

Together,  
we're growing.

Annual Fund



## What is Annual Fund?

The annual fund is a yearly appeal to our community — parents, alumni, alumni parents, faculty & extended community — to raise critical money that bridges the gap between tuition revenue & operating expenses.

The annual fund allows us to serve more families & collectively strengthens a dynamic education experience that meets each individual child. Supporting unique elements of Waldorf Education including & not limited to:

- Experiential Science: in class experiments across disciplines
- Practical Arts: handwork, woodworking & cooking
- Visual Arts: painting, drawing, sculpting & much more
- Music: strings, orchestra & flutes
- Multidisciplinary Learning: class plays, Eurythmy, movement, field trips, experiential lessons

**Our goal is \$260,000 & 100% participation!**

## Why does 100% participation matter?

The school's financial strength depends upon participation of the entire community. Parent participation levels are viewed as a key barometer of support & reviewed by foundations & outside funders when considering grants & gifts to the school. That we all give together, outshines how much is given.

## Why does Annual Fund truly matter?

Without the annual fund, WSRF would be unable to provide a full, dynamic Waldorf Education in the Roaring Fork Valley nor would we be financially viable for many families in our community.

We wholeheartedly believe it is worth committing to nurturing human beings who will ask questions, build connections & create the future while moving with a guiding sense of self. Waldorf Education in its fullest form is capable of nurturing the whole human being; equipping our students with both the skills & capacities necessary to navigate our ever changing world.

We can't see the future & yet we still know that critical thinking, creative problem solving & the resilience necessary to tackle seemingly insurmountable challenges will be non-negotiable tools we wish for our children to carry with them.

Please join us, in investing in the future of humanity & an education that unequivocally prepares students for the journey ahead.

Our collective effort & the smallest pebbles can create tremendous ripples. Together, we are growing.

Thank you for choosing to support WSRF,

Morgan Jacober  
Community Development Administrator

## Doesn't tuition cover operating expenses?

Tuition covers about 75% of annual expenses. The remainder must be funded by other sources. In most independent school's, the annual fund is the most important element, in amount but most importantly, participation levels. Outside grants & other non-profit funding opportunities look to our community engagement first & foremost, meaning annual fund impacts all funding.

## What makes up the operating budget?

Salaries & benefits comprise 85% of our operating budget. The remaining balance includes curricular & co-curricular programs, financial aid, equipment, supplies, utilities, insurance, maintenance & all additional expenses.

## Why not raise tuition?

Making tuition increases as modest as possible helps us keep Waldorf Education as accessible as possible to as many students as possible. A school that charged the full costs of educating its students would be completely unreachable, hence nearly all independent schools use annual funds to bridge the gaps & most importantly, as a barometer of engagement.

## Where does the money go?

From desks & chairs to cleaning supplies, the students & teachers themselves, the impact of the annual fund can be seen everywhere you look on our campus. Fundraising efforts make up critical funds that bridge the gap between tuition revenue & operating expenses, our school simply could not open our doors to welcome students without this collective effort. We cannot emphasize enough, our collective giving, no matter individual amounts, is how we all grow.

## What does it mean to be an Independent School?

Independent means we receive \$0 in federal or state funding. It also means our curriculum is delivered in its fullest form & WSRF is accredited through the Association of Waldorf Schools North America (AWSNA).



## How much to give?

Truly, every dollar counts. No contribution is too small to have a tangible impact on our entire community. WSRF's success is thanks to the collective effort of incredible individuals, each giving what they can, to support a greater mission.

The school's vision, to education children for intellectual integrity, moral character and global citizenship has never been more relevant. Our goal is 100% participation for a reason. Please join us in giving as much as we can, knowing our collective effort amounts to incredible impact.

## Circles of Giving

### Leadership Circle

Inventors Circle	\$15k+
Explorers Circle	\$10k - \$14,999
Roman Circle	\$5k - \$9,999
Athenian Circle	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Norseman Circle	\$1,500 - \$2,499

### Friends Circle

House Builder's Circle	\$1,000 - \$1,499
Moses' Circle	\$1,000 - \$999
Saint Christopher's Circle	\$250 - \$499
Golden Goose Circle	\$1 - \$250

## How to give?

Tax deductible gifts can be made via check or credit card through a remittance envelope mailed to WSRF. Gifts can also be made through our website at [waldorfschoolrf.org/annual-fund](http://waldorfschoolrf.org/annual-fund)

Thank you for investing in  
WSRF