

2017-18 Annual Report

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2018



Annual Report Message

The 2017-18 school year was marked by the continuation of strategic planning and a gathering of more than 70 members of our community to discuss the future of Childpeace. After the final meetings took place, the School received documentation from Concentrics Inc. and our board of trustees began the implementation process in January 2018. The Board made significant changes to its previous committee structure and adopted three key committees to align with the three pillars of the newly adopted strategic plan. The Administration also began work on our organizational chart with the goal of optimizing our ability to implement the strategic plan.

The fiscal year was impacted by the need to adjust to unexpected economic and licensing regulations. The 2018 federal tax reform bill impacted the School as an increase in our mortgage interest rate created a lengthy negotiation that ultimately mitigated the interest rate adjustment. Additionally, Oregon's Office of Child Care (OCC), made regulatory changes that eliminated our ability to move Toddler Community children to Children's House before their third birthdays. Additional OCC requirements for staffing resulted in more budgetary adjustments. By year end, the adjustments to program and budget were made and the School was able to maintain financial stability.

As always, the day-to-day life of the School hummed along, with the Birch Room continuing to nurture its first group of 6th year students and the Upper Elementary supporting a record 29 graduates. All of our classroom guides returned for the 2017-18 year, a staff baby was born and a beloved middle school guide retired at year end. Our last Spring Event, a celebration of the PyeongChang Olympics, included a paddle raise for a new shade structure for our playground, scheduled to be installed in the Spring of 2019. It was another year of inspired education and organizational growth.

Warmest regards,

Sue Pritzker & Elisa Wickstrom

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Our Mission

To guide the development of the whole child, socially and academically, through the principles of AMI Montessori education in an urban setting.

Our Purpose

Childpeace provides a Montessori-based education for toddlers through adolescence.

Our Vision

Childpeace shapes the future of our world through the cultivation of inquisitive minds and socially responsible young citizens.

Meet the Staff - Middle School Guide Jon Erickson

Dolphins or koalas? Why?

Hmm, to surf or sleep... Since I am responding at an energized point in my day, I would love to surf like a dolphin, or with a dolphin. After a full day of work and negotiating dinner and bedtime routine with two kids, I envy the koala who can sleep for 20 hours a day without judgement.

What's your favorite time of day?

In the morning before anyone else wakes up, when life seems quiet.

What is one thing no one knows about you?

So, you're asking me to give up that one secret thing that I have? Not today bub. Also, I can't really think of anything... I'm a pretty open book.

If your life were a song, what would the title be?

Go Fast, Slow Down.

Most adventurous thing you've done in your life?

Bike toured the South Island of New Zealand for 3 months as a 20 year old.



Best way to take a rest/decompress?

On the river fishing, floating or discovering all the subtle life around me.

Sweet or savory?

Savory, almost always.

Why Montessori?

Montessori has allowed me to take students on educational adventures of their choosing. I have been able to work alongside students guiding them through content and material they would not have been exposed to or encouraged to pursue in the public schools where I have worked in the past. The passion leads the process which makes every day exciting.

What do you love about teaching?

I love working with adolescents as they think critically about who they are and who they want to be in tomorrow's society. They also explore spaces in new and sometimes impulsive ways that I find challenging and entertaining.

What is your favorite Childpeace memory?

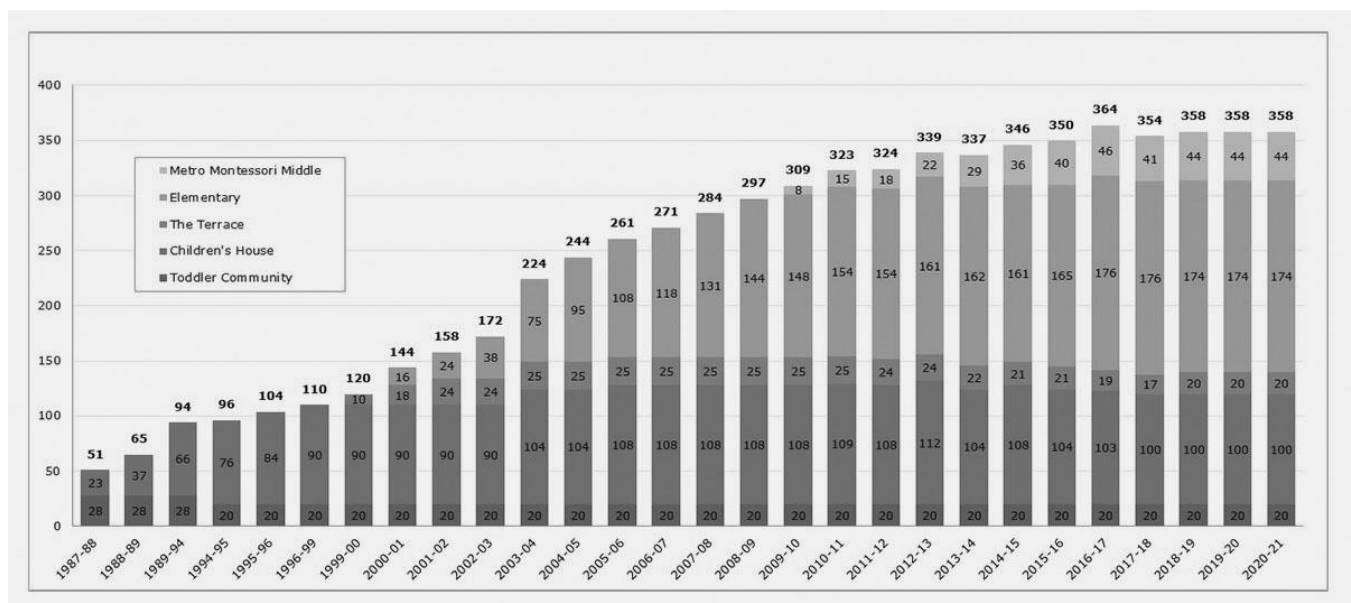
I will always remember when I first joined the staff in 2012 and was invited to the end-of-year party. I was welcomed with smiles and hugs from my now-peers. I knew at that point that I was in a special place, where I would be accepted, listened to and encouraged.

Tuition Assistance

\$74,780 Awarded to 20 Students

In 2017-18, a total of \$74,780 was awarded to 20 students through our tuition assistance programs, including short-term assistance.

Childpeace Enrollment



Alumni Connections - Paloma Hopson

Our alumni are an important part of our continued story. They provide a vital peek into the future and allow us to reflect on our past. Our featured alum is Paloma Hopson, who attended Children's House through the middle school here at Childpeace. She graduated in June 2018 and currently attends her local public high school. We recently reconnected with her and here is our brief and fun interview. Enjoy!



Dolphins or koalas? Why?

I don't really know too much about either animal, but I think I would be a dolphin, because dolphins are much more intelligent, communicative and friendly.

What's your favorite time of day?

My favorite time of day is 9pm at night. I love this time of day, because it's right after I get home from sports. I get to chill and reflect on my day with my family and friends.

What is one thing no one knows about you?

I feel like I am a very open book, I like to talk... like a lot. My mom likes to say that I talk because I like the sound of my own voice. But one thing that most people who first meet me don't know is that I train 22.5 hours a week at gymnastics. Everyday at 2:30 I start practice and at 7:00 every night I finish. I absolutely love it, because I love the feeling of flying and flipping. I also love spending time with my teammates and cheering them on at meets.

If your life were a song, what would the title be?

If my life was a song it would probably be "The Pursuit of Happiness" by Kid Cudi. I am a perfectionist and sometimes I can get down on myself when something isn't perfect, but this song reminds me to keep my head up and keep working.

Most adventurous thing you've done in your life?

The most adventurous thing I have ever done is probably deciding to go to a school this year where I knew no one. In the moment, deciding what school to go to was an easy decision, but when the first day of school came closer and closer I started becoming more and more nervous. I started wondering about if I was gonna make friends, or if I was going to like my classes. But when I walked into school, on the first day, people immediately started introducing themselves to me and I immediately felt so much better. I took a sigh of relief and I've never been more happy I took a risk, because it absolutely paid off!



Best way to take a rest/decompress?

Something I like to do to calm down after a long day is lie in my room and play some music or read.

Sweet or savory?

Sweet! I have a really big sweet tooth, I love eating ice cream more than anything.

Why Montessori?

I think Montessori is a great choice, it helped me learn how to communicate with my teachers and peers

respectfully, work independently and find my interests. All of these lessons have really helped me through the beginning of high school and I know I will continue to carry them through the rest of my life.

What do you love learning about?

My interests outside of school at the moment are gymnastics, listening to and exploring music, and watching my favorite TV show, The Office. This year at school I have really taken a liking to my English and Modern World History class.

What is your favorite Childpeace memory?

My favorite memory at Childpeace was our trip to Costa Rica in 6th grade. All the 6th graders from both the Hawthorn and Larch room got to go. We went zip lining, volunteering, swimming, traveled to La Pas Waterfall Garden and we also went to a national soccer game. I loved spending time with the 6th graders from the other classroom. My friend Bella and I roomed together and every night we invited all the other 6th grade girls into our room to eat Costa Rican candy, do homework and watch Spanish television. By the end of the week we nicknamed our room "The Party Room."

Income

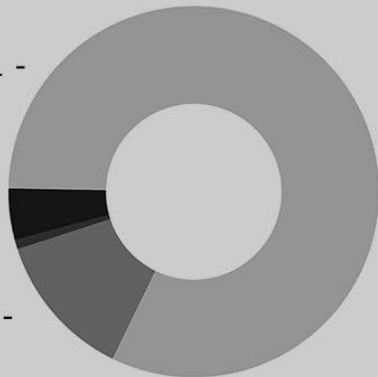
Tuition & Fees (95.6%) \$5,028,318 -
Investment & Other (0.6%) \$31,793 -
Fundraising (3.8%) \$201,858 -



Total Income \$5,261,969

Expense

Program Services (82.1%) \$4,218,021 -
Depreciation (4.3%) \$221,332 -
Fundraising (0.9%) \$47,274 -
Management & General (12.6%) \$648,822 -



Total Expense \$5,135,449

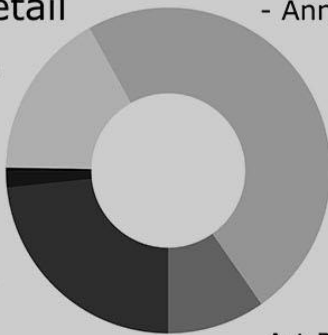
Change in Value of Interest Rate Swap Agreement \$206,783

Retired Capital Assets -\$1,438

Net Income \$331,865

Net Fundraising Income Detail

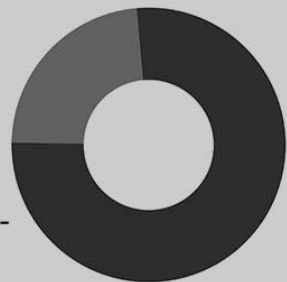
Spring Event (22.1%) \$34,175 -
Other (0.3%) \$467 -
Alumni Legacy Fund -
Tuition Assistance (1.9%) \$2,900
In-Kind Donations (30.7%) \$47,384 -
- Annual Appeal (63.1%) \$97,554
- Art Run (12.5%) \$19,377



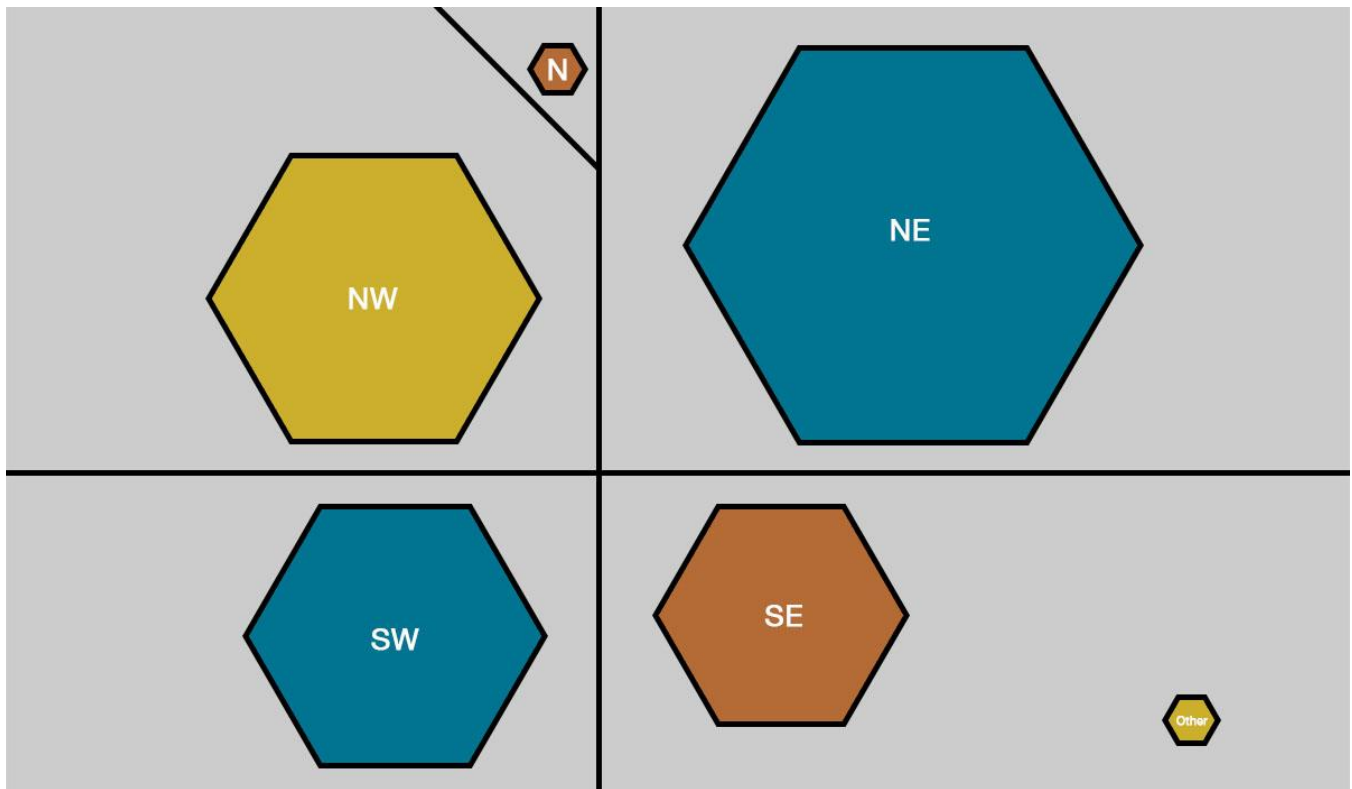
Total \$201,858

Expenses Allocated to Fundraising (-30.6%) -\$47,274 -

Net Fundraising Income (100%) \$154,584 -



Our Community



Our community is vast and growing every year. Each year, we send new students (and their families) out into the greater world to learn and grow and positively change the world. Our families come to us from all over the Portland/Vancouver Metro Area and beyond. We hope that when they move on, they continue to share their knowledge and wisdom wherever they end up. This graphic illustrates our community density based on neighborhood in 2017-18.

4,879 Volunteer Hours



We thank the hundreds of parents, grandparents, alumni and students who contributed their time and talents serving Childpeace in 2017-18.

A robust volunteer community is essential to our school's success as it:

- brings the Childpeace community together
- helps to offset the general operating costs of the school
- gives parents insight into their child's experience
- makes the school a vibrant, exciting and supportive place for the children in attendance through events like Upper and Lower Elementary Gatherings, our Annual Art Run and other community events

For the 2017-18 school year, our community reported 4,879 volunteer hours.

Fundraising

\$201,858 Contributed



Our generous community's donations allow us to take our already exceptional staff, programming, and student experience to an even higher level—beyond what our tuition dollars alone can accomplish. Funds raised this year will begin to move Childpeace forward on the goals outlined in our strategic plan, specifically those related to culture and access. Contributions designated to our tuition assistance program will enable us to improve and expand the program.

The Spring Event's Moment of Giving raised \$40,900 for the 600 square foot playground canopy that should be installed over Spring break. The canopy will enable our children to utilize the space even on the rainiest of days and help muffle neighborhood sounds.

We are proud to say that our fundraising results exceeded expectations for the fiscal year. In 2017-18, the Childpeace community contributed \$201,858 to our efforts. None of these achievements would be possible if not for the efforts of our outstanding group of volunteers and for the generous donations of our community members.

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July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



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Launched at the close of the 2014-15 school year, graduating families were presented with the option of turning their (perhaps forgotten) program deposit, or a portion thereof, into a charitable gift to fund scholarships.

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