

Cornerspring Montessori School



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Dear Friends of Cornerspring,

“It is true that we cannot make a genius. We can only give to the child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities.” ~Maria Montessori~

More than one hundred years ago, Maria Montessori developed a philosophy of working with and caring for children which honors their unique and individual spirit and gifts, and encourages their growth while learning. She created an environment in which children become not only independent and self-directed in their learning, but also caring and compassionate members of their community.

Cornerspring has been providing just such an environment since 2001, opening on Congress Street and operating for the last six years at the Hatley Road location. Each child, from ages 2 ½ to 12, is empowered through Montessori's philosophy and principles to become a compassionate, confident and proactive individual. The alumni who continue to be involved with the School, or who return to visit, are successful and community oriented individuals, who carry with them what they learned at Cornerspring into their new situations.

Currently 75 families from Belfast and the surrounding area are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by Cornerspring. These include educational programs for Preschool, Kindergarten and Elementary students, before and after school care which is available to all children in the area, and a full schedule of week long summer camps.

Cornerspring is a proud member of the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce and an active member of the local community. Our students have supported many local causes and agencies, including several animal rescue projects and the Belfast Soup Kitchen. Community involvement and commitment is an integral part of their learning.

Our dedicated and professional staff, families and friends are unparalleled in their support of the rich and nurturing learning environment Cornerspring is proud to offer. Like all independent schools, Cornerspring relies on philanthropic support to help provide for the projects and programs. Tuition is kept as low as possible, to maintain affordability and economic diversity and we fundraise throughout the year so that we may offer scholarships to many children who would not otherwise be able to experience a Montessori education. However, tuition alone does not cover the costs of running our school.

For that reason, we call upon your help in fulfilling our mission of providing the children with whom we work a love of learning. This year, we are very excited and fortunate to have been offered a matching grant by a supportive donor. If we are able to raise at least **\$5,000** during our annual giving campaign, it will be matched dollar for dollar. Any tax-deductible contribution you are able to donate towards this goal will go directly to our school's operating costs. A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. Please help us as we try to meet this goal and as we continue in our commitment to provide children with an environment in which they can learn comfortably, and work to become independent and proactive members of our community.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Cornerspring Montessori School Board of Directors

“Cornerspring Montessori is a diverse community dedicated to providing an environment for individualized education in which the partnership of child, parent and teacher nurtures lifelong skills and a deep sense of compassion and social responsibility.”

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