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Detroit Waldorf School 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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THE AMELIA WILHELM LEGACY SOCIETY

Amelia Wilhelm says, "Detroit Waldorf School has been such an important part of my life's work. I am heartened to know that by making a provision in my estate, I can continue to help this school flourish in decades to come." In 2013, DWS Co-Founder Amelia Wilhelm made a planned gift that created The Amelia Wilhelm Legacy Society. By making this generous provision for Detroit Waldorf School in her estate plans, she has committed to continuing the legacy she and her late husband Rudolf Wilhelm started in 1966. If you have made a provision for Detroit Waldorf School in your estate plans, thank you! Please let us know so that we may include you in the Amelia Wilhelm Legacy Society.

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

November 2018

As a community member for 25 years, I have seen firsthand the many ways that Detroit Waldorf School positively impacts our children, our families, and our community. I could not be prouder of the work we do! At a time when we need diverse young people who can think independently, listen to and understand opposing views, and lead with compassion, it is clear that Detroit Waldorf School makes the world, starting with Detroit, a better place.

Detroit Waldorf School (DWS) is the last remaining non-sectarian, independent school in the City of Detroit. According to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, independent schools are successful because they provide close-knit communities, individualized attention, supportive learning environments, high-quality and committed teachers, hands-on learning opportunities, unique educational experiences, and environments to actively engage students.

Each year, it costs more than \$2.4 million to provide this specialized learning environment that holistically addresses each child's mind, soul, and spirit. While tuition and fees cover 90% of these costs, we depend on the generosity of donors like you for the remaining 10% needed to continue to give Detroit families an independent school option.

Please support Detroit Waldorf School by making a gift using the envelope enclosed or online via www.detroitwaldorf.org.

Gratefully,
Vicki Myckowiak, *President, Board of Trustees*

Please consider joining our new "Centennial Circle" by making a recurring donation of at least \$25/month to commemorate 100 Years of Waldorf Education. For more information, please call Jineesa Stowell at 313.822.0300

SAVE THE DATES

BENEFIT
AUCTION

April 6, 2019

MAY
DAY

May 1, 2019

SPRING
CONCERT

May 31, 2019

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OUR ALUMNI

"Foundational, inclusive, imaginative, and fun!" These are the words used by alumna Kate Gmyrek, now a landscape architect, to describe Detroit Waldorf School (DWS). Kate believes that the curriculum and main lessons in the garden helped her prepare for her career. She says that "Future graduates should embrace the unique perspective a Waldorf education enables; to find the pleasure and diversity of experiences that allow for a curious life."

Alumni from DWS 2009-10 classes are now enrolled in universities including: George Washington University, UCLA (Neuroscience), Grand Valley State, University (Physical Therapy), Michigan State University (Packaging Engineering), Oakland University (Psychology), Washington University (Physics and Environmental Sustainability), Yale University, and Western Michigan University.



OUR STUDENTS

DWS ended the 2017-18 academic year with 244 enrolled students. Our students entered events at two festivals of the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association. Every child who participated in the Solo & Ensemble Festival was honored with a 1st Division rating, the highest rating attainable. Our Band and Orchestra received 1st Division ratings on stage performances and sight readings.

Our 8th grade started its year with a wilderness trip to Temagami in Ontario, Canada, which became a lifechanging experience for each of them. They have continued their educational journeys at a variety of high schools including Detroit School of the Arts, Lakeshore High School, Marian, The Roeper School, Cass Tech, Bishop Foley, Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor, Berkley High School, Southfield Christian, Grosse Pointe South and University High School.



OUR COMMUNITY

Detroit Waldorf School works to build a strong community within its walls and in partnership with its neighbors. Parents, faculty, and staff work hand-in-hand to ensure that DWS, the last independent school in the city of Detroit, continues to offer a rich and dynamic education to students in southeast Michigan.

We held a public showing of the award-winning documentary *Screenagers*, educating our community on the influence screens have on children. We also launched Wellness at Waldorf's Global Cooking as an opportunity for children to learn about dishes from around the world. These initiatives promote inner, local, and global community life and awareness.



WALDORF AT A GLANCE

244

Students

50

Faculty and Staff

251

Years of Collective Waldorf Teaching Experience

1:5

Pre K-K Teacher to Student ratio

1:22

Grades 1-8 Teacher to Student ratio

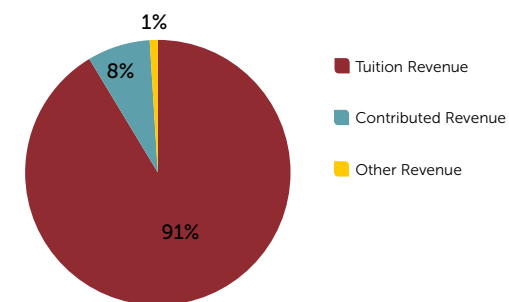
45%

of Our Families Participate in our Accessible Tuition Program

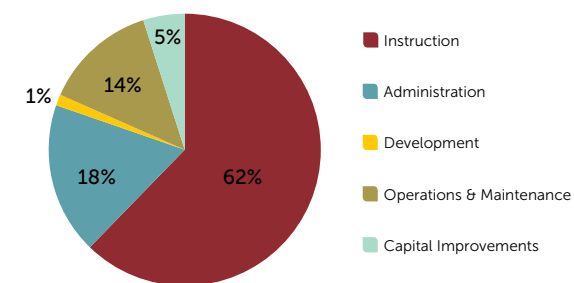
100%

of 5th-8th grade students participate in our music program

Operating Revenue



Operating Expenses



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