

# ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2013 - AUGUST 2014



## STATISTICS

2,395

Hours of Montessori education, hands-on training and mentorship our teachers completed

4,210

Hours of service by local and international volunteers

72,765

Minutes of student learning, exploration and discovery



1st local teacher earned her Montessori teaching certificate through our Teacher Scholarship Program



1st year of our mobile messaging platform to support parents – a 3MM Parent-Teacher Association initiative



24:1

The average student to teacher ratio in early childhood classrooms in Dominican Republic



4:1

The average student to teacher ratio in 3MM's classrooms

5,768

Free, healthy lunches



29

Students on Full Scholarship



84

Friday Home Visits



467

Donors

## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of 3MM,

When I reflect on our success and growth over the last year, I think of you, the caring individuals who have made it possible. Our children, parents and teachers fondly refer to 3MM as "the biggest family of all." As our committed and generous volunteers, fundraisers, donors and advocates, you are important members of our family.

With you by our side, we will continue to build on the strong foundation that makes 3MM an exceptional school for all children and families. Our children will live happy, healthy lives because of you. Thank you!

With gratitude,

Sarah Ludwig-Ross  
Founder & Head of School

## OUR STORIES



### ODALIS, TEACHER

As a child, **Odalis** attended a poor, rural school that had no electricity and no water, except for the rain pouring from the leaky roof. The mother of two by age 17, she became a volunteer classroom assistant at 3MM, in search of the best school for her daughter. With the support of 3MM Odalis learned English, became a Parent Liaison, and had her home rebuilt by volunteers. She quickly learned that being part of 3MM was not only good for her daughter's future; it was good for her, too. Odalis accepted a paid position at 3MM and was awarded a scholarship to study the Montessori method. In September 2013, after two years of intense studies and mentorship, Odalis became a certified Montessori teacher. Last year was her first year as Lead Guide in our Primary Classroom, and we are proud to tell you that she was outstanding!

**Karen**, her husband and their four children live in an eight-by-ten-foot room. They all share one bed. With a third grade education and four children to care for, Karen used to live day-to-day while her husband was gone for months, often traveling over eight hours in search of work. Determined to give her children a life of opportunity and security, she enrolled her three oldest at 3MM on full scholarship. During our home visits, Karen receives support to create a healthier, safer home. Karen is proud of the excellent education, unique opportunities, healthy meals, and endless love and care her children receive. Last year Karen began working in our school store, La Tienda. It's her very first job. She's responsible for sales, inventory, and customer service. Now she can buy food and supplies, even when her husband is away. Karen's involvement at 3MM has positively impacted her children's education; all three had perfect attendance last year. Every day at 3MM they build a stronger foundation for the successful, happy and healthy lives for which Karen is hoping and striving.

### KAREN, PARENT



### JIMMY, STUDENT

**Jimmy** is an energetic boy, eager to make friends and always ready to toss a ball. Less than two years ago, however, his parents feared for his life. At four years old, Jimmy underwent major brain surgery. With the support of his strong parents, dedicated teachers, and a caring community from around the world, Jimmy not only had a successful surgery, he was also in a place that allowed him to develop at his own pace and grow in a myriad of ways. That place was 3MM. Following observations and recommendations from an occupational therapist, 3MM was able to add to a distinct learning experience that met Jimmy's different needs. At one of his health check-ups an owner of the clinic who had known Jimmy since his infancy was blown away by the progress she saw in his concentration, coordination and verbal skills. She attributed this growth to his involvement at 3MM, but it is 3MM that is lucky to have Jimmy – his smile, energy and happy nature are unmatched!

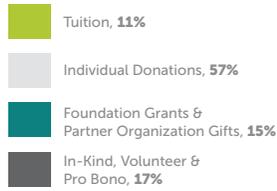


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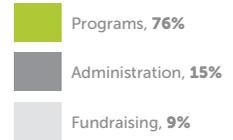
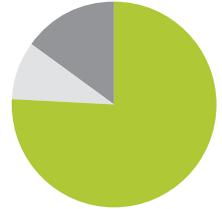
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As a result of your support, we had a record-breaking year. We raised **\$156,541** and served 45 children, 73 parents and 7 teachers. We are committed to carefully investing your donations to ensure sustainability and maximum impact. By doing so, together we provide children with a strong foundation for success, happy and healthy lives.

## REVENUE



## USE OF FUNDS



**"OF ALL THINGS LOVE IS THE MOST POTENT."**  
MARIA MONTESSORI

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### Fundraise

Host a fundraiser or create an online fundraising page to encourage your friends to make a difference with you

### Volunteer

Share your skills, time and passion with us

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Sign up for our newsletter on our website

Our mission is to, alongside parents and teachers, provide children with the foundation for educational success and a happy, healthy life.

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