LMS
Annual Report of Giving 2017-2018
Lexington Montessori School builds an inclusive, joyful community that ignites self-discovery through purposeful learning, inspiring children to embrace and challenge the world with compassion, resilience and courage.

This report acknowledges gifts received during LMS' fiscal year, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. We have made every effort to be as accurate as possible in compiling our lists of donors and volunteers. If your name has been omitted or listed incorrectly, please contact Diane Decker, Director of Community Development, at 781.862.8571 ext. 1108 or ddecker@lexmontessori.org.
A NOTE FROM ALINE

Paying it Forward

Thank you to everyone who has given to LMS. This Annual Report of Giving acknowledges your gifts to the school. We cannot be the strong community we are without your passion and participation.

When you give to LMS, you are paying it forward to the next year. Since the year we celebrated our 50th anniversary, the Annual Fund (now called the Annual Projects Fund) has been used for the next school year. In this way, LMS is spending money that has already been raised, and is in the bank, so we can plan for the needs and enhancements of the program. As you look at this Annual Report you will see evidence of these “needs and enhancements” -- from new laptops for teachers and classrooms to a more attractive and sound retaining wall in front of the school. Thanks to so many of you, the program and campus improve every year.

When you gave to the Fund to Preserve the LMS Woods, you also paid it forward. Now LMS students are using the Upper Field and the woods and wetlands freely, and we are making plans for these 19 acres as an outdoor classroom. We raised $1,321,129 for this to happen here -- the goal was high, and the community responded.

Through your gifts to LMS, we also fund professional development (the Jane Mack Teacher Development Fund) and we build our endowment. Teachers benefit from online and live workshops and conferences to improve their professional practice, and the endowment grows to keep the financial foundation of the school strong.

LMS is better because of the generosity of so many of you. Thank you.
Volunteers -  A Shout Out

Parent volunteers are the backbone of LMS. Without the endless hours logged by mothers and fathers--past and present--throughout each school year, many valued aspects of this school would not be possible. From small tasks such as setting up for events, to larger more time-consuming efforts such as giving school tours and sitting on committees, all volunteerism at the school matters.

Every year, the School honors departing LMS volunteers (and/or faculty and staff) who during their time at the school went above and beyond the call of duty. We recognize the outstanding work of these individuals by awarding them the Maria Montessori Award. The person who receives this esteemed award is celebrated for not only advancing the School in many ways, but also for exemplifying the spirit of “following the School”. Congratulations to Mignon Duffy, parent of Ben ’15 and Rebecca ’18, the recipient of the 2017-2018 Maria Montessori Award.
Financials

19 Acres Giving 2017-2018    670,990

Annual Fund* Highlights

We surpassed our dollar goal for the year!

83%
of current families contributed. That's an impressive eight out of ten families.

100%
of the LMS faculty & staff donated.

100%
of the Board of Directors made a gift.

*Now called the Annual Projects Fund

2017-2018 REVENUES

Tuition                     5,916,230
Annual Giving              184,217
Designated Giving          30,844
Auxiliary Programs         577,715
Unreal Gains               82,090
Other                      76,990
Total:                     6,868,086

2017-2018 BUDGETED EXPENSES

Program                    3,701,990
General & Administration   908,268
Depreciation               375,225
Plant                      312,098
Debt Service               138,879
Fundraising                1,736
Financial Aid              1,251,920
Total:                     6,690,116

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These important upgrades and additions—among many others—were made possible by the generosity of donors to the Annual Fund (called the Annual Projects Fund going forward).
Annual Giving categories are named after Montessori materials and acknowledge the cumulative generosity of a donor over the fiscal year.

**ANNUAL GIVING**

**Golden Cube**
$10,000 & above
Emily & Aaron Cooper*
Margie & Bob Gibbons* AP FS
Phyllis Yale & Tucker Taft* AP

**Golden Square**
$5,000 - $9,999
Anonymous (2)
Christine Lin & Steven Gao AP
Tiffany & Mick Mountz*
Kathleen Robinson & Brian Roberts

**Golden Bar**
$2,500 - $4,999
Nina Frusztajer
Klee Family
Yuan He & Xiang Liu
Monica & Joe Massaro*
Anne McClintock & Catherine Poole*
Bill Staudt G

**Golden Bead**
$1,000 - $2,499
Anonymous
Jane & Ken Ansin
Preeta & Roopom Banerjee*
Rebecca & Mel Blake* AP
Bose Family
Boston Private Bank & Trust Company* SK
Zhenzhen Zhang & Kun Chen
Melissa & Tony Chot*
Heather & Kevin Daley
Pragya & Amit Dang
Kate & Brian Donovan FS
Jill & Mark Engerman* AP
Rebecca Henderson* AP
Caroline Mitchell & William Hobbs
Molly King & Rob Hoyt*
Grace Zhang & Minglie Hu*
Kimani & Rahul Kher*
Eliza & Marc Klureza AP, FS
Melinda & Gareth Lerwill* G
Jill & Yicong Li*
Kim Syman & J.B. Lyon
Nadia Haq & Ryan Mack
Therese Hattermer & Biff Maier* AP FS
Barbara & Jack Mckaken* G
Radbika Jagadam & Suraj Moorthy
Celine & Guillaume Pasquier*
Mariliny C. Pike* AP
Perrin & Jack Schilling*
Kim & John Toomey*
Ellie & Kevin Ward
Tuna Chatterjee & Jon Willis
Alina Wang & Chuangwei Zhuo

**Brown Stair**
$500 - $999
Anonymous (2)
Bertekas Family AP
Mahala & Glenn Clivaz
Diane Decker FS
Caroline Staudt & Gerald DiGiusto
Carolyn Sedor & Mat Finch AP
Alison & Nick Fisher
Kari & Basil Hosmer AP
Deb Kreutzer & Don Khoury*
Emily King* G
Alexander Kossey* '96
Aline Gery & Mark Lindberg* AP, FS
Helen Liu & Ling Lue
Charlotte Heim & Steve Opie AP
Linda Banks Santilli & Rick Santilli*
Anna Zourabian & Anthony Scalese
Caroline Staudt Real Estate SK
Min Qin & Lu Sun
Lynn Hopkins & Theodore Szostkowski* AP
Shanying Zhang & Chiheng Tan*
Jane Zu & Steven Wang
Tricia Li & Richard Xu

**Pink Tower**
$499 & below
Anonymous (2)
Ruby & Casey Ajalat*
Miguel Alba FS
Tim Allen* AP
Menekse Alpay
Amazon Smiles
Nikki & Richard Amodio
Susana Keverkova & Simon Baiatian
Barnes Family* AP, FS
Bridgett Barrett & Jonathan Parker
Cassondra Basile '99, FS
Michaela Beckmann* '03, FS
Julie & Kevin Belmont
Lisa Ceglia & Andrew Blom
Katherine Boegehold* AP
Ainsley Boettger* FS
Emilia Bohac AP
Tiesha & Damien Booker
Amy Bos F S
Prongampai & Jacob Bouvrie
Box Tops for Education
BPI Mechanical LLC* SK
Brown Family
Eric Brown SK
Jennifer Haines Butler & Christopher Butler
Lisa & DJ Charles AP
Angela Chen F
Yue Zhao & Kai Chen
Ben Cobbett SK
Deb Cogan for Conway Office* SK
Wakiko Collins FS
Leah Cooper '24
Zelia Costa FS
Lora & Chad Council
Alisha Cooper* FS
Sharon & Jim Cuthbertson* AP
Dahl Youd Family SK
Anne Gurian Dangerfield & Anthony Dangerfield*
Margie Chin Dermady & Martin Dermady* AP, FS
Brinda Kamar & Akshay Desai*
Sapna Varaiya & Vivekraj Devaraj
Patty Diorio FS
Kimberly Donald FS
Jasmine & Sean Duffy* '99, FS
Mignon Duffy
Darlene Dulchinos FS
Anne L. & Robert G. Eccles AP

All gifts are from current families, unless otherwise noted.

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In addition to boosting the Endowment Fund in a significant way, families from the Class of 2018 donated generously toward the purchase of a fourth potter’s wheel for the art room. Teachers and students are thrilled to have this new addition to the classroom. Thank you to Deb Kreutzer and Mignon Duffy for leading this effort.
19 Acres
for the 21st Century

Donors to the Campaign

Anonymous (9)
Edson Alves
Nikki & Richard Amodio
Katherine Reynolds & Matthew Andrade
Maria-Veronica & Charles Barnes AP, FS
Michaela Beckmann ’02, FS
Wendy & Telis Bertsekas AP
Rebecca & Mel Blake AP
Boegehold Family AP
Maureen Hastings & Scott Breen AP
Jennifer Haines Butler & Christopher Butler
Erin & Patrick Campbell AP
Laurel Carpenter F
Emily & Aaron Cooper
Todd Cronan AP
Diane Decker FS
Margie Chin Dermady & Martin Dermady AP, FS
Nils DiGiusto ’25
Karen & Doran Donovan AP
Allie Altman & Carl Drisko AP
Jill & Mark Engerman AP
Vicky Parker & Greg Estey AP
Ariana Evarts Watson & William Evarts ’97
Carolyn Sedor & Mat Finch AP
Alison & Nick Fisher
Corinne & Justin Foster
Lisa Frustajer AP
Sue & Ken Lehman AP
Nina Frustajer
Kara Lehman ’04
Galletta Family
Liz Gray AP
Margie & Bob Gibbons AP, FS
Lisa Der & Rex Green AP
Liz Gray AP
Mary & Charles Hatvany AP
Chantal & Timothy Healy AP
Dian Lehman AP
Mary & Charles Hatvany AP
Mary & Charles Hatvany AP
Barbara Hirsch & Christophe Herpers
Connie & Barry Hershey AP
Mary & Charles Hatvany AP
Kari & Basil Hosmer AP
Molly King & Robert Hoyt
Kari & Basil Hosmer AP
Michelle Kahan & Bob Fagan
Kari & Basil Hosmer AP
Jean & Donald Kennedy F
Rawan Angele Khabbaz
Deb Kreutzer & Don Khoury
Klee Family
Beate Klein Becker AP
Klee Family
Ellen Cohen & Jim Klopper AP
Alexander Kossey ’96
Kathy & Paul Kassey AP
Sue & Ken Lehman AP
Lisa Giersbach & Eric Kramer
Lucinda & David Lagasse AP
Sue & Ken Lehman AP
Sue & Ken Lehman AP
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Sue & Ken Lehman AP
Sue & Ken Lehman AP
Kara Lehman ’04
LMS Middle School Museum Shop
Melinda & Gareth Lerwill
Nancy & Graham Lerwill
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Aline Gery & Mark Lindberg AP, FS
Yuan He & Xiang Liu
Elisa Cheng & Benjamin Lubin
Kim Symon & J.B. Lyon
Therese Hattemer & Biff Maier AP, FS
Mary Rivet & Chris Meyer AP
Lisa Fitzgibbons & Chris Mines AP
Linda Morrison FS
Tiffany & Mick Mountz
Julie Munro & Anders Naar
Kristen Neuschaefer FS
Nick Niles ’97
Andrea & Michael O’Brien AP
Valerie Overton AP
Elizabeth Nee & Paul Owens
Megan Parker-Gray ’00
Bianca Pierre AP
Anne & John Plukas AP
Pond Family AP
Anne McClintock & Catherine Poole
Jana Porter F
Polly & Brock Reeve AP
Diane & Stephen Richter AP
Kathleen Robinson & Brian Roberts
Virginia & Rick Rundell AP
Schubert Family AP
Stephanie Stein FS
Jackie & William Stevenson
Lyne Fopkins & Theodore Szestkowski AP
Phyllis Yale & Tucker Taft AP
Tracy Leng & Richard Tan
Grace Tenner & Family AP
Diana Traylor AP
Chun-Chieh Chen & Yingdee Unhavaithaya
Jane Zuo & Steven Wang
Jennifer & Nathan Whipple
Deborah Halber & Bill Wittenberg AP
Patricia Wilkinson & Steven Wojtaszek FS
Tricia Li & Richard Xu
Alina Wang & Chuanwei Zhuo

19 Acres
for the 21st Century
After two successful years of fundraising, the work of raising money to pay for the purchase of the 19 Acres for the 21st Century came to a close. In the process of not only reaching the goal of $1.2M, but also surpassing it, LMS received its largest gift in the school’s history.

Thank you to each and every one of you who made this spectacular addition to the school’s campus a reality.

This land would not be our land if not for the hard work of the Land Fundraising Committee. The volunteers listed below put time and energy over the two-year fundraising period to ensure that we met our goal.

**Land Fundraising Committee**

Margie Gibbons (Chair)
Nikki Amodio
Diane Decker
Mignon Duffy
Monica Massaro
Anne McClintock
Pam Rice

A-frame shelter built by Middle School students with guidance from Kroka

Upper Elementary students conducting field work out in the woods
LMS sent nine faculty members to the American Montessori Society Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado last spring. Kim McMaken-Marsh, middle school teacher, was there as part of her participation in the AMS Emerging Leadership Fellows program. Biff Maier, Director of Faculty and Curriculum Development, and Seth Johnson, upper elementary head teacher, partnered to share their work comparing Montessori math with various supplemental programs. “We recommended incorporating several interesting techniques into Montessori classrooms, and we confidently declared that our Montessori math curriculum is comprehensive,” reported Biff.

Seth presented an additional workshop entitled, “Educating for Ecoliteracy” that built on work that he and lower elementary teacher, Tara Hartley, had developed together for previous conferences. He argued that understanding and living according to the principles of nature is inherent to Montessori’s cosmic curriculum. “Conference attendees were inspired by the exciting ways our students are interfacing with our new 19 acres, and how we are actively reducing LMS’s eco footprint,” said Seth.

Other LMS teachers attending were toddler teacher, Tina Spargo, lower elementary teachers, Tara Hartley, Mike Scalese and Diana Traylor, literacy specialist, Julia Modigliani, and middle school math teacher, Amy Boss.

Jane Mack was an active pioneer in the early days of the American Montessori Society. In 1963, working with a small group of interested parents, Jane founded Lexington Montessori School in a Lexington church basement. She served as LMS headmistress through 1991, retiring from the school in 2000 and moving to Iowa to be with her daughter.

Jane passed away in 2012, as we were preparing to celebrate our 50th anniversary with her. She is remembered at LMS by the Jane Mack Building, named in her honor in 1990, and by the Jane Mack Teacher Development Fund which supports teacher and staff continuing education. Jane was a traveler, an athlete (she ran the Boston Marathon at the age of 58, and she played competitive tennis), mother of four, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of eight.
After working this past summer for HORIZONS at LMS, the sentiment that lingers is a deep gratitude for my time with this beautiful group of children and the lessons they taught me. And what they allowed me to see in others as well. As we teachers sustained the academic growth of our students, guiding them through Montessori math and language work, the children found themselves coming back to the familiarity of this classroom they attend every year and their old friends. They had a sense of belonging from the first day.

It did not amaze me that much to see the kids soon grow confident in their abilities to function in a classroom environment so different than the one they experience the rest of the year. After all, years of experience in a Montessori environment have shown me many times that kids come here at any age and they thrive. I also was not surprised by the happiness that the children showed every day when they arrived on campus and ran in fully embracing a new school day. After all, I too feel the same thrill of excitement every time I arrive at LMS, even on the most tiring days.

What surprised me the most, although I should have known better, were the skills that the Horizons children awakened in other children: ours. This summer a group of three LMS graduates and one LMS student worked in the HORIZONS at LMS program. Other students and alumni came occasionally to help as well. The respect that all these LMS kids had for the minds and wholeness of the Horizons students was a beautiful thing to witness. Adult teachers were in awe of the natural way in which these young people understood how to talk to children, how to guide children, how to bring them in. They observed their young students and provided support without imposing themselves. They were practicing Montessori teaching because that is what they know.

So I guess what I’m trying to say is that even though not every LMS teacher was as lucky as I was by being physically in the classroom, they were all there in a way. They were there through these students who carry a lot of what LMS is wherever they go, and they certainly bring it with them when they’re teaching in the Horizons program. We have a village.