



ANNUAL REPORT

Omni Montessori School

2024/2025



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Dear Families and Friends of Omni,

Welcome to Omni's 2025 edition of the Annual Giving Report – a review of the past school year, a celebration of our accomplishments as a community and a formal thanks to the many generous volunteers and supporters whose time and talents make the Montessori experience come to life daily for our students. Traditionally, we have an underlying theme that guides us throughout the year and this year's theme of Growing Together was especially fitting as we celebrated our 40th

Anniversary. Over the past four decades, our school has provided excellent Montessori education while simultaneously nurturing an inclusive and welcoming community. This special year was filled with memorable events and reflections, honoring our rich history, and now we are looking forward to a future of continued growth and sustainability.

Some highlights from this remarkable year include:

- Welcoming 220 students – Omni's highest enrollment to date!
- Breaking ground on an ambitious construction project that includes a stand-alone building dedicated to offering an All Day Montessori program and a two-story addition to our existing Upper Elementary building, for a total of 12,000 additional square feet in educational and administrative environments. We anticipate using our new classrooms and offices beginning in September 2025.
- Hosting our third SAIS Accreditation Team visit and earning fully accredited status for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030 through the Southern Association of Independent Schools.
- Deepening our relationships with local learning support providers, thereby offering students access to occupational therapy, speech therapy, Orton-Gillingham tutoring, play therapy, social skills groups, etc. on campus during the school day.
- Continuing to gather as a community at our Omni annual events: Welcome Back Picnic, Harvest Festival, Winter Program, Auction, Pancake Breakfast and Graduation.

As we close this chapter and look ahead to the future, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our families, friends, employees, and greater community. Your generosity and commitment fuel our mission and make all that we do possible. Together, we are not only growing in numbers and in space, but in strength, purpose, and connection. Thank you for being an essential part of Omni's journey—past, present, and future. We can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together in the years to come.

With deep gratitude and appreciation,
Cindy Curry, *Head of School*



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Omni Montessori School Community,

As we reflect on the 2024–2025 school year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the strength, growth, and unity that continue to define the Omni community. It has been a year of purpose and progress, marked by milestones that reflect our shared commitment to the enduring vision of Montessori education.



Our campus has been alive with learning, curiosity, and joy. From our youngest learners to our adolescent students, each classroom has been a testament to the transformative power of Montessori principles in action. As the Board of Trustees, we have remained steadfast in supporting this mission—empowering children in a community faithful to the teachings of Maria Montessori.

In all that we do, we are committed to preserving the integrity of authentic Montessori education. Our school meets and exceeds the standards established by leading Montessori organizations, including those of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) and the American Montessori Society (AMS). Through our thoughtfully prepared environments, trained Montessori faculty, and child-centered approach, we continue to honor the developmental needs of each student and the philosophy that guides our work.

Looking ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, I'm thrilled to share several exciting accomplishments that position our school for continued success. Construction is underway for our new All Day Montessori Primary classroom—a thoughtfully designed space that will provide enriched opportunities for our youngest students. Additionally, the two-story expansion of the Red Maple classroom will enhance the learning environment for our Upper Elementary community, offering more room for exploration, collaboration, and discovery.

Another proud achievement is the successful re-accreditation of our school by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). This milestone affirms the excellence of our faculty, the strength of our leadership, and the vitality of our Montessori program at every level.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your unwavering support, trust, and partnership. Together, we are shaping a bright and meaningful future for our students—rooted in purpose, inspired by curiosity, and grounded in community.

With deep appreciation,

Nikki Eason, *President, Board of Trustees*



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Cindy Curry (Administrative Rep)
Ruth Jaimes
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Matt McCusker
Ellen Olson
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Holly Trotter

OMNI BY THE NUMBERS

220 Number of students enrolled at Omni Montessori School in 2024-2025.

321 Number of inquiries submitted during the 2024-2025 school year.

500 Number of wheelbarrows of mulch moved by the Red Maple class.



Number of miles run by students in the Run Club. 671

Number of “going outs”/field trips completed by the Ginkgo class. 16

Number of hours the Adolescent Program spent at the Charlotte Regional Farmers Market. 20

50 Number of flower arrangements made in Primary classrooms each week.

9 Number of students who competed in local chess tournaments.

185 Number of country names learned by the Sycamore class.



OMNI BY THE NUMBERS



Number of books checked out of the Owl's Nest Library. 1,906

Number of rocks and geodes added to the geology lab at the Waxhaw Campus. 184

Number of nature objects observed and documented by the Sycamore Lower Elementary students. 50

6-8 Number of times Primary children change their shoes each day.

293 Number of frozen, homemade food cubes fed to the Ginkgo class sugar gliders.

16 Number of animals added to the Waxhaw Campus farm.



Number of minutes spent on the Dungeons and Dragons Campaign. 2,100

Number of succesful structures built in the Adolescent Program's outdoor survival class. 4

Number of books independently read by the Sycamore Upper Elementary students. 597

OMNI BY THE NUMBERS

7

Number of students who are bilingual in the Adolescent Program.

5

Number of 1000 piece puzzles completed by the Sassafras class.

44

Number of sleep mats carried in every Monday by Primary students.



Number of students who participated in ENCORE! this year.

97

Number of RSVPs made for the Annual Pancake Breakfast.

178

Number of cups of coffee brewed in the Red Maple classroom and shared with Blakeney Faculty and Staff.

400

360

Number of characters created in drama activities.

27

Number of community meals held at the Waxhaw Campus.

9

Number of community service projects completed across Upper Elementary.

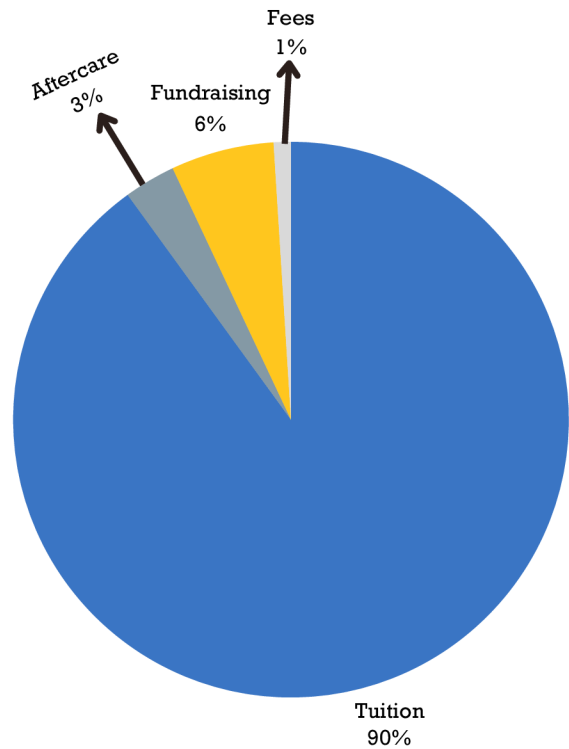


FINANCIAL REPORT

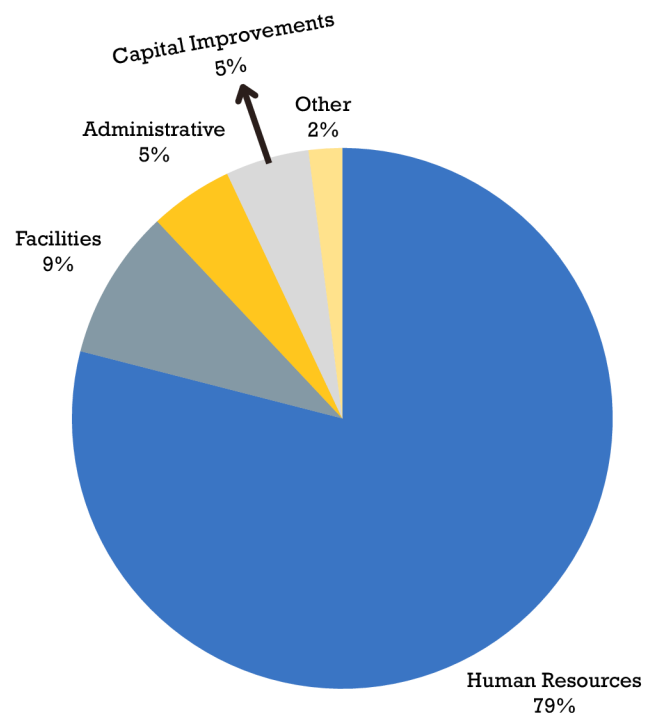
2023-2024 School Year



Where does the money come from?



Where did the money go?



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT



Dear Omni Community,

As we reflect on this past school year, it's clear that the Omni Community has once again shown up with heart, purpose, and generosity. Like the stem of a flower stretching toward the sun, the Omni Community went above and beyond—stretching every dollar—to support the growth and future of our school.

This year, we experienced unprecedented success in our Annual Giving Campaign, raising more funds than any previous year in our school's history. Your contributions didn't just meet our goals—they surpassed

them, making it clear how deeply our community believes in Omni's mission and the transformative power of a Montessori education.

In tandem with Annual Giving, we also introduced the Growth Campaign, a bold new initiative in support of our much-anticipated construction project. Thanks to your generosity, we've taken meaningful steps toward the expansion of the Red Maple building with a two-story extension, and the addition of a stand-alone All Day Primary classroom. These new spaces will allow Omni to grow intentionally while staying rooted in the values that define us.

Our annual auction was another joyful and resounding success, with proceeds directed toward the Growth Campaign. The event brought our community together in celebration and support—and it was especially fitting that we gathered during such a landmark moment in our school's history.

This year, we proudly celebrated Omni's 40th anniversary—a meaningful milestone that invited us to reflect on our roots while envisioning all that lies ahead. We honor the path set by those who built this community with care and intention, and thanks to your continued support, we are laying the groundwork for the next generation of Omni learners to thrive.

Thank you for your commitment, your belief in our work, and your generous spirit. We are grateful—deeply and truly—for each of you.

With gratitude,
Hannah Earnhardt, *Director of Advancement*



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Through the incredible support of our Board of Trustees, Omni parents, faculty and staff, and community members, we raised **over \$120,000** in donations and pledges for this year's **Annual Giving Campaign**—the largest amount in the campaign's history. This generosity enables us to continue serving our students and guides with excellence and intention.

Curiosity - \$10,000+

Hale Family Foundation

Community - \$5,000 to \$9,999

Nikki Eason

The Hendrix Family

Potential - \$1,986 to \$4,999

The Barreto Family

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The Gutierrez Family

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The Rankin Family

Denis Ryzhikov and Olga Ryzhikova

The Singh Family

The Steier Family

Holly Trotter, Matthew Oakley and Family

Dan, Megan & Sloane Wilson

Club 1985 - \$1,985

The McCusker Family

The Tanner Family

The Trimmer Family



Dedication - \$1,000 to \$1,984

Anonymous

The Brand Family

The Graham Family

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Ambarish and Kajel Mhaskar

The Naik Family

The Nicolette Family

The Olson Family

The Percy Family

The Ralston Family

The Sabates Family

The Shaw Family

The Strubbe Family

The Sturgeon Family

The Wilson Family

Connection - \$600 to \$999

The Biahun Family

The Jacobson Family

The Jaimes Family

The Jambusaria Family

The Jayaseelan Family

The Kashyap Family

The Mansour Family

The Martin Family

The Smolczynski Family

The Zu Family

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Inspire - \$300 to \$599

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The Becker Family
The Brown Family
Frank and Donna Carbonneau
Barbara and Ted Carpenter
The Deloso Family
Ken and Jeanne Dowd
Hannah and Douglas
Earnhardt
The Eskind Family
The Gamble Family
Donna Garrison
Tom and Becky Giblin
The Gil Tobon Family
Suraiya Gregory
The Hecimovich Family
The Jamshidi Family
Mr. and Mrs. Johnston
The Kendrick Family
The Leavenworth Family
The Maghdouri Family
The Mehta Family
The Obertan Family
Randi Odom
The Ortiz-Kostur Family
Anish and Anjana Patel
The Patel Family
Nirav Patel and Alisha Huria
The Phillips Family
The Pinnamaneni Family
The Pride Family
The Renegar Family
Doug and Pat Sedlacek
The Seipel Family
Monica Simpson
Joe and Clara Stewart
Rowan Webster
Sutton and Angie Yamanashi
The Zhang Family

The Badiani Family
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks
The Behringer Family
Chris and Nikki Bidell
The Burton Family
The Caffery-Draa Family
Jennifer Chapman
Robyn Cloete
Daisy Corbett
The Cristini Family
Grandma Cruz
The Dapash Family
Sandra and Paul Davidson
The Dean Family
The Destine-Farouk Family
The Diamond Family
The Duer Family
Jonathan and Anne Eidson
Cecilia Estrada
The Ewing Family
Lea and Mike Finegan
The Florian Family
Maria Garcia Zabaleta
Marley Givens
K.K. and Joe Gleason
The Gonnelli Family
Raquel Gonzalez
The Hawkins Family
Holli Henin
The Hickman Family
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hickman
Patty Hittel
The Hunt-Facchino Family
Crystal and Mike Jordan
The Kelley Family
The Kniss Family
Veronica Kocak
The LaBelle family
The Laughner Family
Lori Lauman

The Lavie Rodriguez Family
Chloe Lee
Amy and Tony Losasso
Charlie and Jess Lovins
The Martin-Ferguson Family
Darcy and Tim McDonnell
Angie McHenry
The McLaughlin Family
Shelley Morgan
The Mudd Family
The Musa Rodriguez Family
The Nandi Family
The Novitsky Family
Omni Loving Family
Kristen O'Reilly
Connie Pendergast
Quimby & Collins Orthodontics
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Kati Roy
The Rubio Family
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Jennifer Tamalone
The Uehara Family
The Van Leer Family
John and Kate Vassallo
The Watkins Family
Alec and Mayleng Watson
Kristen Weirich
The Wick Family
The Wilson Family
Libby and Tom Wilson
The Wood Family
The Zape Family

Mission Member - \$299 and below

Adolescent Students
Anonymous



ANNUAL AUCTION

40TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL AUCTION

Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Providence Country Club

Omni Montessori School's 40th Anniversary Annual Auction was a lively evening full of community, connection, and celebration. Families, staff, alumni, and friends came together to honor our school's rich history and support its future. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we grossed just over **\$97,000!** It was truly a night to remember—filled with joy, laughter, and the unmistakable spirit of Omni.



40TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL AUCTION

Thank you to our generous sponsors. We appreciate your support and commitment to Omni Montessori School.

PRESENTING



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**Patrick & Cindy
Curry**

**Denis Ryzhikov
&
Olga Ryzhikova**



PARENT ASSOCIATION



The Parent Association (PA) is a volunteer body which coordinates activities, such as school-wide celebrations and community events to strengthen the Omni community. Additionally, the PA aligns with the school's core values to support faculty, staff and the student body.



The PA provides all parents the opportunity to become involved and be part of the special traditions that make Omni vibrant and unique. Thank you to the Parent Association for their commitment to Omni Montessori School!



PA Officers & Committee Chairs:

President — Jessica Jacobson

Vice President, Communications — Nanda Jayaseelan

Vice President, Fundraising — Haley Obertan

Vice President of Community Affairs — Brittany Toth

Treasurer/Secretary — Heather Becker

Restaurant Nights — Brielle McLaughlin

Merchandise — Haley Obertan

Omni Appreciation Week — Amber Orner, Elizabeth Ortiz, Rachel Rivenbark, and Tahwii Spicer

Rewards — Heather Becker



FACULTY AND STAFF

“We serve the future by protecting the present.”

- Maria Montessori

Holli Andrews - Elementary Assistant
Nikki Bidell - Elementary Assistant
Kate Brown - Elementary Learning Specialist
Jing Chai - Primary Assistant
Jennifer Chapman - Accounting Assistant
Robyn Cloete - Elementary Assistant
Daisy Corbett - Administrative Assistant
Tricia Cotman - Elementary Guide
Cindy Curry - Head of School
Hannah Earnhardt - Director of Advancement
Jonathan Eidson - Elementary Guide
Cecilia Estrada - Learning Coordinator/Primary Guide
Nicole Fuller - Elementary Guide
Pattie Gamble - Elementary Assistant
Maria Garcia-Zabaleta - Spanish Language Specialist
Donna Garrison - Director of Finance and Facilities
KK Gleason - Primary Assistant
Raquel Gonzalez - Primary Assistant
Sarah Hagerty - Primary Guide
Crystal Jordan - Director of Primary Programs
Veronica Kocak - Primary Guide
Jess Lovins - Adolescent Program Guide
Guillermo Martin - Spanish Language Specialist
Darcy McDonnell - ENCORE! Coordinator and Librarian
Angie McHenry - Primary/Elementary Support Staff
Star Melvin - Adolescent Program Guide
Liliana Milan - Primary Support Staff
Garth Mramor - Adolescent Program Guide
Connie Pendergast - Elementary Guide
Bhumika Rajdev - Primary Guide
Stacy Ralston - Primary Assistant
Kati Roy - Primary Guide
Megan Sharp - Adolescent Program Guide
Monica Simpson - Facilities Coordinator
Ashlyn Spangenberg - Director of Adolescent Programs
Jennifer Tamalone - Primary/Elementary Support Staff
Rowan Webster - Director of Elementary Programs
Kristen Weirich - Elementary Guide



CONGRATS GRADS!



Zachary Berman



Eli Hipple



Amir Mansour



Liam Martin



Morgann Pride



“We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity.” - **Dr. Maria Montessori**



CONSTRUCTION CORNER



On October 29, 2024, we held an internal groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of our campus development project. Staff, students, board members, and the Barringer Construction team came together to mark this milestone and reflect on the shared vision for our school's future. The event highlighted the strong collaboration and collective commitment behind this endeavor, as we look forward to opening the new buildings for the 2025–2026 school year and continuing our growth and dedication to empowering children in a community faithful to the teachings of Maria Montessori.

As construction progressed, we celebrated another milestone on May 19, 2025, with a topping out ceremony. Primary and Elementary students were invited to sign a structural beam that will be placed in the new buildings—a meaningful opportunity for them to leave their mark on the future of our campus. Throughout this journey, the Barringer Construction team has been an exceptional partner, showing consistent support, flexibility, and enthusiasm for our school community and vision.

WITH APPRECIATION



We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Crystal Jordan**, who has been an integral part of the Omni community for over 13 years—as a dedicated parent, passionate guide, and our inspiring Director of Primary Programs. Her leadership, warmth, and unwavering commitment have touched the lives of countless students, families, and colleagues. While we are sad to see her go, we are incredibly proud as she steps into a new role as Head of School at a Montessori school in Texas. We wish her all the best on this exciting new journey and are deeply grateful for the lasting impact she leaves behind.





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