

THE FUTURE IS NOW...

Montessori School of Lake Forest



ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011



MISSION

Cultivate in every MSLF child a life-long love of learning.

VISION

To evolve in relevant and measurable ways the principles of Montessori education for the benefit of the children of the 21st century.

VALUES

Excellence in Education

We achieve excellence in education by inspiring children toward their full social and intellectual potential.

Respect for the Child

We respect each child and are committed to guiding each student on his or her own individual path to independence and intellectual development.

Self-Development and Self-Knowledge

We value learning in prepared environments as a way to promote natural curiosity, self-development, and self-knowledge.

Appreciation of the Natural World

We value the outdoor environment as a way to cultivate the child's inborn appreciation of nature and human beings' age-old role as stewards of the natural world.

Diversity and Cooperation

We value carefully balanced classrooms which provide diversity in age, background, and skill level as a way to teach cooperation, mutual respect, and peaceful resolution of conflicts – critical skills of effective citizens in a democratic society.

Engaged Communities

We value the active involvement of family, faculty, and friends.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE FUTURE IS NOW...

Somehow, amidst the coming and going of children, parents, faculty, staff, and work on the school's daily tasks and strategic goals, four-and-a-half decades have slipped by.

Since 1978, the school has experienced tremendous growth and development. Over that time, MSLF has embarked on several ambitious projects, including the construction of our current facility, to unite previously dispersed programs. The addition of Elementary classrooms, a multipurpose room, and a Parent Infant program to accommodate increased enrollment; development of our Outdoor Learning and Discovery Project; and finally the opening of an Adolescent Program at Prairie Crossing completed our initial cycle of growth.

For more than 46 years, the Montessori School of Lake Forest has relied on the proven, century-old Montessori Method to provide the foundation for its educational and enrichment programs.

MSLF began its most recent cycle in the strategic planning process in the spring of 2009, with two parallel surveys that went to every member of the MSLF parent and faculty communities. We undertook the surveys to gather information about the state of affairs at MSLF from an internal perspective. We received responses to these surveys from families representing close to half of the children enrolled at MSLF, and from almost the entire faculty.

The following year, we undertook a comparative market review to create a foundation of information from which to evaluate MSLF's offerings and to understand how they compare with competitive and model schools. During the 2009-2010 school year another special strategic planning subcommittee, led by a parent volunteer with professional expertise in this area, a committee comprised of parents, faculty, two Board members, and the Executive Director, reviewed and revised the school's Vision, Mission, and Values statement. The draft was approved by the faculty and the Board of Directors and has provided the framework for our current three-year strategic plan. All the plan's recommendations are important enough to be primary goals for the first year, but we cannot accomplish everything in one year and do it well. The second and third year recommendations will provide a roadmap for the transition of the new Executive Director, Mark Berger.

The strategic planning process itself has been revealing, and events have shifted priorities even as we've worked on the plan. For example, we have evaluated our approach to Parent Education, focusing our presentations not only on sharing what Montessori is, but also on opening a conversation across all levels (Parent Infant through Adolescent) about the value and the outcomes of a Montessori education. We have also looked at our administrative structure and added the position of Director of Education and Admissions, a part-time position of Director of Communications, and a part-time Special Event Coordinator.

The cornerstone of Montessori philosophy is that when given the right tools and the right guidance in the right environment, children can and will gain the self-confidence necessary to build their futures. Each Montessori environment and material represents another building block in the construction of a child's world and collective experience.


This past year, we put another building block for our future into place as we researched the feasibility of adding to our Adolescent Program building, which MSLF children of all ages lovingly call "the Blue House." Our Adolescent Program's work and study process emerges from direct contact with the surrounding land and activities associated with it. The woods, meadow, and farm at Prairie Crossing have become an important part of the Montessori prepared environment for our adolescents. Farm activities lead our students to studies of, among other things, farm science, land management and ecology, biology, chemistry, mathematics, accounting, geometry, history, economic systems, algebra, physics, energy, environmental issues, and technology and information systems.

Our Adolescent Program, long a dream at the Administrative and Board levels, has just completed its 9th year of producing steadily good results: our students go on to successful high school careers at a wide variety of public and private schools. Our goal to expand "the Blue House" represents a continuation of the commitment the MSLF community made long ago, to provide a complete Montessori education.

Now, that education is being further enhanced by Chicago area-wide efforts to develop a Montessori high school. This year's parent survey about a Montessori high school vision resulted in a very strong show of interest from families of many Montessori schools, including MSLF. We are confident in the future of this vision.

Over the years, MSLF has grown and changed as we have adapted in order to continue to meet the needs of students today and into the future. Only by addressing the future needs of our community can we continue to maintain our high standards for ourselves and serve as a role model to others.

MSLF continues to excel and set the standard for the finest Montessori educational program in the nation. We look forward to the continued implementation of MSLF's goals with optimism and faith in our community's collaborative effort to serve the children.


Brian Abrams
Board President


Lissa Hektor
Executive Director

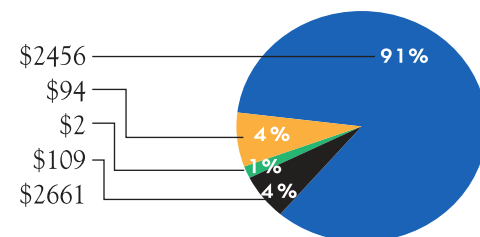


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE & EXPENSES (IN 000's)

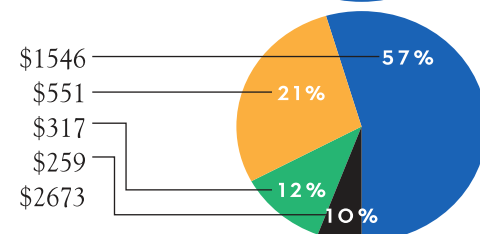
REVENUE

Tuition & Fees
Contributions
Interest Income
Fundraising
TOTAL



EXPENSES

Instruction
Administration
Facilities
Interest Expense & Depreciation
TOTAL



BALANCE SHEET (IN 000's)

ASSETS

Cash \$94
Savings & Investment \$749
Account Receivable \$68
Prepaid Expense \$44
Property & Equipment \$3393
Bond Excrow \$100
Loan Costs \$25
Total Assets \$4473

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable \$28
Interest Payable \$17
Accrued Liabilities \$30
Unearned Tuition \$146
Bond Payable \$1562
Mortgage Payable \$283
Parent Deposits \$171
Total Liabilities \$2237
Net Assets \$2236

TOTAL LIABILITIES
& NET ASSETS \$4473



STEPPING UP

Throughout the school children stepped up to the next level. Parent Infant children were welcomed into Toddler, Toddler into Primary, Extended Day children were welcomed into Lower Elementary, third years into Upper Elementary and sixth years into our Adolescent Program.

We are pleased and proud to announce the graduation of the Montessori School of Lake Forest Class of 2011. Rania Adamczyk, Lake Boddicker and Zara Anderson graduated on Thursday, June 9, at 10:15 a.m. in the multipurpose room. The entire Montessori School of Lake Forest community was invited to gather and hear the graduates' speeches and celebrate their achievements.

Congratulations to all!

PARENT INFANT TO TODDLER

Rigby Etienne

TODDLER TO PRIMARY 1

Lilianna Nielsen

TODDLER TO PRIMARY 2

Theodora Tobin, Tristan Padilla, Nikhil Janas, Ella Korczak

TODDLER TO PRIMARY 3

Aiza Mirza, Matthew Kim, Ruby Stodard

TODDLER TO PRIMARY 4

Evelyn Zhang, Aarohan Adhikari, Jake Maraccini

TODDLER TO PRIMARY 5

Aedan Cassidy, Maya Wadhwani, Alanna Davis

PRIMARY TO LOWER ELEMENTARY

Justinian Alexos, Kiera Block, Allison Chung, Reece Etienne, Caitlyn Falbe, Brandon Hinkle, Sidarth Jindal, Anna Korczak, Greg Kosmerl, Timothy London, Isaac Malm, Olivia Martinez, Valentina Ramirez, Samuel Suter, Gabriella Swerdlin, Thomas Tobin

LOWER TO UPPER ELEMENTARY

Emilio Alvarez, Henry Bernhart, Bridget Block, Emma Celaric, Anya Martinez, Ethan Patalinghug, Anna Serkland, Jai Williams

UPPER ELEMENTARY TO ADOLESCENT

Brede Baldwin, Kathryn Bennett, Molly Block and Mari Brady. Adolescent Graduates: Rania Adamczyk, Zara Anderson, Lake Boddicker





FUNDRAISING

ANNUAL GIVING

As co-chairs of the Fundraising Committee, we are pleased to report that MSLF raised \$92,540 during the 2010-2011 Annual Giving Campaign. Donations were solicited from a wide range of potential donors, including parents, faculty, staff, Board, alumni, corporations and grandparents, with a participation rate of 60% from parents and 100% from faculty, staff and Board. The funds raised help support improvements to the school's operations, facilities, and programming at both campuses. The Committee worked jointly with our Executive Director, Lissa Hektor to ensure a successful campaign.

*Sincerely,
Nicole Korczak and Humberto Martinez, Jr.*



BIG POSSIBILITIES BENEFIT

Big Possibilities 2011 was a real success...coming in well over budget. This achievement was made possible by a group of parents, faculty, alumni and staff that worked hard and delivered loads of support, creativity and guidance at all the right times. A deeply heartfelt "thank you" to everybody who participated in this year's event, from the faculty and staff, the invitation-and-benefit-bag brigade, and the computer savvy, to the creative wizards who made the night beautiful. Please know that we appreciate your efforts a great deal! Brooke Wielde and Michaela Glusic were at the helm of all the work, as MSLF's Special Event Coordinator and Benefit Chair, respectively. Thank you also to all the parents, faculty, staff and friends who joined us at Independence Grove, your contributions through the purchase of event tickets, raffle tickets and auction items made the night a success for our entire school community.





EVERY FAMILY...EVERY YEAR...

The Montessori School of Lake Forest's Annual Giving campaign is the foundation of the school's fundraising activities. Tuition covers only 90% of the annual budget requirements, and the remaining 10% comes from generous donors. Annual Giving contributions supplement the operating budget, therefore avoiding the need for higher tuition. MSLF asks "every family, every year" to show its commitment to the school by supporting Annual Giving. Each contribution makes it possible for MSLF to continue providing exceptional education programs and a diverse socio-economic learning environment.

When everyone contributes to the school's shared mission, no matter the level, it demonstrates what it truly means to be a community.

Thank you for participating in our Annual Giving program. Together we can make a difference for MSLF and its children...now and in the future.

ANNUAL GIVING PARTICIPATION BY CLASSROOM

Adolescent Program – 68.18%
 Upper Elementary – 57.89%
 Lower Elementary 1 – 42.11%
 Lower Elementary 2 – 65.22%
 Primary 1 – 52.38%
 Primary 2 – 57.14%
 Primary 3 – 40.00%
 Primary 4 – 45.00%
 Primary 5 – 30.00%
 Toddler 1 – 62.50%
 Toddler 2 – 33.33%
 Parent Infant – 12.50%

Adolescent Program

Abrams Family, Adamczyk Family, Ahern Family, Boddicker Family, Dudziak Family, George Family, Harold Family, Levine Family, Liptay Family, McWilliams Family, Wang-Qin Family, Melichar-Serkland Family, Emery-Walters Family, Zengeler Family

Upper Elementary

Abrams Family, Baldwin Family, Boulay Family, Brady Family, George Family, Hooke Family, Kneeland Family, Kosmerl Family, Stompanato Family, Ward Family, Zengeler Family

Lower Elementary 1

Atkinson Family, Brady Family, Buhl Family, Nerge Family, Quillin Family, Taylor Family, Vignocchi Family, Zengeler Family

Lower Elementary 2

Ahern Family, Fields-Bernhart Family, Buhl Family, Celaric Family, Chamberlin Family, George Family, Hooke Family, Hurtado-Haddad Family, Martinez Family, Patalinghug Family, Francetic-Rubinstein Family, Melichar-Serkland Family, Shanahan Family



Primary 1

Atkinson Family, Horning Family, Korczak Family, Mannelly Family, Martinez Family, Nielsen Family, Padilla Family, Wang-Peng Family, Ramirez Family, Smith-Muresan Family, Tobin Family

Primary 2

Boone Family, Chamberlin Family, Falbe Family, Glusic Family, Janas Family, Jindal-Khanna Family, Korczak Family, Heiberger-Oates Family, Padilla Family, Stodard Family, Swerdlin Family, Tobin Family

Primary 3

Attar Family, Cathlina Family, Hinkle Family, Oh-Kim Family, Orr Family, Ramirez Family, Stach Family, Stodard Family

Primary 4

Alexos Family, Chung-Hoang Family, Kosmerl Family, Narasimha-Madamala Family, Wang-Peng Family, Quillin Family, Tait Family, Wu-Zhang Family, Zhang Family

Primary 5

Cassidy Family, Douglas-Wang Family, Krummenacher-De Leon Gatti Family, Martinez Family, Orr Family, Wadhwani Family

Toddler 1

Abante Family, Crawford-Edwards Family, Heiberger-Oates Family, Wiede Family, Tait Family

Toddler 2

Cannizzaro Family, Hinkle Family, Heiberger-Oates Family



ANNUAL GIVING & BENEFIT DONATIONS

The following amounts represent donations made in the combined categories of Annual Giving, Big Possibilities Benefit purchases and Benefit sponsorships. We very much appreciate your generosity and look forward to our community's ongoing support...every family...every year.

BIG POSSIBILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Michaela Glusic

Special Event Coordinator: Brooke Wield

Patty Abrams
Renée Baldwin
Dave Block
Sarah Boone
Sarah Cassidy
Karyn Celaric
Lori Chamberlin
Suzy Cobin
Amy DiTomasso
Linda Dolister
Dede Erulkar
Elizabeth Fields
Kevin Gallagher
Lissa Hektor
Tanya Hinkle
Debra Horning
Pattiey Jenkins
Chris Klimusko
Nicole Korczak
Laura Kosmerl
Amy Lawhorn
Tamara Mannelly
Sara Martinez
Humberto Martinez
Sarah Orr
Shelley Quillin
Katherine Ritter
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Jeneva Tait
Mary Taylor
Andrea Todd
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\$10,000 +

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EVERY FAMILY...EVERY YEAR...

\$250-\$499

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SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS FAMILY DONATIONS

Abrams Family
Alexos Family
Anderson Family
Avramovich Family
Lydia and Gus Backer
Baldwin Family
Buhl Family
Buster Family
Chamberlin Family
Glusic Family
Guigli Family
Jenkins Family
Kathryn Jasinski
Ann Jordahl
Korczak Family
Lawhorn Family
Liptay Family
Mancusi Family
Mannelly Family
McWilliams Family
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Olesen Family
Peng Family
Mark-Hans and Amy Richer
Ritter Family
Schumann Family
Shanahan Family
Skinner Family
Streightiff Family
Swerdlin Family
Swisher Family
Tait Family
Taylor Family
Thomas Family
Todd Family
Tomaska Family
William Vignocchi Family
Wehmeyer Family
Brooke Wiede
Todd Family
John Vignocchi Family
Quackenbush Family



SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS BUSINESS DONATIONS

ABT
 A Perfect Setting
 Athletic Republic – Libertyville
 Bent Fork Bakery
 Bertucci's
 Bonfire Soaps
 Bradford Portrait
 Bridie McKenna's Irish Pub
 Buffalo Wild Wings
 Calihan Catering
 Casa de Isaac
 Chalet Nursery
 Charizma Special Event Entertainment
 Cheesecake Factory
 Chiefs
 Classic Kids Photography
 Chilis
 Curry Hut
 Deerpath Art League
 Del Rio
 Dog Out
 Dolce Mia Biscotti
 Down to Earth Designs
 Egg Harbor Café
 Fitzgerald's Photography
 Forest Bootery
 Forever OM
 Fresh Market
 Gifted
 Greenleaf Gallery
 Grille on Laurel
 Gymboree Play and Music
 Harley Davidson
 Helanders Stationery
 Hillerich & Bradsby/Allan Klimusko
 Hulda Jewelry
 Illinois Railway Museum
 Initial Choice
 Inovasi
 Jenny's Dance Centre
 Jim Beam
 Jewel Foods
 Kevin's Place
 Kiddles, Inc
 Lake Bluff Brewing Company
 Lake Forest Plastic Surgery
 Lake Forest Symphony
 Lakeside Lanes

Language Stars
 Let's Have Fun
 Lettuce Entertain You
 Libertyville Dental Associates
 Lona's Day Spa
 M&B Vintage
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 Nature's Farm Milk
 New Music School
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 OMC Catering
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 Opa
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 Phoenix Nails
 Prairie Crossing Learning Farm
 Prairie Sunshine Yoga Studio
 Pump it Up
 Razny Jewelers
 Red Robin
 Refresh Skincare
 Ritacca Laser & Cosmetic Surgery Center
 Salernos, School of the Botanic Garden
 Shedd Aquarium
 Steinwald, Subway
 Sunset Foods
 Sushi Kushi
 Sutton Studios
 Sylvan Learning Center of Bannockburn
 Synergy Fitness and Sports
 Thistle Shop
 Three Sisters
 Tiffany Beauty Spa
 Timothy O'Toole's
 Trattoria D.O.C.
 Trellis And Trugs
 Tsukasa, US Bank
 United States Soccer Federation
 Van Landuyt Inc
 Walker Brothers
 Wildflour Bakery
 Zanies Comedy Nite Club
 Chicago Botanic Garden
 TGIFridays
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Every effort has been made to ensure that the donors who support the school's mission are recognized for their generosity. If you have not received proper recognition for your gift in this Annual Report, please accept our apologies and notify our Advancement Office so that we may correct our records. All gifts listed in this report were received between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

MSLF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All contributions are 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Thank you to the entire Montessori School of Lake Forest community for your generous support, donations, volunteerism, time, talents and dedication to our wonderful school. Thank you to each family for supplying the children with healthy snacks. You, our families are the key to MSLF's growth and expansion. Our fundraising efforts directly impact our ability to retain and recruit exceptional teachers, enhance our physical space, and expand our financial aid program.

Please accept our sincerest "thank you!"



SECOND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

GOLF OUTING

We held our second annual “Fore the Love of Golf” outing on September 25, 2010 at Deerpath Golf Club in Lake Forest. We were joined by many parents, faculty, and some of our local community sponsors. It was a wonderful day of golf, dinner, drinks, and camaraderie with our MSLF friends.

Thank you to all of the teachers, faculty, and parents who donated their time and talents for this event.

Humberto Martinez, Jr.
Golf Outing Committee Chair



BUSINESS & FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS

Montessori School of Lake Forest thanks the following sponsors for their generosity:

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Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, LLC
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Heiberger-Oates Family
Hektor Family
Jindal Family
Kneeland Family
Mannelly Family
Martinez Family
McWilliams Family
Melichar-Serkland Family
Orr Family
Quackenbush Family
Stach Family
Swerdlin Family
Tait Family
Thuente Family



MEMORIAL BRICKS

JENS JENSEN TERRACE AND WALKWAY

The Montessori School of Lake Forest Jens Jensen Terrace and Walkway, located outside the multipurpose room and overlooking the prairie and oak savanna, form a lasting tribute to all who participate. Join our Montessori family and friends – be the true building blocks of our school. The purchase of a personalized brick is a lasting way to say “thank you” to a family member, friend, or teacher, or to commemorate a loved one.

Brick Dedications 2010-2011
The Janas Family



RUMMAGE SALE

11TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The Montessori School of Lake Forest hosted its 11th annual rummage sale. The sale is atypical not only with its upscale merchandise, but also in its unique contributions to fellow local non-profit groups. MSLF works closely with organizations including the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, local children’s hospitals, Save-A-Pet, and Mothers Trust Foundation (of Gorton Center). The school partners with these non-profit buying groups in fulfilling their individual missions. They enjoy access to high-quality products at extremely low prices, or even on a donation basis from MSLF.

The 2010-2011 sale raised over \$12,500 for our school.





COMMITTEES

INTRODUCTION TO BOARD COMMITTEES

A Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer parents and community leaders. MSLF encourages all contributions of wealth and talent that its parents choose to offer. "Thanks you" everyone for the many ways (big and small) that your gifts, as volunteers and as contributors, enhance the quality of your children's education.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Vicki Stach, Chair

The Finance Committee works with staff to prepare the school's annual operating and capital budgets, and long-range financial plan; monitors all financial activity in greater detail than the Board as a whole; develops financial policies; and brings all such items to the Board for its approval, along with regular financial reports for the Board's information. This committee works closely with the school's Executive Director.

Over the course of the school year, the Committee on Finance facilitated preparation of the fiscal year 2011-2012 Budget recommendation, allocation of Financial Aid, and selection of an independent Auditor. In addition to providing oversight of financial statements and bond covenant compliance, the committee also reviewed financial related policies, ensured the achievement of the financial goals and objectives included in MSLF's Strategic Plan, and assisted with the Fundraising Committee goals.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Nicole Korczak and Humberto Martinez, Jr., Co-chairs

The Fundraising Committee maintains general oversight of MSLF's fundraising plans, both long-range and annual.

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MARKETING COMMITTEE

David Hooke, Chair

The Marketing Committee is committed to promoting the growth and expansion of knowledge of the school, its facilities, and the Montessori philosophy. This committee acts as a resource and a consultant to other committees and the Board.

This year the committee:

- Executed an integrated marketing plan to secure awareness and respect of MSLF within surrounding communities.
- Shared news and accomplishments of the school and its students in local print and web-based media outlets.
- Enforced MSLF's brand via messaging in print and on-line advertising placements.
- Educated local readership of the elements and benefits of Montessori education in general...beyond MSLF's service offering.
- Inspired the attention and enrollment of prospective families.



COMMITTEES Continued

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jan Emery, Chair

Working together with MSLF's Executive Director, faculty and staff, this "vision" oriented committee develops, reviews, updates, and amends the three-year strategic plan. It recommends action plans to the Board and measures progress annually.

Referencing MSLF's new Vision, Mission and Values statements and our five strategic goals, subcommittees composed of parents, faculty, administration, and Board members constructed objectives and strategies to provide the framework to be used in achieving our goals. These detailed plans were sequenced logically over a three-year time period, resulting in a comprehensive plan. The strategic plan was approved by the Board, even as work had already commenced to meet the goals. The committee also established an objective framework to evaluate progress toward the various goals and objectives of the strategic plan. The framework will provide the Board with a means to evaluate success, as well as identify and address issues that arise during the school year.



FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Katherine Ritter, Chair

The Facilities Committee supports the maintenance and development of both MSLF Campuses. This committee works with the Executive Director and faculty to continue to sustain MSLF's Montessori vision in all of its environments.

This year the facilities committee accomplished many things. We addressed the Laurel Drive campus' leaky roof over the south end of the building. A new tipi was erected, Hektor Grove was created and over a dozen native oak trees and shrubs were planted. Bird feeders were installed in each of the classrooms courtyards, in keeping with the Audubon Society guidelines. The Blue House has a new kitchen which will enable the adolescent students to make and serve hot meals.

BLUE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Brian Abrams, Chair

A small, ad-hoc committee of Board members, formally continued expansion of the Adolescent Program facility in Grayslake. With enrollment increasing, this committee:

- Engaged architects to create an expansion plan to meet future programmatic and enrollment needs;
- Collaborated with Prairie Crossing community on expanding the real estate holdings for MSLF; and
- Began fundraising efforts to pay for future expansion, with construction expected to begin in the spring of 2012.



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