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CHESTERFIELD MONTESSORI SCHOOL OFFERS AN **AUTHENTIC** MONTESSORI EDUCATION THAT HONORS CHILDREN'S **INDIVIDUALITY**. OUR PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT AND COMPASSIONATE STAFF NURTURE **RESPECT** FOR SELF AND OTHERS, FOSTER A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND STIMULATE **INDEPENDENT** THINKING. STUDENTS CARRY WITH THEM A SOLID RECORD OF **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**, A BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF WORK, AND A SENSE OF **RESPONSIBILITY** FOR THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT AS HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE HUMAN BEINGS.

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Dear CMS Community,

Three years ago, Chesterfield Montessori School purchased the building and property from its founder. When this long-term goal of the Board and the Administration became a reality, we could finally begin thinking about what might be possible for CMS as a truly independent not-for-profit organization.

Through careful financial management and strategic planning, the school set aside funds to fill in the defunct Olympic-sized swimming pool, which took up an enormous portion of the outdoor space behind the building. We closed the school over the summer to complete the pool demolition and had a new roof installed. Grass is already growing on the new field, and we can all begin to imagine other uses for that green space!

The school also raised funds to create a concept plan for the outdoor environment. The design firm sought input last school year from the Board, the Elementary children, and the strategic planning committees made up of parents and staff. The Administration is working with the City of Chesterfield and the design firm to finalize the concept plan, which will be presented to the full Board of Trustees in early 2025. We look forward to sharing the vision with the community in the coming months.

In addition to expanding our vision for what the physical spaces at CMS can provide to the children, the school is focused on deepening the expression of Dr. Montessori's ideas in daily interactions with the children and with each other. During the 2023-24 school year, the Board approved a new Strategic Vision, which affirms that Chesterfield Montessori School embodies *Montessori in Every Moment*<sup>SM</sup> through Prepared Adults, Prepared Environments, and Peaceful Relationships. CMS's professional development supports the staff as they deepen their understanding of Montessori principles, all in order for the children to experience exceptional levels of peace and respect each day.



CHESTERFIELD MONTESSORI SCHOOL

# Annual Report

It is exciting to think about how far CMS has come, and what we are building for the future. Our international diversity, academic excellence and deep commitment to living *Montessori in Every Moment*<sup>SM</sup> make Chesterfield Montessori truly unique, and it is an honor to serve as the school's Board Chair.

As the 2024 Pink Tower Fundraising Campaign ends, we are thankful to the donors whose gifts of time, talent and treasure enhanced our community in so many ways over the past year. As a small nonprofit school, we depend on the generosity of the school's families and friends to support four important and ongoing needs:

1. Faculty and staff attendance at the **AMI Refresher Course** and other professional development
2. **Classroom enhancements** – special materials beyond those required in AMI classrooms
3. **Parent Social Committee activities** for the whole family such as the fall festival, World Bird Sanctuary visit and ice skating
4. **Scholarship funds** to assist current CMS families who have unexpected financial difficulties, and to relieve some cost for prospective mission-aligned families who will benefit our community

Thank you for helping CMS continue expanding its vision and mission!

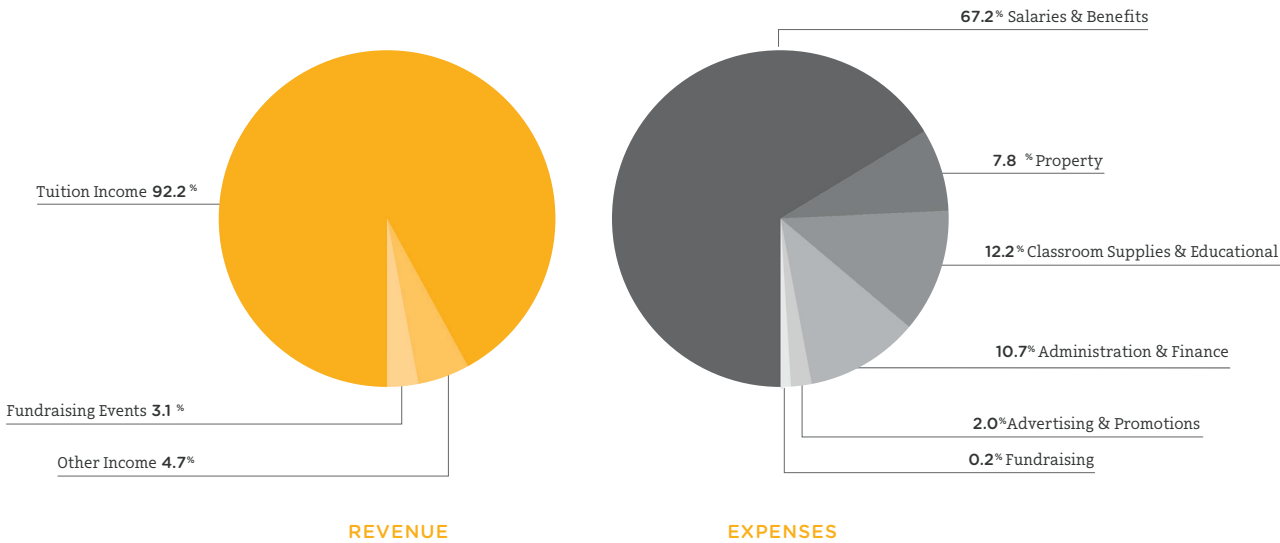


**TOM SCHAFBUCH**  
Chair, CMS Board of Trustees  
Current Parent



# Financial Audit

Operating Statement, FY 2024



# Operating Statement

Fiscal Year 2022

REVENUE:

Tuition Income	\$	2,070,053	92.2%
Fundraising Events Revenue	\$	69,739	3.1%
Other Income	\$	105,633	4.7%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	2,245,425	100.0%

EXPENSES:

Salaries & Benefits	\$	1,698,107	62.3%
Property Expenses	\$	196,145	17.1%
Classroom Supplies & Educational Expenses	\$	308,006	13.0%
Administration & Finance	\$	270,554	5.4%
Advertising & Promotion	\$	49,410	2.0%
Fundraising Expense	\$	3,808	0.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	2,526,030	100.0%



For fiscal year 2024, the school remains in a financially strong and stable position.

# Contributions

2023 Pink Tower Campaign

Thank you to all have participated in our annual Pink Tower Campaign! Total fundraising for the year came to just under \$70,546, and this was achieved with an impressive 93% of current families, staff and Board members participating. We also want to acknowledge all of our wonderful volunteers. The children of CMS are benefitting from the generosity of all of our contributors.

93% PARTICIPATION

MARIA MONTESSORI LEVEL  
\$10,000 AND UP

David & Creshuna Cade  
Tiya Lim & Chak Lattanand

GOLDEN BEAD LEVEL  
\$5,000 - \$9,999

Lakshmi Shekhar  
Gefan Li & Chunyu Chen  
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PYTHAGOREAN THEORY LEVEL  
\$2,000 - \$4,999

Ines & Thomas Schindler  
Emily Widder

METAL INSET LEVEL  
\$1,000 - \$1,999

David & Megan Demsky  
Theodore & Robin Norwood  
Chiaki & Thomas Bossaller  
Kimberly Schneider & David Willis  
Zsuzsanna Szabo & Ferenc Polgar  
Suchit Patel & Vedica Sharma

MOVEABLE ALPHABET LEVEL  
\$500 - \$999

Jennifer & Brit Blasingame  
Nebyu Habteyes & Mignot Mengia  
Roman Hailu & Getinet Ayalew  
Dolo & Damien Brewer  
Jeffery & Tiffany Henderson  
Harsh Patel & Monika Narayan  
David & Monica Franke  
Rebecca & Shang Gao  
Eunsol & Janghun Lee  
Jared Miller & Samantha Rudolph  
Jennifer Strong

TRINOMIAL CUBE LEVEL  
\$300 - \$499

Ashish & Suruchi Pande  
Abby & Van Eaves  
Patrick & Kristen O'Brien  
Aaron & Shelah Radke  
Evan Klein & Kathleen Kersey  
Morgan Noel & Anne Marie Apollo  
Sara & Adam Kruger  
Christina & Matthew Strauss  
Hiwot Woldgeorgis & Yohanis Menje  
Rebecca & Joshua Willison  
Miriam Cruz  
Stephanie Liebmann & Bret Kuhlman  
Andrew & Bailey Pichee  
Qiyue Shu & Guangli Zhang

PINK TOWER LEVEL  
\$100 - \$299

Katey & Gautum Agarwal  
Thomas & Olena Schaffbuch  
Xian Liu & Mingcao Chen  
Jason & Andrea McClain  
Joana & Maria Müller  
David & Rhona Parry-Keane  
Jason & Alex Edwards  
Henok Haile & Bethlehem Worku  
Kristine & William Grote  
Heshika Dawaraj & Avinash Khemlani  
Scott & April Allen  
Ryan & Yuerong Clarke  
Erika & Christopher Gurley  
Erinn & Timothy Kao  
Dongsi Lu & Xiaoming Xia  
Andy Greenwood  
Valerie & Joseph Kover  
Casey Brandt & Renee Thompson  
Abigail Wojcik  
Trask & Mary Bradbury  
Sanadja & Gaetan Vallon  
John Huang & Angelina Zhang  
Heitor Cauneto & Fernanda Gardin  
Kim Altmeyer

Massini Merzkani & Andrea Caraccioli  
Tao Cheng & Manling He  
Stephanie Coen  
Daniel Collart & Tessa Garcia-Collart  
Mia Farr  
Dawn & Jason Gilbertson  
Deborah Goldberg & Maxim Fridberg  
Shaun Hanson & Pearl Philip  
Nicole & David Kovaluk  
Yuzuki & Yosuke Kume

Siu Kit Lam & Hoiyee Wong  
Jordan & Era Osborn  
Benjamin & Jennifer Scheier  
Dustin Smith & Sara Baban

OTHER

Susan & Robert Koritz  
Alex & Anna Haceaturean  
Edwin van Norden & Yuliana Erazo  
Jason Miltenberger & Heather Brown Hudson  
Alexander & Adelle Graypel  
Quinn & Melissa Long  
Taras Lysyy & Nataliia Lysa  
Meghan and Thor Mathison

Louise Pooley  
Sabreen Sleem  
Taito & Haruka Ueda  
Jennifer & William Vey  
Naoko & Tomoo Yuki

Ashleigh Ward  
Maria Cepeda & Jamie Delgado  
Joseph & Victoria Gardner  
Najia Safdar  
Laurie Orso

Megan & Alexander Rose  
Anthony Melson & Daniela Mattos

Heather OverKamp  
Kristina Tenev  
Andrea Williams  
Grace Beermann  
Katie Clark

Lauren & Caleb Fox  
Allura Hibben  
Rosabeth Koehn

Elizabeth & Ryan Philbrick  
Kelsey Provost  
David Rother  
Eric Harris  
Megan Dawn

Madelyn Giesman  
Madeline Grillot

Carolyn & David Kramkowski  
Abigail Eswine

