

Welcome from the Board and Administration

Dear Community,

Thanks to you, we have wrapped up another successful year at Childpeace. The 2018-19 school year was full of all of the things we love most about Childpeace: smiling faces, busy hands, inquisitive minds, friendships blossoming and, of course, growth and change.

This year we began to implement our newly adopted strategic plan to Frame the Future of Childpeace. We have prioritized three areas of work: organizational development, community engagement, and culture and access. A top priority was to begin our search for our next Head of School. The Board of Trustees, along with the Administration, were committed to finding the right fit to carry us forward. In addition, Rose Rodgers, who has been our Business Manager for nearly 20 years, moved into the role of Assistant Head of School for Operations.

Our community engagement initiatives will nurture and grow connections within our community. We held our first annual Camp Childpeace in the spring. More than 330 community members spent the day at beautiful Camp Colton singing, dancing, enjoying nature and crafting together. It really was a day of music and magic.

Our culture and access work deepened and we saw incredible growth and commitment from our parents and staff on our diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) committee. Nearly twenty Childpeace staff members attended the Montessori for Social Justice workshop. Our DEI committee continues to actively make the coming year one in which we take a great leap forward to embracing difference.

We continued the planning of our new canopy structure for our playground, solidified our emergency preparedness plan and expanded our alumni outreach. As you can see, it has been an exciting year at Childpeace.

Warmest regards,

Sue Pritzker, Head of School Ewan Rose, Board Chair **Sue Pritzker** Head of School

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To guide the development of the whole child, socially and academically, through the principles of AMI Montessori education in an urban setting.

Our Purpose

Childpeace provides a Montessori-based education for toddlers through adolescence.

Our Vision

Childpeace shapes the future of our world through the cultivation of inquisitive minds and socially responsible young citizens.

Framing the Future

With the collaboration of Trustees and Administration, Childpeace created a community-based process of planning the school's future with a new strategic plan in 2017. We made significant progress on Framing the Future during our 2018-19 school year.

Our work is always guided by our mission: To guide the development of the whole child, socially and academically, through the principles of AMI Montessori education in an urban setting.

These are our three strategic priorities:

Organizational Development

Build the capacity and capabilities of our organization for long-term health and viability.

Community Engagement

Strengthen the involvement of our community in Childpeace's mission, vision and commitment to Montessori principles.

Culture and Access

Prepare the Childpeace environment for students to grow into global citizens through advancing our program, policies and practices in the areas of equity, justice and global stewardship.





Meet the Staff - Myrtle Guide Rachael Morris

"To stimulate life, leaving it then free to develop, to unfold, herein lies the first task of the teacher." -Maria Montessori

A highly qualified staff is essential for students to receive the best Montessori education. Our Montessori trained guides share their knowledge and experience to stimulate natural development and free the child's potential. Our featured staff member is **Myrtle Guide Rachael Morris**. Here is a fun and brief interview.

Cakes or pies? Why?

Cake, because I love frosting!

What's the coolest thing in the world?

That I was lucky enough to find this career because I love what I do. :)

Which fictional character would you like to be?

Jo March from Little Women. I admire her courage and spirit.

Instagram or Twitter?

Instagram.

What are you most excited about these days?

Learning something new every day. Between being in my first year of lead teaching and taking classes for my Master of Education, there is something new to discover every day.

If you could make a documentary, what would it be about?

Dance of any kind! I grew up dancing and the world of dance is both complex and fascinating. I think it's something people should know more about.



Why Montessori?

Montessori philosophy makes sense to me on so many levels. I could go on and on, but the short answer is that it works with the child's development rather than against it. Montessori gives the child the opportunity to discover themselves and be independent.

What do you love about your job?

I love that every day brings something new. I am a person who enjoys variety, so I appreciate the potential that each new day holds. I also love that in this profession, I can be a lifelong learner.

What is your favorite Childpeace memory?

Two years ago, I attended Camp Hancock as an assistant. There was an evening with a beautiful sunset and I loved standing with the children from my cabin and watching the light on the beautiful landscape.

Alumni - Henry Simmons

Our alumni are an important part of our continued story. They provide a vital peek into the future and allow us to reflect on our past. Our featured alum is Henry Simmons, who attended Children's House through middle school here at Childpeace. He graduated in June 2016 and currently attends his local public high school. We recently reconnected with him and here is what he had to say.



Cake. There's more variety!

What's the coolest thing in the world?



The fact that you can go outside and sometimes there's just water hitting your face.

Did you like math when you were at Childpeace? Do you like math now? Not so much then. I am in AP Statistics now, and still not so much.

Which fictional character would you like to be?

I wouldn't say no to being Batman. A rich guy who fights crime sounds pretty nice.

Instagram or Twitter? Instagram.

What are you most excited about these days? Transitioning to the next stages of my adult life.

If you could make a documentary, what would it be about? Amelia Earhart.

What is your favorite subject?

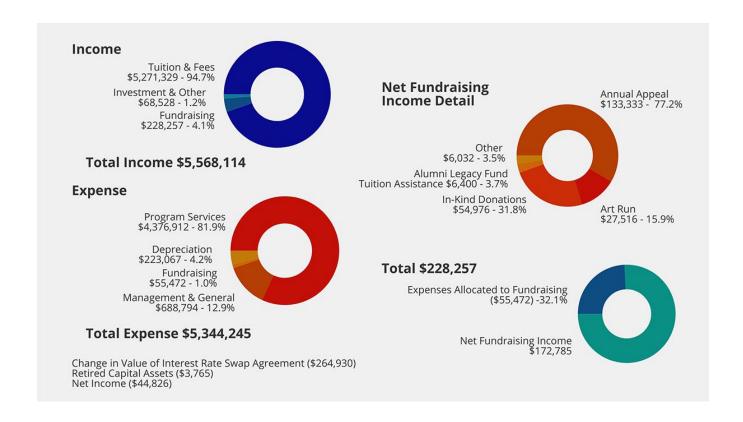
Any form of history.

What is your favorite Childpeace memory?

Going to Eagle Fern the first year because I had heard really good things about it and I was not disappointed.



Financials





We thank the hundreds of parents, grandparents, alumni and students who contributed their time and talents serving Childpeace in 2018-19.



Unrestricted Annual Appeal gifts helped us advance the goals outlined in our strategic plan, especially those related to diversity, equity and inclusion, and meet additional needs not covered by our annual operating budget. We also collected funds for our tuition assistance program.



Our annual Art Run is an opportunity to teach our students about the power of philanthropy first-hand by encouraging them to collect pledges for our arts program from family members, friends and neighbors for every lap they run. This year we amplified the impact of our student's fundraising by donating funds raised beyond our goal of \$20,500 to the Native Montessori Preschool in Northeast Portland.



Disclosure

Childpeace Montessori has made every effort to check the accuracy of the information in this report. We sincerely regret any errors or omissions that may have escaped our scrutiny.