Dear Families and Friends of Philomath Montessori,

It has been an absolute joy working with our community’s children and witnessing their growth and continued development. For the last 30 years, our mission has remained the same: to nurture children’s innate love of learning, guide their self-discipline, and connect them to the natural world.

The power of education stems from a love of learning. In keeping with our mission, we strive to deliver an exceptional Montessori education. However, like most independent schools, tuition and fees do not cover the true cost of educating a student. As a result, we are challenged with the task of bridging this gap, which is covered by annual giving. To uphold our goal of offering affordable tuition and a solid educational foundation for all our current and future students, we invite you to make a direct donation to the Philomath Montessori Annual Giving Campaign. These donations help fund the daily operation of the school and enable Philomath Montessori to not only accomplish its mission, but excel in doing so.

Critical areas of support include:

***Financial Aid***

* We believe that educational excellence requires a diverse community to best meet the needs of the “universal child.” Having a robust financial aid program allows us to enroll families who are committed to the mission of the school may not be able to afford tuition, thereby strengthening the community.

***Classroom Materials***

* One of our strengths is our beautifully prepared classroom environment, equipped with a full range of high-quality Montessori materials. The aesthetics of our prepared classroom environment encourage our students to bring their best selves to learning.

***Professional Development***

Philomath Montessori’s professional development budget provides opportunities for staff to explore important topics in education. This learning contributes directly to the energy and knowledge that staff bring into the classroom.

We are kicking off our first Annual Giving Campaign as we explore diverse and creative ways to decrease our financial reliance on a single annual fundraising event. Please consider making Philomath Montessori a priority in your year-end giving plan. Your contribution will directly benefit our community, school and students, and every amount helps. There are multiple ways to give a tax-deductible donation. You may visit our site online at [philomathmontessori.org/giving](http://philomathmontessori.org/giving/), or you may mail a check payable to “PhMS.” If you have family or friends who support Montessori education, please invite them to contribute as well! Our non-profit tax ID is 93-2313194.

Your donation is truly a “gift that keeps on giving” as the difference we make in the intellectual, emotional, and behavioral development of our children at PhMS will positively impact their entire lives. Thank you for helping to ensure a quality Montessori education for every child in our program.

Sincerely yours,

Jessica Neebe

Director, Philomath Montessori School