what the Bermudez’s felt upon seeing the community surpass the day’s challenges by \$56,600: “There have been a lot of hard times lately, but this stood out as a great moment of hope and promise to us (and I hope many others)!”

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The generosity of the MSR community, inspired by shared values and aspirations, is awesome. The Day of Giving support shown by MSR parents, grandparents, trustees, alumni, and friends continues to make a real and meaningful impact, contributing resources and opportunities during the final months of the school year. This collective effort by our school community has made all the difference.

As stated so well by Dr. Montessori, “We shall walk together on the path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity.” Thank you for walking together with us.

Photos pre-COVID-19, courtesy of Bermudez family.



Juliana working on introduction to number cubes in LE IV.



Juliana, Olivia, and Serena enjoying Kona Ice at the End-of-Year Celebration.



Olivia working on her bead stair in Children’s House V.



Honor Roll of Donors

▶ Leadership Giving Circle

The Montessori School of Raleigh is grateful for the members of MSR's Leadership Giving Circle who are among the school's most transformative donors. Through a three-year pledge commitment, donors boldly contribute to the realization of the school's vision.

\$30,000+ Level

David and Kay Holloman

Michael Olander and Candace Covington-Olander

\$15,000 Level

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Arnold and Julie Siegmund

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Tom and Marie Thomas

Randal and Candace Waters '03

Dana and Shannon White

▶ The MSR Annual Fund

The MSR Annual Fund defines the reach and depth of a MSR education. The generosity of donors to The MSR Annual Fund sustains the unique learning tools, environments, and experiences that are the hallmarks of a Montessori education, one rooted in real-life learning, cultivated through fostering transformative mindsets and the pursuit of success not bound by the traditional classroom.

The Legacy Society \$10,000

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▶ Capstone Gifts

Capstone gifts are given by Upper School parents who make a one to four-year pledge commitment through the final years of their student’s academic career at MSR, ensuring the strongest foundation for the most successful years leading up to graduation, higher education, and beyond.

Mason and Stephanie Deming Frank Viscomi and Shirley Heiman

▶ Beyond The MSR Annual Fund: Transformational Gifts

Many thanks to the visionary donors who embrace the vision of The Montessori School of Raleigh, and propel us into the future with their transformational gifts to the school above and beyond their commitment to The MSR Annual Fund.

Simon and Julie Allen

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▶ Montessorians Alumni Giving Club

Montessorians are an ever-expanding group of MSR alumni whose leadership is exhibited by their commitment to the growth and future of The Montessori School of Raleigh. Through a five-year pledge commitment to The MSR Annual Fund, MSR alumni are supporting the vision and initiatives of The Montessori School of Raleigh.

Anonymous

William Kelly '16

Laura Morrison '03

Congratulations!

Colin Daily Elon University	Julia Robinson Muhlenberg College
Nicholas Fenton San José State University	Nicole Viscomi James Madison University
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2021



Expanding What is Possible: The MSR Annual Fund

Every year, The MSR Annual Fund provides critical resources that enable MSR to expand what is possible and realize our vision to equip students with an education that engages their minds, encourages exploration, inspires new passions, and builds confidence.

Annual funds provide physical resources such as health and safety equipment, beautiful and functional outdoor learning environments, and technology, as well as funding for pro-fessional development, memberships, and accreditations. These foundational elements are necessary to deliver an exceptional Montessori and IB education.

Your commitment and loyalty to MSR as expressed through your giving yields exponential benefits. Thank you for choosing to support our time-proven Montessori learning philosophy, our deeply dedicated MSR faculty, and the values we share as a community. Your generosity allows MSR to continue guiding students on their journey to becoming thoughtful, purposeful, and contributing citizens in our world.

It is never too late to support The Montessori School of Raleigh. Please consider giving a gift to this year's MSR Annual Fund.



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For questions about giving, please contact:

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