



NURSERY PRE-K GRADES K-8

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Dear Families and Friends,

This year we are kicking off the Annual Giving Campaign during Michaelmas, a time of strength, bravery, courage and taming of dragons. This festival is involved with the awakening of the "will" for rightful deeds in Waldorf schools across the world.

Your contributions support more than a private school education, they support a cause and a movement of education for your child. Your gift helps us to bring this unique education method to the high desert of Nevada. Our school is the only Waldorf school in Northern Nevada and had been the only Waldorf school in Nevada until 2017. With this Season of Giving we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Waldorf education, the 20th Anniversary of Nevada Sage Waldorf School and the first graduating 8th grade class. The Nevada Sage Waldorf School has grown from 4 students in 2000 to 110 students this year in nursery through to our first 8th grade.

Members of our community are often willing to step forward to help fund special programs and projects as they emerge, showing their appreciation for Nevada Sage Waldorf School's education and commitment to our shared values. Our donors help enhance our programming. I am deeply honored to serve this community.

As the chair of this year's Annual Giving Campaign, I ask you to consider the stream of giving running through everything. Everyone's gifts are integral to the work of educating young people at Nevada Sage Waldorf School. From providing high quality subject classes to supporting professional development for our teachers, we are

## **INTERVIEW WITH DR. AMY BARBER, 7TH/8TH GRADE TEACHER:**

### **What brought you to Waldorf education?**

I was looking for a community that shared the same values that I held. At the time I was working at University of Nevada, Reno and wanted to find a more collaborative work environment. I met with a job counselor, and she suggested that I look into Waldorf education. I discovered that the school was 2 blocks from where I lived! I observed and volunteered in the kindergarten for 6 months and embarked on a healing journey. From then I went on to train as a Waldorf teacher. I have worked with 2 of our children step-by-step for nearly 9 years and feel grateful that the parents have entrusted their children to me. I find this truly humbling.

### **What have you learned as you have taught each grade?**

That I still have so much to learn especially from the children. I love that Waldorf education values freedom in teaching which allows me to work with what each child truly needs. I honor the love and support that my class parents have given me on this journey with their children.

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# 2019-20 CAMPAIGN GOAL \$30,000

FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL IN VARIOUS WAYS SUCH AS:  
OUTREACH • FACILITY REPAIRS • SUBJECT CLASSES • TEACHER TRAINING

committed to providing strong, vibrant programs that yield the rewarding education that students receive here. Tuition revenue supports 80% of our operating costs, leaving 20% that needs to be raised by our community.

“Learning means that something is summoned into existence that is not there yet but is possible. Learning means being able to get a sense for which questions and goals the children bring into their lives.”

– **Claus-Peter Röh**

Pedagogical Section Leader Anthroposophical Society Worldwide

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF ATTAINING \$30,000  
PLEDGE YOUR CONTRIBUTION BY NOVEMBER 8, 2019

This is the time of year when we ask everyone in our community to renew their commitment to supporting school costs that tuition does not cover. We are stronger when we all participate – each as we are able – in generating enthusiasm for our school’s mission. Our commitment, from the current community of parents and guardians, also encourages others outside our immediate school group to contribute thus helping to sustain our school and our children’s experience from a yet wider circle of donors.

This year our goal for the 2019-2020 campaign is \$30,000.00. We ask that you consider stretching your commitment this year, possibly through monthly giving. Each of us has a stake in our school’s success and your donation to the Annual Fund is vital. If each of us increased our gift, I know that together we can reach the new goal. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Kind regards,

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Board of Trustee President