

## THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE THANKS YOU

Dear Fellow Brooklyn Waldorf School Parents,

Let's take a moment to celebrate that for the second consecutive year, our community has attained 100% participation in giving to the Annual Fund. Reaching 100% giving from our board, our faculty, our staff, and our parents in a single year is an incredible achievement in its own right. Achieving this same level of participation for the second consecutive year is truly extraordinary, and is a testament to the passion and dedication that runs so deeply throughout our school community.

The school's fundraising efforts always service our most urgent needs, from augmenting teacher salaries & benefits, to facilities and infrastructure updates, to classroom improvements, to bolstering our school's ability to provide financial aid and promote diversity.

We all give back to the school in so many ways, and not just financially. The members of our community, especially our amazing group of parents, give of our time, resources, and skills both willingly and enthusiastically throughout the year. When you come to Claver Castle on a crisp December morning to discover that, overnight, the fourth floor classrooms have been transformed into a myriad of magical experiences for the children to explore, you see, first-hand, the scope of community's talent and hard work. The Winter Fair and our joyful spring May Fair and Scootathon are always among the great highlights of the year.

This year, in addition to these well-established events, the Development Committee introduced several new initiatives to further support the growing culture of giving at our beloved school. The first was the Earth Day Bee Challenge, inspired by the educational workshops led by our dedicated volunteer beekeeper Jaime Arenas which were held as part of preparation for the upcoming Waldorf 100 celebration. The goal of the challenge was to raise funds and awareness for the ongoing biodynamic beekeeping on the roof of the school, and included a full-day renovation of the garden supporting our bees.

The Development Committee was also proud to launch the school's Planned Giving Program at this year's Grandparents and Special Persons Day. A project two years in the making, the program was created to broaden giving opportunities and strengthen our financial foundation for continued success long into the future.

The Development Committee's fundraising efforts throughout the year are supported, in large part, by our Class Champions who work tirelessly to carry the spirit of giving amongst the individual members of each class. We extend our deepest appreciation to the members of this team, who have been instrumental in helping us attain our goals.

We are inspired by your dedication to the Brooklyn Waldorf School. Your volunteer efforts and monetary contributions show how much our lovely school matters to you. We appreciate your continued support in the coming year.

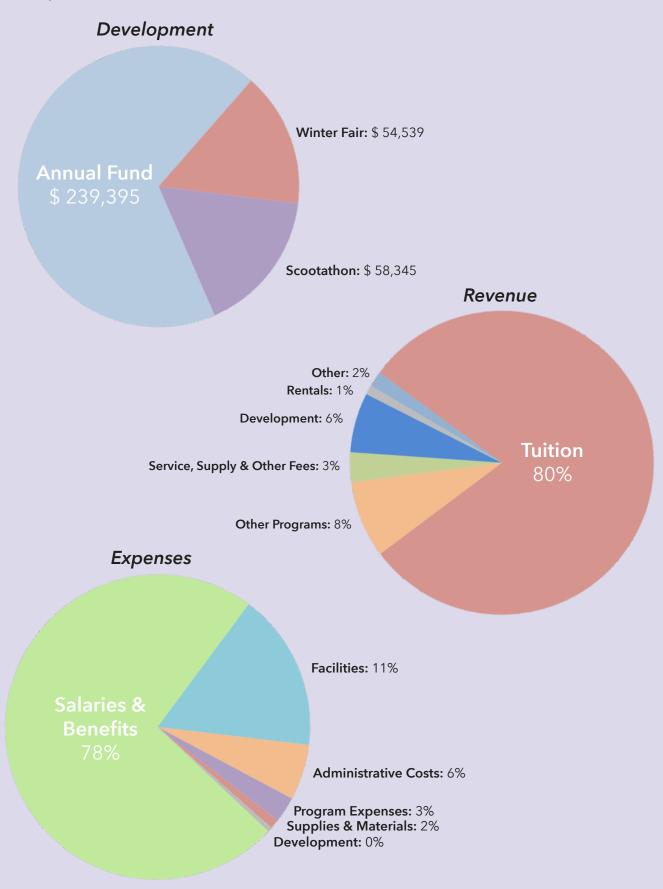
In gratitude,

The BWS Development Committee

Alex Blades, David-Michel Davies, John Egnatios-Beene, Denese Giordano, Lisa Hargus, Angela Highsmith, Julian Katz, Leecia Manning, Yvonne Perez-Zarraga, and Susan Short



## **2017/18 FINANCIAL RESULTS**



## 2017/18 ANNUAL FUND DONORS - 100% PARTICIPATION!

Heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped us reach 100% participation in our Annual Fund. Participation at this level is a clear indication that the school is held in the hearts of all members of our community. Thank you for your generosity! We have made every effort to present a complete list. If you notice an omission, please contact the Development Office.

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## **2018/19 NEW FAMILIES**

We are pleased to welcome these new families to our community!

## Pilar Ayon | Kindergarten

Parents: Sarah White-Ayon, Angel Ayon Pilar comes to us from the International Charter School. They heard about BWS through current and former families.

#### Lola Banisadr | Nursery

Parents: Kristel Banisadr, Ali Banisadr Lola's family read about Waldorf education and then heard more from current families and knew they wanted to be part of the community.

## Ramona Belis Schuman | Nursery

Parents: Meredith Belis, Andrew Schuman Ramona's family was part of our Parent Child program. They are excited for her to start full time at BWS.

### Pars Bicener | Grade 2

Parents: Urun Bicener, Sarp Bicener Pars' family is coming to Brooklyn from Turkey, and is looking forward to being part of the community.

## Jasper Brown | Nursery

Parents: Erin Mariotti, Michael Brown Jasper's mom heard about Waldorf education through a friend.

#### Sophia Camporeale | Nursery

Parents: Ioana Sarbu, Vincent Camporeale Sophia was part of our Parent Child Program. Her parents were specifically looking for a Waldorf school and are very happy there is one in Brooklyn.

## Ayla Charlery | Nursery Kody Charlery | Grade 4

Parents: Odette Charlery, Kirby Charlery
The Charlery family was looking for a new school and is
very pleased to find BWS where both children can attend.

## Rosemary 'Rosy' Dapkins | Kindergarten

Parents: Gaby Hofmann, Chris Dapkins Rosy's parents have had a long interest and connection to Waldorf education.

#### Una Duravcevic | Nursery

Parents: Dana Ben-Ari, Nikola Duravcevic Una was part of our Parent Child program. They are looking forward to Nursery at BWS.

### Lunetta 'Luna' Kasper | Nursery

Parents: Erica Newhouse, Chris Kasper Luna's mother attended a Waldorf school, and she was very happy to discover BWS years ago while walking in Fort Greene.

## Isadora Eppel | Nursery

Parents: Michelle Barton, Guy Eppel Isadora's family has known about BWS for years and is happy to be joining the community.

## Aleksandre Godibadze | Kindergarten

Parents: David Godibadze, Diana Karumidze Aleksandre's parents settled in Brooklyn and knew that BWS was the right fit for their family.

#### Eva Gross | Grade 6

Parents: Christine Gross, Stephen Gross Eva was at PS 65 in Staten Island and is excited to be joining us for middle school.

## Georgia Iversen-Cornett | Kindergarten

Parents: Janine Iversen, Grant Cornett Georgia's parents heard about Waldorf through friends and are happy to be living in Brooklyn again as part of BWS.

#### Agrippa Knipsher | Nursery

Parents: Mae Fatto, Lucas Knipscher Agrippa's parents heard long ago about BWS and are pleased to be part of the community.

## Brando Mantelli | Grade 3

Parents: Gabriella Mantelli, Edoardo Mantelli Brando comes to BWS from Arts and Letters.

### Lovey Mather | Grade 2

Parents: Mireille Cronin Mather, Stafford Mather Lovey's family comes to us from the Waldorf School of San Diego.

## Sage Milan | Nursery

Parents: Sterling Milan, Shayla Milan Sage's family lives close by and has friends whose children attend BWS.

## Fritz Moeller | Grade 6

Parents: Samantha Moeller, Adrian Moeller Fritz comes to us from Brooklyn Arbor and is looking forward to middle school at BWS.

## Peter Niggemeyer | Kindergarten

Parents: Kathleen Truitt Niggemeyer, Jeffrey Niggemeyer Peter's family is happy to become part of the BWS community.

#### Sequoia Nocera | Kindergarten

Parents: Naomi Nocera, Richard Nocera Sequoia's family knew about Waldorf education and learned more about BWS through current families.

## Jasper Nyeu-McMackin | Nursery

Parents: FonLin Nyue, Gabe McMackin Jasper was part of our Parent Child program. They are familiar with Waldorf through alumni friends and with BWS through current families.

## Elijah Wild Pincus | Nursery

Parent: Alexander Pincus

Wild was part of our Parent Child program and his family is happy to be part of the Nursery program.

## **Neela Rao** | Kindergarten Parents: Dini Rao, Anju Rao

Neela's parents have friends from upstate Waldorf Schools and are excited to find Waldorf in Brooklyn.

## Zoe Scott | Grade 7

Parent: Ayisha Edwards

Zoe comes to us from MS 266. She is looking forward to experiencing a Middle School Waldorf education.

## Tallula Sullivan | Nursery

Parents: Jennifer Oxley, Matthew Sullivan Tallula was part of our Parent Child program.

## Kidus 'Mikko' Tseggai | Nursery

Parents: Makeda Amha, Kimihel Tseggai Mikko's parents read about Waldorf education years ago and are happy to be joining the community.

## Benji Vogel | Nursery

**Charlotte Vogel** | Kindergarten Parents: Alex Vogel, Mandy Chua

Benji and Charlotte's family just moved back to NY

from Singapore.

## Shinobu Watanabe | Kindergarten

Parents: Mari Watanabe, Kaoru Watanabe Shinobu's family is familiar with BWS and is excited to start.

#### Emmeline Zuba | Grade 5

Parents: Elizabeth Zuba, Quito Zuba

Emmeline's family knows BWS through friends.

## **RETURNING FAMILIES**

We are thrilled that these families are returning to our community!

## River Baldotto-Gehrels | Nursery

Parent: Natalie Marie Gehrels

River was part of our Parent Child program. They are happy to be back at BWS.

#### Barbara Ballen | Nursery

Parents: Meghan Petras, Ivin Ballen

Barbara participated in Parent Child. Her parents are familiar with BWS through current and alumni families.

#### Kai Erbes-Chan | Grade 3

Parents: Jeni Erbes-Chan, Johnny Erbes-Chan Kai returns to BWS from the Rudolf Steiner School.

#### Grace Lawson | Nursery

Parents: Deana Lawson, Aaron Gilbert

Grace's big brother is a BWS alumnus who is now in Grade 11.

## Ana Maranhao | Kindergarten

Parents: Tomas Maranhao, Juliana Maranhao

Ana comes to us from PS 110. She was part of our Parent

Child program years ago.

#### Tosan Okotieuro | Grade 7

Parents: Mary-Ann Etiebet, Gbubemi Okotieuro Tosan joined Grade 6 last Spring right after her class visit. She previously attended Basis Independent Brooklyn.

# Luca Tagar | Grade 3

Teo Tagar | Grade 1

Parents: Katherine Haver, Elya Tagar

The Tagar family is returning to Brooklyn after a bit of time in Australia. They are looking forward to their return.





