



2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

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
Respect for the child
Self-development and self-knowledge
Appreciation of the natural world
Diversity and cooperation
Engaged communities



ENGAGED COMMUNITIES

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

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Children and the love of learning are the heart of the mission of the Montessori School of Lake Forest. As we celebrate our 45th Anniversary, our commitment to the mission is strong and energized. We look with determination to the future and to developing new and creative ways of advancing, organizing, and disseminating knowledge in order to prepare children for successful lives.

We have talked to our parents, board members, faculty, staff and students, in an effort to gain their perspective on how a Montessori education contributes to their successes. These discussions provided a framework for our new strategic plan, which provides direction and purpose for MSLF.

We are pleased to report that MSLF is thriving in these uncertain economic times and despite a change of leadership. Enrollment is steadily increasing, and our 0 – 3 programs are bursting at the seams. Our extra-curricular programs in music, foreign language, dance, and sports are becoming increasingly popular and enrollment in our full-day, full-year programs has more than doubled.

Under the leadership of the Board and through the generous support of the ever-expanding MSLF community, we are able to embrace the future with confidence. With an enrollment of over 200 students, and a successful Annual Giving Program and Big Possibilities Benefit, our school is once again financially stable. To maintain this tradition we must pursue our goals by means of a shared vision of a Montessori school that “evolves in relevant and measurable ways the principals of Montessori education for the benefit of children of the 21st century.”

On behalf of the children of the 21st century, we have set key priorities for the next stage of our work, to help us meet the following goals:

1. Demonstrate and communicate educational excellence.
2. Recruit, retain, and support exceptional faculty and staff.
3. Foster a vibrant and fully engaged school community.
4. Establish a sustainable monetary endowment to assure enduring financial strength and stability.
5. Enhance and promote Laurel Avenue and Prairie Crossing facilities and grounds.

As you read this Annual Report, please know how deeply grateful we are to you. Thank you for sharing in the excitement of preparing children for life.

Lissa Hektor
Executive Director

Brian Abrams
Board President

THANK YOU!

A special Thank You to Past Board President Renée Baldwin for her 10 years of service as MSLF Board President and Board Member. Her service and dedication are sincerely appreciated.



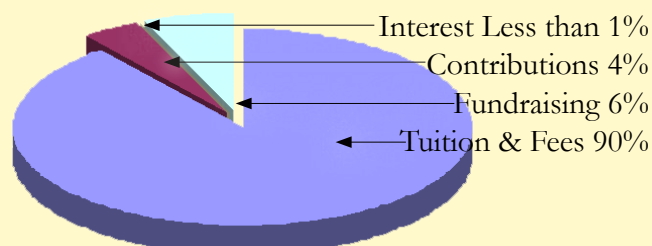
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE & EXPENSES

(IN 000'S)

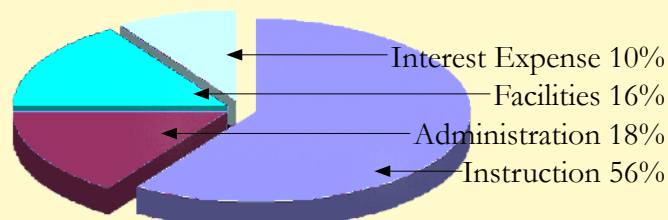
REVENUE

Tuition & Fees	\$ 2431
Contributions	\$ 112
Interest Income	\$ 1
Fundraising	\$ 172
TOTAL	\$ 2716



EXPENSES

Instruction	\$ 1477
Administration	\$ 478
Facilities	\$ 421
Interest Expense & Depreciation	\$ 249
TOTAL	\$ 2625



BALANCE SHEET

(IN 000'S)

ASSETS

Cash.....	\$ 135
Savings and Investments.....	\$ 855
Accounts Receivable.....	\$ 72
Prepaid Expense.....	\$ 32
Property and Equipment.....	\$ 3465
Bond Escrow.....	\$ 100
Loan Costs.....	\$ 28
Total Assets.....	\$ 4687

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable.....	\$ 9
Interest Payable.....	\$ 20
Accrued Liabilities.....	\$ 54
Unearned Tuition.....	\$ 159
Bond Payable.....	\$ 1732
Mortgage Payable.....	\$ 287
Parent Deposits.....	\$ 178
Total Liabilities.....	\$ 2439
Net Assets.....	\$ 2248

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS.....\$ 4687

AUDIT REPORT
AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST

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!

The following children we honored at our Annual Stepping Up Ceremony:

PARENT INFANT TO TODDLER: Ella Korczak and Margot Allen.

TODDLER TO PRIMARY: Lucy Atkinson, Makayla Boone, Quinn Douglas, Benjamin Erulkar, Ferran Espinosa, Morgan Orr, Christian Martinez, Sarita Narasimha, Veronica Ramirez, Iman Rasidagic, Carolyn Stach, Martin Suarez, and Jeevun Tarsney.

PRIMARY TO LOWER ELEMENTARY: Lauren Atchley, Benjamin Atkinson, Maeve Brady, Tessa Buhl, David Camargo, Paul Carney, Stefan Carney, Choe Chan, Jeremy Folker, Melissa George, Steven Hooke, Noah Horning, Ilan Hurtado, Harry Jenkins, Kamraan Kaka, Sanjana Kuchibhotla, Darla Olesen, Elizabeth Mancusi, Olivia Mancusi, Yusra Mekki, Andromeda Nerge, Henry Quillin, Sankirtana Ravichandran, Priyanka Shevade, Alejandro Taylor, Max Wesolowski, Andrew Zengeler, and Oleksa Zobkiv.

LOWER ELEMENTARY TO UPPER ELEMENTARY: Celine Boulay, Amanda George, Andrew Hooke, Mark Kosmerl, Allison Quackenbush, Omar Rasidagic, Peter Sparrow, Gianna Stompanato, Rafael Sverdlin, Elizabeth Ward, and Anais Zoub.

UPPER ELEMENTARY TO ADOLESCENT:

Erin Abrams, Paul Ahern, Ela Boddicker, Rachel George, Courtney Liptay, Madeline McWilliams, Selene Serkland, and Eleanore van Marwijk Kooy.

We are pleased and proud to announce the graduation of the Montessori School of Lake Forest Class of 2010. Bobby Schulz and Ian Surroz graduated on Thursday, June 10. Congratulations, everyone! Bobby will attend The Prairie School in Racine, Wisconsin, and Ian will attend Grayslake Central High School.



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.

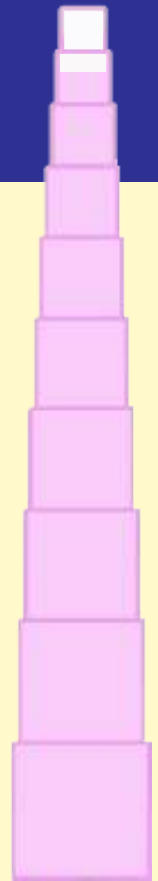
FUNDRAISING

ANNUAL GIVING

As head of the Fundraising Committee, I am pleased to report that we raised over \$86,000 during the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign. Donations were solicited from a wide range of potential donors, including parents, teachers and staff, Board, alumni, corporations and grandparents, with

a participation rate of 60% from parents and 100% from teachers, staff and Board. The Committee worked jointly with our Executive Director, Lissa Hektor to ensure a successful campaign.

Victoria F. Stach



BIG POSSIBILITIES BENEFIT

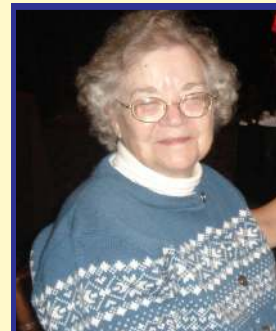
Thank you to all the magnificent, dedicated and competent volunteers, faculty, staff and children.

This event would not be possible without the generous contributions of time, talent, money, and auction items by many, many people and organizations. This year's Big Possibilities Benefit, Cherry Blossom Gala, was a huge success. March 20, 2010, Independence Grove in Libertyville was the perfect venue for this much anticipated evening. The live and silent auctions generated competitive bidding for many coveted items including parking spots, a Ritz Carlton vacation, Oprah and Super Bowl tickets, and so much more! Ticket reservations garnered an impressive 200-plus guests, and efforts brought about a wonderful community spirit, as well as revenue that will directly benefit our school and the children. Thank you to all, but especially our Benefit



Nicole Korczak
Board Member &
Benefit Chair

Chair person and Board member, Nicole Korczak, for organizing such a splendid event. Nicole directed a large group of volunteers who worked tirelessly to help the school realize the many Big Possibilities that lie ahead. Thank you, Nicole, for a truly memorable evening.



This year's
Benefit enjoyed
a special friend,
and founding
MSLF Board
Member,
Patricia Bohlig.

every family. every year.

The Montessori School of Lake Forest's Annual Giving is the foundation for the school's fund-raising needs. Tuition covers only 90 percent of the annual budget requirements, and the remaining ten percent 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 exception 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

Parent Infant-66.67%

Toddler 1-44.44%

Toddler 2-36.36%

Primary 1-60.00%

Primary 2-68.18%

Primary 3-40.91%

Primary 4-59.09%

Primary 5-47.83%

Lower Elementary 1-53.33%

Lower Elementary 2-58.33%

Upper Elementary-65.00%

Adolescent Program-57.89%



ANNUAL GIVING AND BENEFIT DONATIONS

every family... every year...

BIG POSSIBILITIES CHERRY BLOSSOM GALA

EVENT CHAIR
Nicole Korczak

EVENT CO-CHAIRS

Sarah Boone
Amy DiTomasso
Amy Lawhorn
Tamara Mannelly

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Julie Allen
Renée Baldwin
Angela Banasik
Diane Boulay
Mia Buhl
Karyn Celaric
Lori Chamberlin
Beatriz Cuyas
Dede Erulkar
Amy Francetic
Michaela Glusic
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Jessica Haddad Ramirez
Shelley Hooke
Deb Horning
Patticy Jenkins
Whitney Liptay
Dalia Mancusi
Sara Martinez
Diana Muresan
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Andrea Todd
Amanda van Marwijk Kooy
Peg Vignocchi

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

\$10,000 +

Dr. and Mrs. David Hooke
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schreuder
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zengeler

\$5,000 - \$9,999

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\$2,500 - \$4,999

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\$1,000 - \$2,499

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Ms. Katherine Ritter
Mr. J. Rubinstein and Ms. A. Francetic
Mr. Steve Sennott and Ms. Ann Jordahl

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.



Mr. and Mrs. Vince Sparrow
Mr. and Mrs. Corey Tobin
Mr. M. Werba and Ms. E. Chang

\$250 - \$499

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boddicker
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Mr. D. Chung and Mrs. A. Hoang
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Mr. M. Hurtado and Ms. J. Haddad
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hinkle
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Mr. Gerald Jakubowski
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Ms. Jannet Kiely
Mrs. and Mrs. Leo Korczak
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kosmerl
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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Siegel
Mrs. Jill Simonides
Mr. Leonard Stach
Mr. and Ms. Keith Surroz
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Werba
Ms. Kathy Willis

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

FAMILY DONATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Abrams
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ahern
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alexos
Ms. Hope Allegretti
Mr. and Mrs. Sunil Aluvila
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Baldwin
Mr. D. Block and Mrs. M. McGuire
Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Boone
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boulay
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brumlik
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burt
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carlstrom
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cassidy
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cullen

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Mr. and Mrs. John DiTomaso
Ms. Rosa Ernst
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Folker
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Mr. B. Gogineni & Ms. S. Toyyeti
Ms. Becki Gschwend
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Dr. and Mrs. David Hooke
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Mr. Tommy John
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Ms. Erin Khameneh
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Koenig
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Ms. Tami Levandowski
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mannelly
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Mr. and Mrs. Scott Quackenbush
Dr. and Mrs. James Quillin
Ms. Katherine Ritter
Mr. J. Rubinstein and Ms. A. Francetic
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schreuder
Ms. Debbie Secler
The Skinner-King Family
The Schumann Family
Ms. Mia Stompanato
Mr. Tempel Smith
Mr. and Ms. Keith Surroz
Dr. and Mrs. Hilel Swerdlin
Mr. Thornton Swisher
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. van Marwijk Kooy
Mr. and Mrs. Sabir Wadhvani
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wehmeyer

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

BUSINESS DONATIONS

Martha Abelson Photography
Address Your Mess - Beth Nicholson
Angela Alvarez Collections

SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-KNOWLEDGE

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



Arabesque Dancewear
 Auto Expo
 Bank Lane Bistro
 The Bent Fork Bakery
 Bill's Pub North
 Ms. Catherine Block
 Body Shapers - Chris Scula
 The Bootery - Highland Park
 Brunswick Zone
 Buffalo Wild Wings
 Mr. Eric Carle
 Casa Bonita
 Casey Landscaping
 Chalet Nursery
 Charizma Entertainment
 Chicago Bears
 Chicago Botanic Garden
 Chicago Children's Museum
 Chicago Cubs
 Chicago History Museum
 Chicago White Sox
 Chicago Wolves Hockey
 Classical Ballet & Dance School-Irina Makkai
 The Daily Grind
 The Dog Out
 Ella Wrap
 Erehwon
 Fitzgerald Photography
 FPA and Dana Dombrowski
 Green to Tee Golf
 Griffin Design Build, Inc
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 HARPS Horse Rescue Farm
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 Hidden Knoll Farm
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 Stoney River
 Sweets
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 Timothy O'Toole's
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 Whirly Ball
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 Zengeler Cleaners

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, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

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

PARENT DEPOSIT DONATION

A sincere thank you to the following families for donating their parent deposit back to MSLF.

Mr. and Mrs. Rajendra Rao
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Dale
 Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Clemmensen
 Mr. and Mrs. Greg Blus

Thank you to the entire Montessori School of Lake Forest community for your 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. Thank you for your generosity!

Please accept our sincerest "thank you!"



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.

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



BUSINESS AND FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS

33 Club - Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tomaska

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Adamczyk

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Kevin Gallagher

Mrs. Lissa Hektor

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Ms. Kathryn Jasinski

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson

Carrie and Mark Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Kneeland

Mr. and Mrs. James and Nicole Korczak

Mr. and Mrs. Raj Kumar

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Liptay

Mr. and Mrs. Humberto Martinez, Jr.

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Dr. and Mrs. James Quillin

Mr. J. Rubinstein and Ms. A. Francetic

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schreuder

Mr. P. Serkland & Ms. D. Melichar

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stach

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Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Todd

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Mr. and Mrs. Jan van Marwijk Kooy

Mr. and Mrs. John Vignocchi

Wayne Hummer Investments - Lou Mancusi

Zengeler Cleaners

We would like to give our sincerest appreciation to the wonderful people who helped make our first golf outing such a success. The first annual "Fore the Love of Golf" Outing was held at Deerpath Golf Club in Lake Forest on September 26th, 2009. Sixty people joined us for a day of community, golf, dinner, drinks and great fun.

We are very hopeful that this event will become a great avenue for camaraderie, goodwill and friendship in the MSLF community for many years to come.

As a new benefit to the school as well as a great way of building on new and old relationships with the outside community, we are excited by and proud of the response.

Thank you once again for the participation, support and volunteer time to everyone involved. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better event in 2010!

Sincerely,
Humberto Martinez, Jr.
Dave Block
Committee Chairs



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 2009 - 2010

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alexos
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Etienne
Mrs. Lissa Hektor
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knox
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schaff

Mr. D. Chung and Mrs. A. Hoang
Ms. Beverly Jean Falbe
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hinkle
Mr. and Mrs. Kristian Kobzina
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Siegel

RUMMAGE SALE

THOUGHTS ON RUMMAGE

The idea of a rummage sale was first proposed in 2000. For those who have taken part, you know the Annual Rummage Sale is a remarkable event.

We are amazed year after year by the amount of donated treasures! Gilt lamps, exquisite dolls, one-of-a-kind artwork, bikes, toys and clothes, oh the clothes! That first year we grossed \$15,000, just half of the \$30,000 we netted this year. Over the years, the sale has brought the school over \$200,000.00! Not bad for what some may call rubbish!

In addition to the monetary success, there is great joy when someone walks away with "just what they needed" at a terrific price, or a shopper's eyes light up at the sight of an incredible find!

We are happy to report that this year's Annual Rummage Sale was a terrific success.

Yours in closet cleaning,
Renée Baldwin



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, and thanks all for the many ways, big and small, that their gifts, as volunteers and as contributors, enhance the quality of their children's education.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE JANA SCHREUDER - CHAIR

Committee Description:

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.

2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:

Over the course of the school year, the Committee on Finance facilitated renewal of Bond financing, preparation of the fiscal year 2010-2011 Budget recommendation, allocation of Financial Aid, and selection of the independent Auditor. In addition to providing oversight of periodic Financial Statements and Bond Covenant compliance, the Committee also initiated a review of financially related policies and contributed to the Strategic Plan for MSLF. At year end, the position of Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair was transferred to Vicki Stach from retiring Board member Jana Schreuder.



COMMITTEE ON MARKETING: DAVID HOOKE - CHAIR

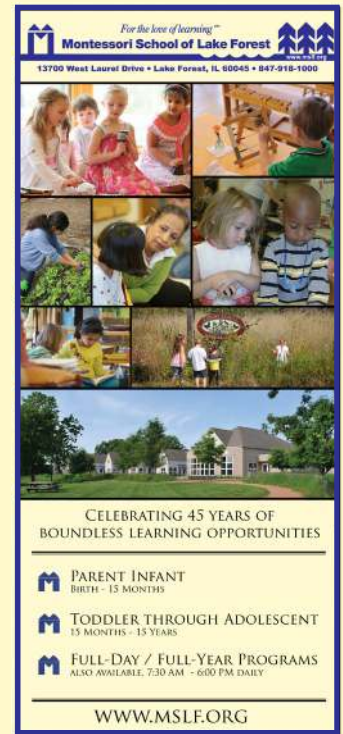
Committee Description:

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.

2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:

Working steadily throughout the year, the Marketing Committee analyzed MSLF's marketing and outreach needs, and constructed tools and developed media relationships to support those needs. The Marketing Committee:

- Redesigned the MSLF website to increase functionality for parents, staff and inquiring families;
- Created a comprehensive marketing plan to increase exposure in print media and community bulletin boards;
- Consolidated a print ad color scheme and theme to create a cohesive marketing campaign;
- Expanded and updated MSLF's photo archive to reflect MSLF's diverse community and age range in marketing materials;
- Nominated and supported faculty members for local teacher recognition and appreciation awards;
- Created "Proud Parent Cards" to kick off MSLF's new Vision, Mission and Values;
- Refreshed MSLF print communications to ensure a longer "shelf life."



COMMITTEE ON ADVANCEMENT/ FUNDRAISING VICKI STACH - CHAIR



Committee Description:

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

2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:

The Fundraising Committee reports that over \$86,000 was raised during the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign. Donations were solicited from a wide range of potential donors including parents, faculty, staff, alumni, corporations and grandparents. Participation rates were 60% from parents and 100% from faculty,

staff and the Board. The Committee worked jointly with Executive Director, Lissa Hektor to ensure a successful campaign.



COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EVENTS

NICOLE KORCZAK - CHAIR

Committee Description:

Working with the Fundraising Committee, the Committee on Special Events plans, organizes and conducts special events on behalf of the school including the Big Possibilities Benefit and the Golf Outing.

2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:

The MSLF community celebrated numerous Special Events that connected families and supported the school. Golfers at every level turned out to enjoy our First Golf Outing, "Fore the Love of Golf!"



and the outing's tremendous success made it an annual event! Fall Fest was well attended and loads of fun, and our community turned out big-time as well for the End of Year Picnic. To top it all

off, we celebrated the first day of Spring in true MSLF style with our Big Possibilities Benefit, "Cherry Blossom Gala" which offered elegant Asian flair and a wide array of wonderful donations, and saw many paddles raised to support our Love of Learning. These special events showcased the generosity of MSLF's dynamic and diverse community and united our Parents, Faculty, Staff, Board of Directors, Alumni, Grandparents and Friends.

COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

JAN EMERY - CHAIR



Committee Description:

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

2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:

Building on information gathered from the MSLF community over the past several years, the Strategic Planning Committee examined the school's definitional statements and strategic direction. A team of parents, faculty, and staff reviewed and updated the school's Vision, Mission, and Values statements to provide clarity of purpose and inspire us toward a meaningful future, by articulating MSLF's essential beliefs. In addition, five overarching strategic goals for the next three years were determined and subcommittees began to construct the objectives and strategies to provide the framework for achieving these goals. The Committee appreciates the support and participation of the MSLF community in these efforts on behalf of the children and looks forward as the same commitment and dedication move us joyously and effectively through the work of the new school year.

COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES:

KATHERINE RITTER & DAVE BLOCK - CO CHAIRS

Committee Description:

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

2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:

This year the Facilities Committee accomplished many things. We organized successful volunteer spring and fall clean up days at both MSLF campuses. We addressed the Laurel Drive campus' leaky roof, and have overseen the installation of new roof areas at two of the six locations, including the small area over the multi-purpose room stage. We have overseen replacement of entry doors at the Laurel Drive Campus. We commissioned a study on exterior building maintenance at the Laurel Drive campus, which will guide future activities. Further, we initiated Blue House Cost Studies to determine how and when to renovate/expand the Adolescent Program's campus, at Prairie Crossing.



COMMITTEE FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

BRIAN ABRAMS, JAN EMERY & JAMES QUILLIN - CO CHAIRS

Committee Description and 2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:

A small, ad-hoc committee of Board members, informed by faculty and administration representatives, worked to ensure a thorough and effective search for our next Executive Director. With facilitation from an executive search consulting firm, we gathered opinions from parents, faculty, and staff both via online survey and in-person focus groups. Based on this input, profile and job descriptions were created. The position has been advertised through a variety of channels and we have received responses from a number of qualified candidates. The work will continue in the coming school year, culminating with the selection of a new Director and an appropriately tailored transition plan. We thank the MSLF community for its support.





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