

MARIN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

GUIDE TO GIVING AND ENGAGEMENT



Marin Montessori School began more than sixty years ago with a simple but powerful idea: that parents and educators, working together, could create something truly meaningful for children. This founding spirit of partnership continues to guide us today.

As we look to the future, our community is helping shape a new chapter: one that deepens our

commitment to equity, cultivates curiosity and connection, and ensures that the MMS experience remains vibrant for generations to come.

With the support of our parent volunteers and contributors, we're not only preserving what makes MMS unique—we're gently and purposefully growing into what comes next. We welcome you to join us as we grow together.



VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At Marin Montessori School, our community is at the heart of everything we do. We believe in the power of collaboration 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. Adjunct Board Committees invite parents to share their expertise in a variety of areas.

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.

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 welcome them and support their transition to our community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & FUNDRAISING

Volunteering your time and talents in support of fundraising and community-building is a meaningful way to connect with other families while contributing to the strength and vitality of MMS. Whether you help bring our Gather for Good event to life, organize an intimate Party Book gathering, or serve as an Annual Fund Class Captain, your involvement plays an important role in fostering connections and supporting our shared mission.

CLASSROOM/CAMPUS

There are many hands-on 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.

THE CALENDAR OF GIVING

FALL

THE ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

The Annual Fund is a donation-based campaign that supports Marin Montessori School's operating budget each year. These tax-deductible gifts play a vital role in sustaining every aspect of our school: ensuring inspiring learning environments, upholding the highest standard of AMI Montessori education, and supporting our tuition assistance program.

Like most independent schools, MMS relies on fundraising to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and the full cost of delivering an exceptional education. Rather than raising tuition to close this gap, we intentionally plan for it, allowing us to keep tuition more accessible and welcome a wider range of students and families.

Every Annual Fund gift directly supports our operations. Donors may choose to direct their gift to the area that most resonates, or allow the school to allocate it where it's needed most:

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

We invite each member of our community to give as generously as they are able. Your gift helps provide the resources that make a truly exceptional student experience possible.

ANNUAL FUND GIVING LEVELS

\$50,000 - \$150,000	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 significant 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

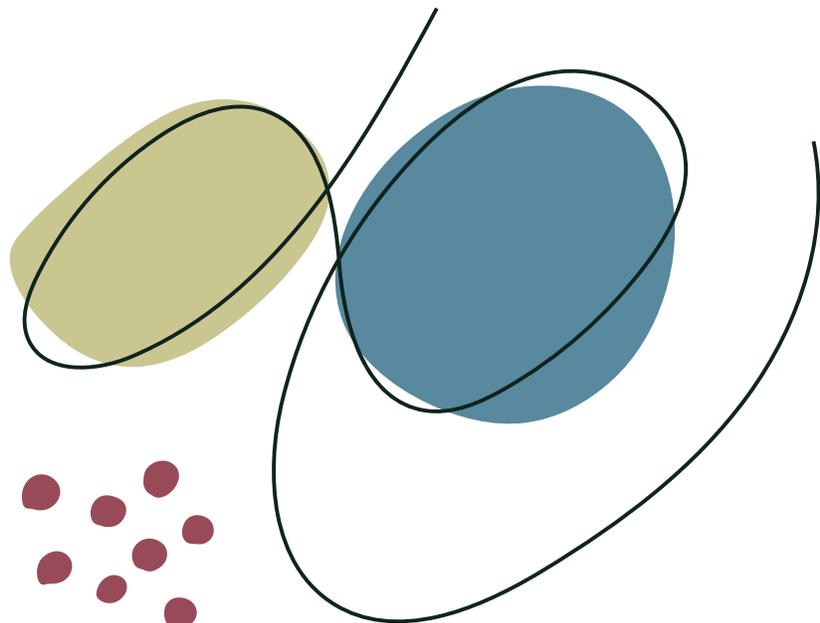
Now, in the third year of our three-year Endowment Campaign, we are closer than ever to building an unshakable foundation for Marin Montessori School. The principal of each endowment gift is invested, and the income it generates provides a steady source of revenue, ensuring continuity during economic uncertainty and enabling MMS to expand, strengthen, and innovate. Your support at this milestone moment helps turn our shared vision into a lasting reality.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts are a way to meet your philanthropic and financial goals while leaving a lasting legacy that supports a Marin Montessori School education for future generations of children. Planned giving can be as simple as including a bequest to MMS in your will or making a gift that secures lifetime income through a remainder trust.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers will match your charitable contributions, sometimes up to 200 percent. Don't miss the chance to double (or even triple) your support! Check with your company to see if it offers a matching gift program, or reach out if we can help you navigate the process. Note that gifts from spouses and retirees may also qualify.



THE CALENDAR OF GIVING

SPRING

For 60 years, the Marin Montessori School community has come together to create an evening of fun and fundraising for vital school initiatives. Over the last six years, we've welcomed an impressive lineup of thought leaders to The Gather for Good, a distinguished speaker series that explores critical topics:

- 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, considering the future of education.
- Tina Tchen of the Obama Foundation and Author Julie Lythcott-Haims on brave leadership.

Our marquee spring event celebrates our shared values, unites our community, and inspires 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!



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