



Dear Families and Friends,

We've come a long way since 1973, when we began as a single rented room at St. Francis with three students. Today, we are an internationally accredited school serving a diverse group of over 60 children in three classrooms at a home of our own. From our birth through today, our Montessori school continues to encourage children's natural love of learning through programs that view education as a way of life. We hope that as this year draws to a close, you will consider donating to our Annual Giving campaign to support these education goals.

Having children in each classroom, we see the exciting growth happening at each stage of the Montessori school. Every day we are amazed by how utterly excited our elementary students are about their work, by the new skills our Primary children are rapidly learning, and by the loving, nurturing care our infants are receiving. Our school's ability to provide this level of education and care depends largely on the generosity of others and needs your support.

Our school is unique in that, while the Elementary School is part of the Public Schools of Petoskey, we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit responsible for funding our own early education programs as well as any training and materials specific to the Montessori method. Your tax-deductible gift allows us to:

- Retain our awesome guides (teachers) who meet the stringent standards set by both national and international Montessori accreditation communities
- Provide our classrooms with high quality Montessori materials
- Support professional development for our staff
- Provide financial assistance for families in need
- Care for our grounds and facility

Watching our children thrive under the guidance of our passionate staff compelled us to join the board and personally donate to the Annual Giving campaign. We hope that you, too, will help celebrate the Montessori education with a donation of any amount that works for your family's budget. Through this gift you are helping give our children a place they can thrive and become kind, independent, and responsible individuals.

Sincerely,

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