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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 each individual's unique gifts and spirit, and encourages their growth and learning. She created an environment in which children become independent and self-directed in their learning, as well as caring and compassionate members of their community.

Since 2001, Cornerspring has been providing such an environment: opening its doors first on Congress Street and operating for the last eight years at our Hatley Road location in Belfast. Each child, from ages 2-12, is empowered through Montessori's philosophy and principles to become compassionate, confident and proactive individuals. Alumni successfully carry these principles into their new educational environment, many of them coming back to help at summer camps and Cornerspring gatherings.

Cornerspring is an active participant in the local community and a proud member of the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce. Our students have supported such organizations as Wind Over Wings (a local bird rescue operation), the Belfast Soup Kitchen, and Broadreach. Community involvement is an integral part of their learning.

Currently, Cornerspring offers educational programs for Toddler, Preschool, Kindergarten and Elementary students, before and after school care to which public school buses bring children, and a full schedule of week-long science and arts based summer camps.

Our dedicated staff, families and friends are unparalleled in their support of the nurturing environment Cornerspring proudly offers. Like all independent schools, Cornerspring Montessori relies on philanthropic support to help provide for projects and programs that assist in nurturing the children entrusted to our care. Program fees are kept as low as possible, to maintain affordability and diversity within 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 life-long learning.

This year, we are very excited and fortunate to have a **matching gift of \$5,000.00** donated by a great-grandmother of two Cornerspring students. Help us reach the \$5,000.00 goal, and double, dollar for dollar, our campaign total. *Any* tax-deductible contribution you are able to donate towards this goal will go directly to our school's operating costs that are not covered by tuition alone. Please join in our Annual Giving campaign, and help us to provide an environment that fosters active community members and independence through education. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

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

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