

2001-2002 Annual Report



*"It's not that we do what
we like; it's that we like
what we do."*

A Montessori student



*Sue Pritzker, Administrator, with daughter, Robyn
Janet Williamson, Board Chair, with sons, Cole and John*



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A LETTER FROM THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

We are very pleased to present Childpeace Montessori's first Annual Report. This report comes at an important time for the school. With the pending purchase and reconstruction of our building, we embark upon the development of a "new school". The new school will unite the Toddler Community, Children's House (pre-school program) and our growing Elementary program. The permanent home we have always envisioned is at hand.

Childpeace Montessori relocated to the Pearl District 14 years ago. When the school first moved in, the area was not the highly desired neighborhood it is today. With generous help from our landlord, Richard Hass, the new location was affordable. Now, many years later, the area has changed a great deal. Childpeace continues to be a critical part of the neighborhood helping to maintain a balance between old and new. It provides the highest quality education in an urban setting. This experience is unique in the Portland area.

As you read through this report, please bear in mind recent years' accomplishments.

Childpeace established the Elementary program. This addition fulfilled the long-held goal of offering a Montessori program for children 14 months through 12 years old. With the completion of the Lower Elementary cycle, we will establish an Upper Elementary classroom in the 2002-03 school year. Additionally, 15 new 1st graders will enter the program next year; a clear sign of the confidence and commitment to the full program.

Childpeace established the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) with a \$250,000 single donation. The assistance program is the only one of its scope amongst Montessori programs in the Portland area. We have been able to provide year-long tuition assistance for approximately 7 children, who would otherwise be unable to attend.

McAuley Terrace has completed its first full three-year cycle graduating eight kindergartners this year. The Children's House classroom opened in 1999 in association with the McAuley Terrace Assisted Living Facility and Mt. St. Joseph in SE Portland. The intergenerational component of the program has become a model for other schools in the region.

Childpeace has exceeded fundraising goals in the last three years. Proceeds from the Childpeace Auction, Annual Giving Campaign, and gift-wrap sale have grown, exceeding budgeted goals by 25% last year. We attribute this success to our growing number of families (near and far), great parent volunteers, and support from the community and local businesses.

Enrollment has increased to 150 students this year and will grow to approximately 230 when the "new school" is complete.

This report is an acknowledgment of all of the people who help make Childpeace the special place that it is. Thank you to the administration and faculty who work tirelessly to create a safe, healthy and creative learning environment for our children. Much appreciation to the families who have volunteered their time and talents. Thanks to the Board members who offer their guidance and expertise. And of course, to the children who are the essence of the Childpeace community.

Sue Pritzker
Administrator

Janet Williamson
Board Chair

"I am fascinated by my child's ability to find connections or links between all of the things she wants to learn."

Childpeace Elementary parent



Childpeace Elementary Program

Montessori education does not end with the preschool experience. It continues in to the child's elementary—and often adolescence—years, constantly building upon itself to change with the changing developmental needs of the child.

Maria Montessori wrote that, "human consciousness comes in to the world as a flaming ball of imagination."

Montessori education speaks to a child's imagination and sets off her lifelong voyage of discovery. Montessori Elementary curriculum includes basics such as reading, math, art, and music, but also teaches, "The Story of the Universe" which leads to areas of study such as: biology, geography, physics, algebra, and language.

In addition to meeting and exceeding State determined educational standards, the Montessori education's project orientation emphasizes working beyond set limits to gain knowledge of a subject.

They see real understanding. They do not study to get good grades; they study because they love to learn.

BACKGROUND

ABOUT CHILDPEACE MONTESSORI

Childpeace provides an all-day learning environment for children 14 months through 12 years old while balancing the needs of our families and staff.

Childpeace has been dedicated to providing quality education and care in a comfortable classroom setting where the focus on meaningful activities is designed to compliment the child's family life.

Childpeace is a non-profit corporation, certified day care center, a member of the Oregon Independent Schools, and an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) recognized school. AMI is headquartered in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and is directed by Renilde Montessori who is the granddaughter of founder Maria Montessori. AMI schools are located worldwide and all maintain the same standards and educational materials.

Childpeace is operated by a full-time administrative staff with oversight by a Board of Directors. Board members are elected from the parent body and community at large. Board committee work concentrates on all major projects including fundraising.

CHILDPEACE HISTORY

Childpeace Montessori School was established in 1976. Housed in the YWCA for 12 years, the school grew from two to three classrooms in 1984 and added the Montessori Infant Community in 1986. In October 1988, the school completed a move to our current location, 105 NW Park Avenue, on the historic tree lined North Park Blocks. In 1992, Portland began a renovation of the North Park Blocks, which included moving the playground to the block directly across from the school. In March of 1999, a fifth Children's House classroom was opened in the McAuley Terrace Assisted Living Facility in Southeast Portland. This program includes an intergenerational component. Our newest offering, Childpeace Elementary, opened for the 2000-2001 school year and will eventually grow to two lower and one upper elementary classroom.

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

The Pearl District encompasses the North Park Blocks (which is where Childpeace is located), the 13th Avenue Historic District, the city's Main Post Office, and the Hoyt Street Rail Yards, a 40-acre downtown land parcel still largely undeveloped.

The area was platted as part of Couch's Addition in 1869, and the area around North Park Blocks was developed primarily with one and two-story houses. The North Park Blocks contained the first park block dedicated to exclusive use by women and children, and later the first supervised children's playground. Around the turn of the century, expansion of the rail yards from the north halted the growth of park blocks and housing, leading to the neighborhood's gradual conversion to commercial and industrial uses. By 1910, the multi-story warehouses and commercial buildings (which characterize the Pearl District today) had become predominant.

Pioneering developers rediscovered the area in the 1980's beginning the conversion of many of the old buildings to residential and multiple uses.

The term "Pearl District" caught on as a way to describe a neighborhood of rough old buildings each concealing "pearls" in the form of artists' studios and art galleries.



"It's hard to say if my child separates "learning" from life, but he devours anything interesting and new."

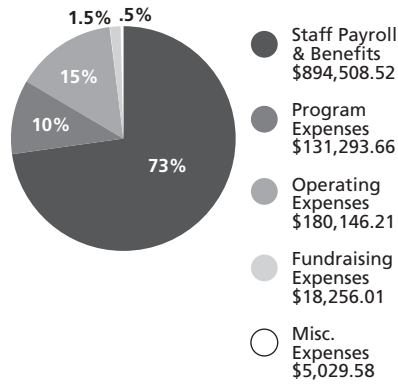
Alumni parent



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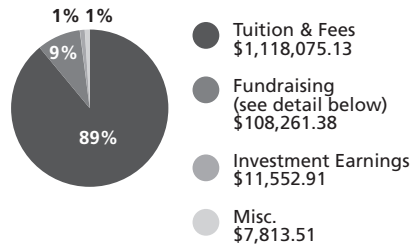
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Childpeace 2001 Expense Report

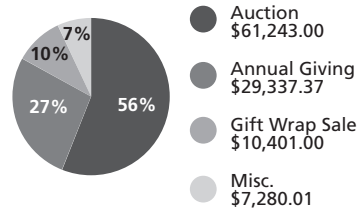


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Childpeace 2001 Income Report

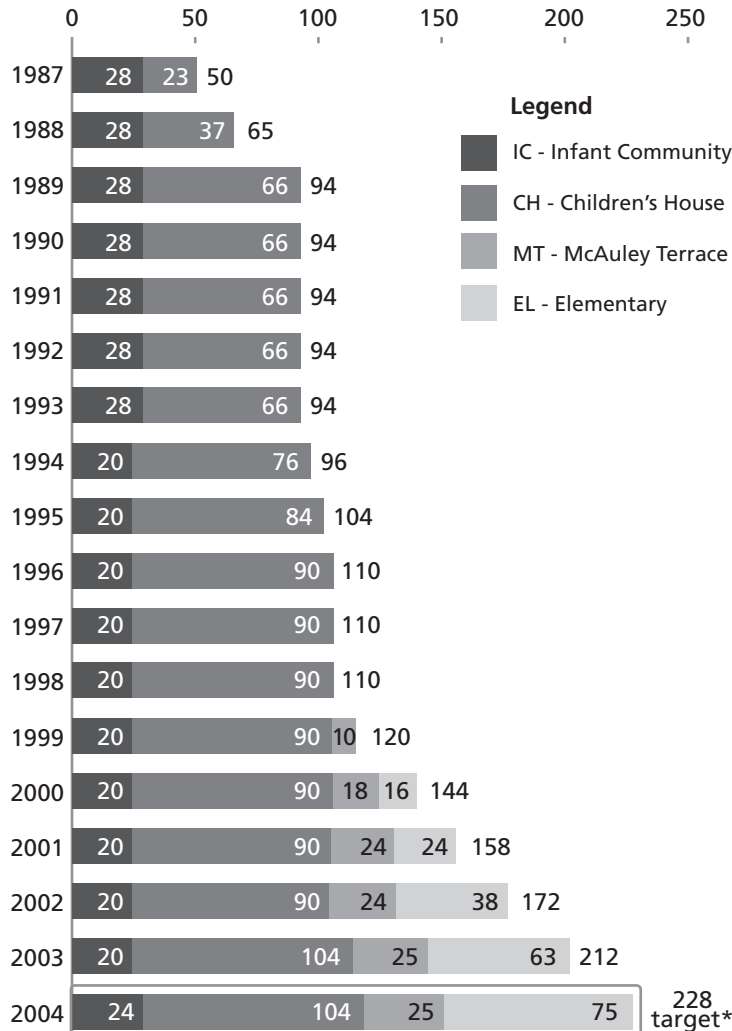


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Childpeace Enrollment



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