

2022-2023

Annual Report of Giving



A Note from the Head of School

Dear Walden School Community,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support that has fueled the success and growth of our school community. It is with immense pleasure that we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to the vision of The Walden School.

The past year's journey has been marked by achievements, challenges, and, above all, the strength that comes from unity. We are "OneWalden" and the collaborative and shared spirit demonstrated by our students, parents, teachers, staff, and all stakeholders has truly shaped the vibrant tapestry of Walden. Your support has fostered a positive and nurturing learning environment, ensuring that our students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our school's achievements are not merely a testament to the dedication of the faculty and staff but also a reflection of the collective effort of our entire community. From volunteering at events to cheering on our students in their endeavors, each act of support has contributed to the rich tapestry of success that defines Walden.

In the coming year, we are excited about the opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and further development of our programs. Together, we have achieved great things and will continue to shape a bright and inspiring future. We are OneWalden!

In Friendship,

Bob "Coach" Thomas



From the Board of Trustees

Dear Friends of The Walden School,

The 2022-23 school year marked a historic turning point for Walden. We bid farewell to several long-time faculty and administrators while welcoming new members, including Bob "Coach" Thomas, our 4th Head of School.

Coach Bob and our faculty navigated challenges as the world emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, making tough but necessary decisions for Walden's long-term success. The Board of Trustees and I thank our teachers, our staff, our parents, and our students for keeping Walden safe and open for in-person learning throughout COVID. Keeping Walden open and in-person allowed all of us to minimize the learning and social deficits that many other children experienced in the landscape of virtual learning.

The year also brought many new students and families to Walden, enriching and growing our community. We are grateful for all of our dedicated parents who volunteer their time and skills (and funds) to enhance Walden. Thank you for choosing Walden to educate your children.

Lastly, I want to thank our generous donors. Walden relies on our donors to bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost of education. This support is vital for faculty salary and retention, scholarships and tuition assistance, ensuring that every student can benefit from a Walden education regardless of financial means. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. We are excited for what the future holds for Walden.

Sincerely,

Daniel Neubert '00
President & Chair of the Board of Trustees
The Walden School



Mission & Philosophy

Mission

The Walden School ignites intellectual curiosity and fosters independence in a peaceful, respectful culture.

Philosophy

The Walden School's Montessori based philosophy ensures that all children are successful. Children are led to discover their innate ability to learn, thus building independence, self-confidence, and inner discipline. The Walden School believes in the principles of promoting acceptance and inclusivity, embracing diversity, and inspiring human progress toward peace and harmony.

The Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten is most comprehensively described as freedom in a prepared environment. Following the principles of order, beauty, and simplicity, this environment is prepared with materials designed by Maria Montessori to accommodate each developmental stage. Children learn according to their own periods of interest and readiness. While there is respect for the child's individualism, the environment in which he operates is well structured, providing opportunities for active learning, development of self-discipline, building of self-confidence, and responsible social behavior.

The Walden School's elementary and middle school embraces a guiding philosophy that blends Montessori values with 21st century skills. Students in the elementary and middle school program at Walden are active participants in their learning as teachers consistently create and re-create to individualize instruction in a responsive and respectful classroom community. Children move naturally between independence and inter-dependence as needed and are consistently challenged to achieve their best. Active participation in the community prepares students to participate as critically thinking and caring citizens of the ever-changing world.

The guiding principles of collaboration and peaceful conflict resolution ready Walden students to be leaders in the 21st century. Teaching and learning at Walden is joyful and engaging. Students who graduate are confident, responsible, and love learning.

Summary of Giving

All Gifts to The Walden School

Annual Fund/Designated Gifts for Operations.....	\$56,290
Bid, Sip, & Celebrate 2023.....	\$34,959
EITC/OSTC.....	\$30,500
TOTAL GIFTS.....	\$121,749

Annual Giving 2022-2023, Bid, Sip & Celebrate 2023, & Other Gifts

Walden thanks the following donors who made contributions to the School between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 to support the many areas of Walden life. We want to especially thank those who support Walden's Annual Fund, which covers the cost of critical operations in a given school year like faculty salaries and professional development, facility maintenance, and student scholarships. We are grateful for your spirited support- you keep Walden strong!

GIFTS TO Walden 2022-2023

Mary LeFever's Circle \$5,000+

Jim Epperson  
 The Greck O'Donnell Family Fund 
 Jon & Becca Lock  
 Daniel Neubert  
 Aaron & Morgan Pride  

The 1967 Club \$2,500 - \$4,999

Michael & Alicia Ferry  
 Trish Sheff  

The Walden Pond \$2,499 - \$1,000

William Daniels  
 Alexis Glaze 
 ICM America 
 Mary LeFever 
 Toni McIntosh  

Thank you to our EITC/OSTC Donors
 BLOCS (Business Leadership of Catholic Schools)
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 Indemia Insurance
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"Children's House"

\$500 - \$999

Juan & Nicole Almonte  
 Drew & Emily Bonfiglio 
 Educ-Tech 
 Kathy Heupler & Joe Solomon  
 Penny Joines  
 Elyse & Steve Kirkpatrick 
 Michele Quinn LeFever 
 Mandy & Charlie Miksit 
 Melissa Moody & Patrick Metz 
 Pinocchio's Pizza 
 Mieke & Uzor Ogbu 
 Kees & Allison Van Turnout  


























The Walden Way

\$250 - \$499

Katie Clifford & Bob Saris 
 Pigeon & Doug Graham  
 Judy & Bob Ferrara 
 Britt & Mark Matkevich 
 Catherine & JP McGinty 
 Denise Spetrino 
 Eszter Toth & Janos Tanyi 
 Sara & Chris Ward 
 Carolyn & David Weisner 
 Abby & Joe Yochim 

Sandy Bank

\$249 - \$100

Sonya & Christopher Betz 
 Tom & Akel Blades 
 Mary & Joe Bognanno 
 Rebecca Brand 
 Shelly Cavacini 
 Jessica Clark 
 Joann Clark 
 Christina Cordes 
 Becky & Paul Fenstermaker 
 Scott Fremont 
 Marita Green 
 Bridget Hearon & William Irons 
 Tori & Ricky Hoffman 
 Christina Kaba & Robert Barsotti 
 Colette LeFever 
 Caroline Lenel & Bob Thomas 
 Dorita Maher 
 Andrew Marcus 
 Kristin & Jon Peri 
 Meghan Pringle 
 Charles & Elizabeth Rejonis 
 Allison & Matthew Schneider 
 Justin Singer 
 Springton Tennis 
 Eric Stein 
 Stillman Volvo 
 Carly & Noah Tolson 
 Cindy Wister 



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The Peace Table

<\$100

Robin & Russ Bonfiglio 

Angela Cooley 

Stephania and Dwayne Dottin 

Carol Ann & Charles Dougherty 

William Georges 

Clifton Hood 

Jenny Huang & Eric Howard 

Ryan Kulkami 

Gail MacDonald 

Shirley Midyette 

Karen & Ken McFadden 

Melissa Nedza 

Estella Nyema 

Ellen & Alfred Pierce 

Barb & Jim Roddy 

Kelly & Anthony Sacchetti 

Allison & Partheev Shah 

Erika & Cory Siegfried 

Crystal & Phil Sloat 

Jill Sweeney 

Kathy & Jack Swierczek 

Carrie & Dan Woody 



The Donor Engagement Office has done its best to ensure that the information in this report is accurate. We regret any omissions or errors. Please advise us if our records incorrect. Gifts received after June 30, 2023, will be acknowledged in the next Report of Giving.

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