

HE CHILDREN'S HOUSE Montessori School

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Dear Children's House Families,

Do you remember the moment you first stepped into The Children's House? I do. I was greeted by the timber framed entry that led me into a naturally lit waiting area complete with child size benches. As an architect, I always notice the aesthetic and functionality of the built world. Clearly, this school had thought of every detail and had created a learning environment that was truly child centered. I remember thinking, "if the school is this thoughtful with their built environment, I can only imagine the level of care they take with the children."

Now, seven years later, my instinct to trust the leadership and faculty of this school based on the architectural details I noticed during that initial admissions tour was right. My children are thriving and it's because they are known and heard, expected to do challenging work, and have become a valued member of their school community. Andy and I have become better parents because of how the Montessori philosophy has been shared with us and has become a way of life.

This school is a gift to our community. It gives families a safe, intentional, and inspiring place for children to grow into the best version of themselves. My family has benefited greatly from this community of Montessorians and I'm happy to give back.

This school year, our fundraising goal is \$175,000 and our focus is on keeping our school and grounds beautiful and functional. One large capital expense this year will be replacing the climber on the Primary playground. It is showing its age and needs to be replaced two years sooner than anticipated.

Will you join me in making a pledge to support our school at a level that is meaningful to you?

2022 marks our 20th anniversary of our Long Lake Campus and the first year at our new Park Street Campus. We have much to celebrate! You can help meet our fundraising goal by pledging your support now and then join me for "Roots & Wings," our Bright Futures Gala in The Cathedral Barn at Historic Barns Park on Friday, April 21, 2023.

I look forward to celebrating with you in April!

Sincerely,

Brittany Luea TCH Parent and Chair of the Bright Futures Gala



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