



# HARMONY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Seventeen years ago a small group of parents and educators joined together with a common vision for their community: A preschool and kindergarten dedicated to core Montessori principles—teaching peace, following each child’s interests, and instilling a love of learning. It started with one teacher, a small classroom, and a handful of children. Today, Harmony Montessori School serves over fifty children in three vibrant classrooms. As we’ve grown, so has our mission to make this uniquely holistic learning environment available to more families—specifically, families who wouldn’t be able to provide their kids with such important beginnings to their education journeys were it not for some financial help.

HMS is a non-profit organization with a thrifty and resourceful group of teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to stretch our limited funding. But providing full-time care and learning for young children inevitably comes with its costs, and covering those costs is a hurdle too many families can’t clear. Harmony is unique in offering both partial financial aid and a scholarship program which provides a large part of several students’ tuition each year. Few preschools reach out into the community in this way, and it’s only because of the support from our larger community that we are able to do so – which is where you come in.

Our tuition assistance programs are primarily funded through an increasingly successful auction fundraiser we hold each year. The generous donations of goods and services from friends, neighbors, and businesses small and large have given a remarkable number of children an educational start they would never have received otherwise. The event itself has also grown into a wonderful showcase and celebration of the strength of our community.

Our 2012 Auction takes place February 18<sup>th</sup> at Oaks Park Pavilion. Please make a tax-deductible donation for this year’s Harmony auction by filling out the enclosed form. Your support will be deeply appreciated and visible to our growing community of parents and supporters who have faithfully supported businesses that help support our school in this way.

Thank you very much for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Harmony Montessori Parents’ Association and Auction Team