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Montessori School



Childpeace celebrated a milestone in 2004-2005-the graduation of its first sixth grade class! The sixth graders, in true Montessori fashion, put together their graduation ceremony with each presenting a heartfelt speech thanking those that have inspired them along their path. We are very proud of our first sixth grade graduates, some of who came to Childpeace as toddlers!

During the 2004-05 school year, Childpeace served more than 243 children in quality Montessori educational and aftercare programs. The programs included two Toddler Community classrooms (ages 16 months to 3 years), five Children's House classrooms (ages 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 afternoon 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 piano lessons, chess, aerial dance, tap and ballet lessons, as well as a stimulating aftercare program.

One of the five Children's House classrooms is unique in that it's located in The Terrace Assisted Living Complex in Southeast Portland. Here, the children's daily lessons and Montessori work is supplemented by story time, gardening and other activities with the resident seniors.

During the 2004-05 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.

Despite the financial and programmatic challenges that Childpeace takes on by locating in the booming Pearl/NW neighborhood, 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 2004-2005 Board Chair

Background

About Childpeace Montessori School

Childpeace Montessori School was established in 1976. We are an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) recognized school for children 16 months-12 years old as well as a non-profit corporation, certified day care center, 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 16 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 ages 3-6 was opened in the The Terrace Assisted Living Facility in Southeast Portland. This program is unique in Portland for its intergeneration component combining the children and residents. 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 St. in the Pearl/River district. Current enrollment is at 250 students.

The Childpeace full day educational program was created largely to serve Portland's urban working families. The school's location was selected for its convenient proximity to downtown Portland. Since its inception, Childpeace has been dedicated to providing quality education and care in a comfortable, home-like atmosphere. In this environment children are guided towards the acquisition of social, intellectual and practical skills that foster caring, self-confidence and independence.

Tuition Assistance

During the 04-05 school year, approximately 7% (17 students) of Childpeace students, received full or partial tuition assistance through a combination of grants from Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), short-term assistance, or staff tuition discounts. TAP is funded by a special endowment for scholarship purposes while short-term and staff discounts are funded through the general operating budget. Childpeace's assistance is the only one of its kind among Montessori schools in the Portland area.

Fundraising

Last year, Childpeace families, friends and alumni contributed generously through the Annual Fund, Scrip program, Sally Foster and Chinook Book sales, the Annual Childpeace Auction and other events. Tuition at Childpeace covers approximately 85% of the total expenses and so it is necessary for our community to raise the remaining 15% from fundraising activities (this percentage is comparable to 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.



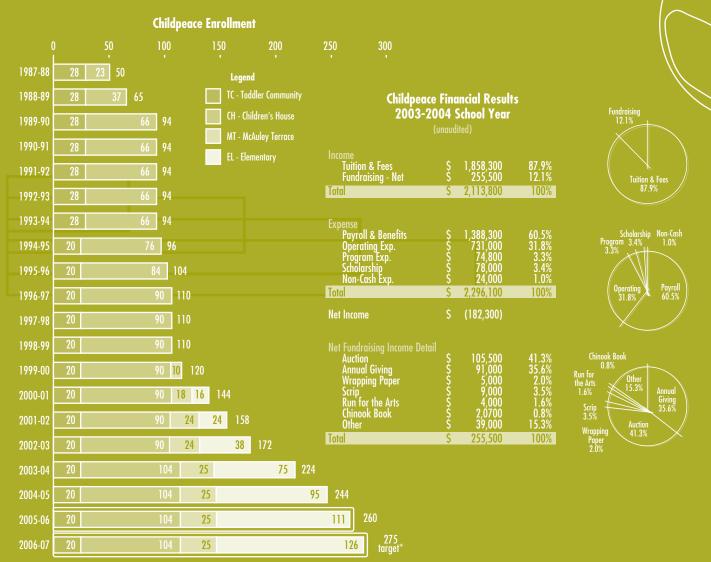


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