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2005-2006 ANNUAL REPORT



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## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF CHILDPEACE MONTESSORI SCHOOL



During 2005-06 Childpeace looked to the future. Our Board of Directors decided to exercise the option to purchase our Thurman Street building, setting a myriad of activities into motion. Staff, parent volunteers, and other professionals focused their energy toward a capital campaign.

This project commenced, all while serving more than 260 children with high quality Montessori educational and aftercare programs. The programs included two Toddler Community classrooms (ages 15 months to 3 years), five Children's House classrooms (3-6 years), three Lower Elementary classrooms (6-9 years), and one Upper Elementary classroom (10-12 years). Aftercare programs for the Toddler Community and Children's House were supported by Montessori-trained staff, which enabled Childpeace to offer a seamless, full-day Montessori experience. At the elementary level, children had options such as violin and flute lessons, chess, aerial dance, and tap and ballet lessons, as well as a stimulating daily aftercare program.

At The Terrace Assisted Living Facility that houses our fifth Children's House program, the children's daily lessons and Montessori work was supplemented by community activities with the resident seniors.

During the 2005-06 school year, Childpeace families, extended families, and friends played an integral roll in supporting Childpeace through fundraising efforts, which we are proud to detail in this report. The auction's Special Appeal afforded a new, safer sports floor in the Thurman Street indoor playroom.

Upper elementary students and staff made a strong statement of support to the River District Community Garden with their unique, Oregon native plant beds, which they implemented and continue to maintain. The Childpeace community continues to look for opportunities to fully participate and contribute to its NW neighborhood. Despite the financial and programmatic challenges that Childpeace takes on by locating in the booming NW neighborhood, we know our students, now and in the future, benefit from a vibrant, innovative, and accessible urban life.

We are happy to include you in our community of friends.

Warmest regards,

**Sue Pritzker**  
Administrator

**Susan Felstiner**  
Board Chair  
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## BACKGROUND



### **ABOUT CHILDPEACE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

Childpeace Montessori School was established in 1976. We are an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) recognized school for children 15 months-12 years old as well as a non-profit corporation, certified child care center, and an Oregon-registered private school. A Board of Directors and a full-time administrative staff oversee Childpeace operations. Board Members are elected from the parent body and community at large and concentrate on all major projects, including fundraising.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Childpeace Montessori School serves children aged 15 months through 12 years with an academically challenging curriculum that draws its principles from the natural development of the child. We strive to build a loving community both within and beyond our walls.

### **CHILDPEACE HISTORY**

Housed originally in the YWCA, the school grew steadily and, in 1988, moved to NW Park Avenue in the Pearl District. In 1999, a Children's House classroom for 3-6-year-olds was opened in the The Terrace Assisted Living Facility in Southeast Portland. This program is unique in Portland for its intergeneration component that brings the children and residents together. Our Elementary program opened in 2000 and has grown to include

1st-6th grade. In August 2003, we moved all of the downtown classes under one roof at 1516 N.W. Thurman Street in the Pearl/River district.

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) was initiated with a \$250,000 donation from a very generous donor. This program is the only one of its kind among Montessori schools in the Portland area. TAP is designed to make Childpeace Montessori School accessible to children who would not otherwise be able to attend.

The Tuition Assistance Program is:

- Dedicated to promoting a diverse community at Childpeace, as the program allows
- Designed to provide enrollment continuity; therefore, families are encouraged to re-apply each year
- Dedicated to assisting families who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Childpeace community

Over the past six school years, the TAP program has allowed Childpeace to provide an average of 12 scholarships annually through full and partial awards.

## **FUNDRAISING**

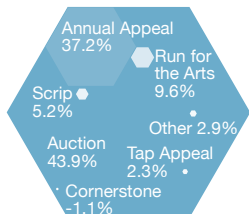
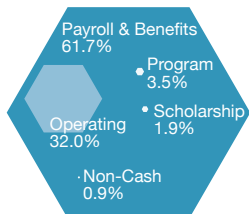
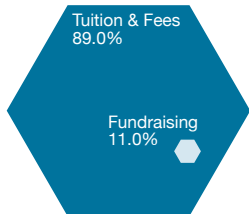
Last year Childpeace families, friends, and alumni contributed generously through the Annual Fund, Spring Auction, Art Run, and Scrip program.

During 05-06 tuition at Childpeace covered approximately 89% of the total expenses, making it necessary for our community to raise the remaining 11% from fundraising activities. (These percentages are comparable to those of other private schools in the Portland area.) We thank the hundreds of donors who understand the relationship between fundraising and maintaining Childpeace Montessori School's unique and high quality educational environment.





# CHART OF ACCOUNTS



## Childpeace Financial Results 2005-2006 School Year

(unaudited)

### Income

Tuition & Fees	\$ 2,107,541	89.0%
Fundraising - Net	\$ 259,716	11.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,367,257</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expense

Payroll & Benefits	\$ 1,426,753	61.7%
Operating Expense	\$ 741,271	32.0%
Program Expense	\$ 81,956	3.5%
Scholarship	\$ 43,951	1.9%
Non-Cash Expense	\$ 19,576	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,313,508</b>	<b>100%</b>

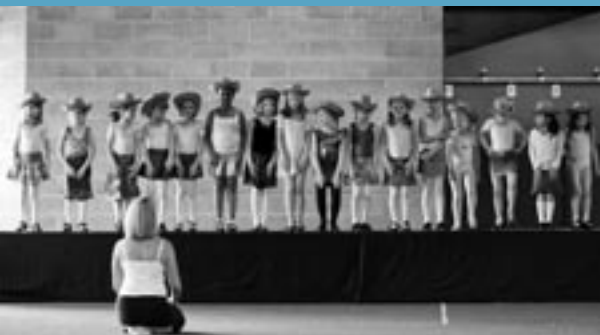
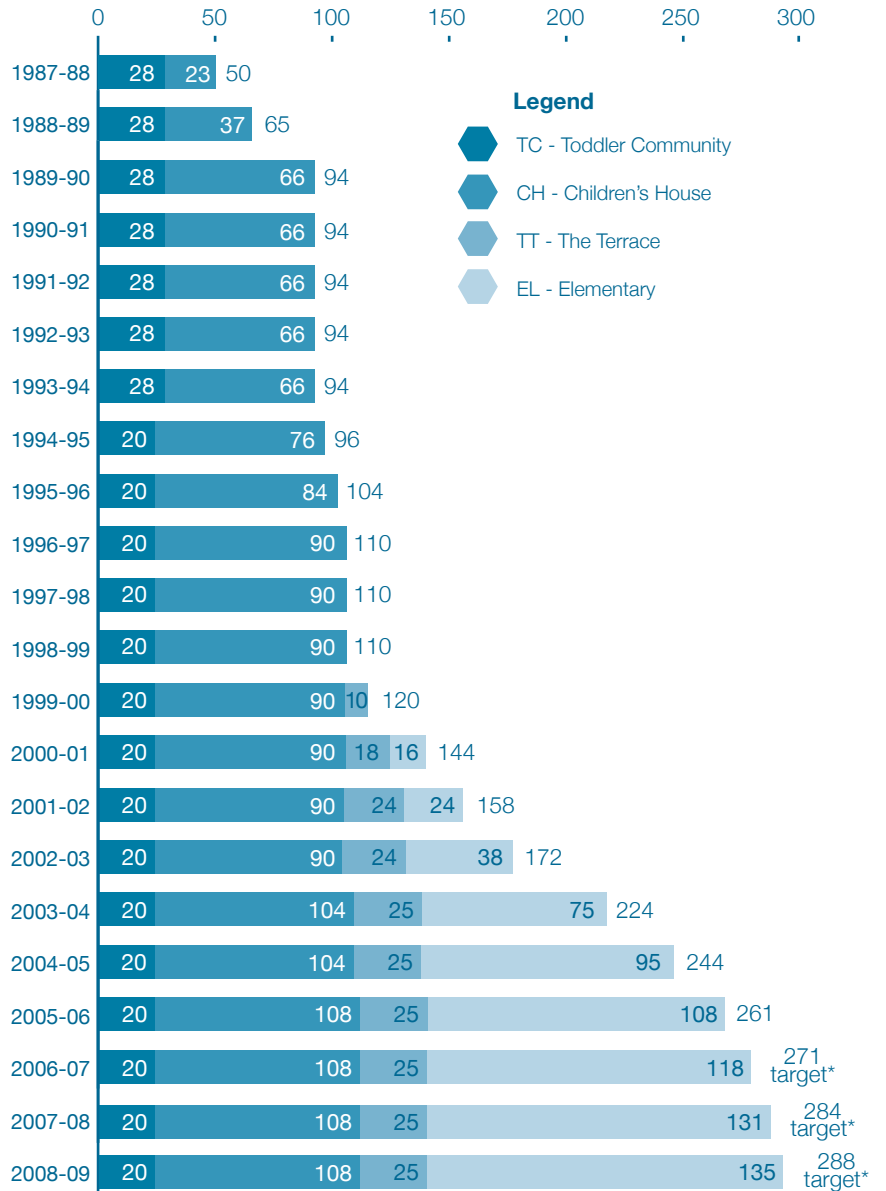
**Net Income** \$ 53,749

### Net Fundraising Income Detail

Auction	\$ 113,919	43.9%
Annual Appeal	\$ 96,592	37.2%
Run for the Arts	\$ 24,967	9.6%
Scrip	\$ 13,688	5.2%
Tap Appeal	\$ 5,905	2.3%
Other	\$ 7,472	2.9%
Cornerstone Campaign	\$ -2,827	-1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 259,716</b>	<b>100%</b>



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