

Cornerspring Montessori School



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Dear Family and Friends,

“Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment.” Maria Montessori

Cornerspring Montessori School has been providing such an environment for our students since 2001, operating for the past three years at the Hatley Road location. Each child from preschool through 6th grade is empowered through Montessori philosophies to become confident, compassionate and proactive individuals in his or her community.

Currently over 75 families from the Belfast community and surrounding area are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by Cornerspring. This includes summer camp for any child ages 3-12 in Waldo and Knox Counties, child care needs and a Montessori educational experience for preschool, kindergarten and elementary students. Our before and after care programs include not only our Montessori students, but also many students from our Belfast public schools. Our dedicated and professional staff, families and friends are unparalleled in their tireless support of the rich and nurturing learning environment Cornerspring is proud to offer.

Like all independent schools, Cornerspring relies upon philanthropic support to help provide for the projects and programs that assist us in nurturing the children entrusted to us. I know some potential donors may be unsure of the necessity of contributing to the Annual Giving Appeal, assuming that tuition covers the complete cost of educating our students. Tuition at Cornerspring is kept below market rates to maintain affordability and economic diversity. We also have a tuition assistance program which opens our school to many children otherwise not able to experience the Montessori education. This approach unfortunately causes a shortfall between our tuition income and our operating costs. For that reason we call upon your support in furthering our mission of providing a love of learning in each of our students that will continue throughout each child's life.

Cornerspring is a proud member of the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce and an active and important part of the local community. Your past and continued support of our school allows us to serve our community by providing our local children with a unique learning experience celebrating motivation and independence.

This year we are setting a goal of \$25,000 for our Annual Giving Appeal. I understand this seems like a large amount especially given the uncertain economic times we are all facing. Be assured any tax-deductible contribution you can spare will be greatly appreciated and will be applied directly to our school's operating costs.

Thank you for your consideration,
Josh Birocco, Board Member