

*Of light and darkness and the colors seven,
Stretching their rainbow bridge from earth to heaven
We sing this day, with thankful hearts and say, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Dear Waldorf Community,

We are truly fortunate to have such a meaningful and conscious learning environment for our children. I thank my lucky stars Sedona and Jiah attend Waldorf. It's funny, sad but true that at 43, I'm still recovering from public education, vast amounts of junk food and TV. I recognize how valuable a resource our school is. Each year I witness my daughter, now in fourth grade, flowering more beautifully into the being that she is. Waldorf provides an oasis for our children, where for seven hours a day, they are loved, nurtured, educated, and truly seen.

More than once, I have heard on campus, that we have the most experienced and competent staff in our school's 17 year history. A faculty that could easily rival any in the country. Not that we support this kind of competition :)

I share this all because it's time to kick off our Annual Giving (AG) campaign: an essential source of funds that support our programs and staff. A gift to AG is highly effective, as 80% of each dollar raised goes directly to our faculty/staff, where it is needed most!

Early in the development of WSRF, our founders set the intention to have a diversified student population and a tuition level that would welcome families from different economic backgrounds. A consequence being a several thousand dollar gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating each student. Our AG campaign helps close this gap while keeping economic diversity intact. Your contribution will help us:

- **Assure a living wage for our teachers**
- **Avoid further budget cuts**
- **Continue to accept children and families of diverse economic levels**

We are asking for your support with a financial gift to our AG campaign. Along with this letter, members of the community can expect a personal call from our committee. No donation is too big or small, what's important is your participation. We will have a rainbow meter in the parking lot depicting our progress towards reaching \$100,000.

To all of our friends and families, we truly need your help so that we can weather these challenging times and come through stronger and more sustainable. The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, is our children's well being. Which, no doubt, is greatly supported by your time, talent and treasure. Thank you very much for your support!

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ps. There is an early childhood learning tax credit still in effect for the state of Colorado through Dec. 09. Consult your accountant as up to a 50% tax credit is available.