



MARIN MONTESSORI SCHOOL 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT GUIDE TO GIVING AND ENGAGEMENT



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Since its founding six decades ago, by a close-knit group of parents and educators, Marin Montessori School has been built in partnership with our parent community. Through this incredible collaboration, MMS has blossomed from a modest single classroom into the esteemed AMI Montessori School we are today.

In the current landscape, brimming with new challenges and possibilities, we wholeheartedly welcome your ideas, questions, and support as we venture into the next sixty years.

VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ADMISSIONS

Our Admissions volunteers are vital ambassadors for Marin Montessori School. They support prospective families as they learn about MMS through the admissions process. Volunteers provide invaluable insights and address prospective parent questions by drawing upon their MMS experience. They also partner with new MMS families to support their transition, thereby fostering a welcoming community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & FUNDRAISING

Advance MMS' vibrant community and financial health by contributing your talents to our fundraising and community-building efforts. Opportunities range from helping organize and execute our signature "Gather for Good" event to coordinating intimate Party Book fundraisers and fostering community connections. Alternatively, parents can serve as Annual Fund Class Captains, inspiring participation and highlighting the impact of giving. Your involvement is crucial in fostering connections and ensuring MMS's continued success through these vital initiatives.

At Marin Montessori School, our community is at the heart of everything we do. We believe in the power of collaboration and shared efforts to create an enriching and nurturing environment for our students. That's why we're inviting you to become an essential part of our mission by volunteering with us. Whether you have a few hours to spare or are looking for more extensive involvement, there's a place for you in our volunteer community. Here are just some of the ways you can get involved:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees' objective is to safeguard and advance the mission of Marin Montessori School. The Board consists of current and alumni parents, alumni, grandparents, and key community representatives, all of whom share a deep commitment to MMS. Board Committees invite parents to share their expertise in a variety of fields.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Every parent at MMS is a member of the Parents' Association. Run by a dedicated group of volunteers, the PA enhances our school community by organizing beloved campus-wide events such as Fall Fest and Spring Fling, coordinating activities to honor our educators, and facilitating community service opportunities.

CLASSROOM/CAMPUS

There are many additional ways to support our classrooms. Whether serving as a Room Parent or Junior High Parent Ambassador, offering a cultural presentation, tending plants and animals, or painting sets for a school play, volunteers provide an essential service in supporting the work of our teachers and campus life.

For more information on the volunteer opportunities available, please go to <u>marinmontessori.org/support/volunteering-and-</u> <u>engagement</u> or contact Shree Starkman, Director of Development and Community Engagement, at <u>sstarkman@marinmontessori.org</u>.

THE CALENDAR OF GIVING

FALL

THE ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

The Annual Fund is a donation-based campaign to support the school's yearly operating budget. These tax-deductible contributions play a pivotal role in sustaining all facets of the school's operations. This includes ensuring an exceptional standard of AMI Montessori education across all classrooms, cultivating inspiring indoor and outdoor learning environments, and underwriting our tuition assistance program.

Just like other independent schools, tuition covers a substantial portion of our operational expenses, but not all. While MMS could raise tuition, our strategic approach of budgeting for a fundraising gap aids in maintaining an affordable tuition structure to welcome a more diverse range of students and families.

Every contribution to the Annual Fund supports MMS' operating budget to bridge the tuition gap per student. Donors have the opportunity to allow the school to apply the funds to the area of greatest need or direct their gift to an area that most aligns with their interests and values.

- · Extend Access & Affordability
- Enrich Academic Programs
- Beautify & Expand Campuses & Classrooms
- · Retain & Elevate World Class Faculty

We urge each community member to consider giving as generously as possible. Your contributions are instrumental in fortifying the financial well-being of our beloved school.

ANNUAL FUND GIVING LEVELS

\$50,000 and above	Century Circle
\$25,000 - \$49,999	Visionaries
\$15,000 - \$24,999	Innovators
\$10,000 - \$14,999	Explorers
\$5,000 - \$9,999	Scholars
\$2,500 - \$4,999	Builders
\$1,000 - \$2,499	Mentors
up to \$999	Friends

ALL YEAR

CAPITAL GIVING

Gifts that support costly improvements to the school's programs and campus can be discussed at any time throughout the year. We welcome parent engagement and vision for developing mission-aligned projects that support our short and long-term strategic plan as outlined by the campus planning committee.

ENDOWMENT GIVING

Gifts to the endowment strengthen our long-term financial health and sustainability. The principal of an endowment gift is invested, and the income generated becomes a source of revenue for general or targeted support. These funds enable MMS to ensure mission continuity throughout economic fluctuations and take advantage of timely opportunities to expand, strengthen, and innovate.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts are a way to meet your philanthropic and financial goals while leaving a legacy that supports a Marin Montessori School education for future children. Planned giving can be as simple as including a bequest to MMS in

SPRING

For 60 years, the Marin Montessori School community has come together to create an evening of fun and fundraising for vital school initiatives. In 2019, we elevated this tradition by launching "The Gather for Good," a distinguished speaker series that celebrates our shared values and explores critical topics.

Since its inception, The Gather has featured an impressive lineup of thought leaders:

- Former Vice President Al Gore on the actions our students and families can take to combat climate change.
- Alice Waters, pioneering "Edible Education" advocate and renowned food expert
- · Actor Joel de la Fuente on immigration and American identity
- · Dr. Ed Catmull, Pixar founder, examining the power of creativity
- · Sam Altman, founder/CEO of OpenAI, exploring the future of education

These events unite our community, sparking meaningful conversations and inspiring action. We're excited to announce this year's theme soon and welcome your ideas as we prepare for another unforgettable evening. Please join us in shaping the next Gather for Good!!



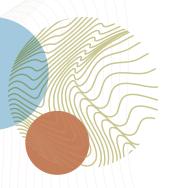
your will or a gift that can secure income for life through a remainder trust.

MATCHING GIFTS

Don't miss the opportunity to double your gift! Many employers offer to match employee gifts to charitable organizations up to 200 percent. Please check with your company to see if it offers matching gifts, or let us know if we can assist you with this process. Remember that gifts from spouses and retirees may also be eligible.

For more information, contact: Carolyn Woolf, Assistant Head of School cwoolf@marinmontessori.org or Shree Starkman

Shree Starkman, Director of Development & Community Engagement sstarkman@marinmontessori.org



ANNUAL REPORT

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All our grandchildren who have attended MMS (Christy and Darel Baer)

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We extend our deepest gratitude to each of you. Your generosity makes our exceptional education possible, shaping the very fabric of our vibrant Marin Montessori School community. Together, we are nurturing the leaders, lifelong learners, and compassionate citizens of tomorrow.

> With sincere appreciation, Marin Montessori School