3 MARIPOSAS MONTESSORI

ANNUAL REPORT

2016 - 2017

La Ciénaga, Cabarete
Dominican Republic

Numbers

Students

19 Dominicans & Haitians on full scholarship

19 Tuition paying foreigners

Staff

Dominican & Haitian

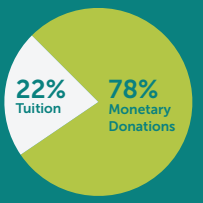
6 Montessori teachers and assistants
1 Admin
1 Cook
1 Gardener

Foreign

2 Montessori teachers and assistants
2 Admin

2016 Financial Snapshot

It has been a successful, fun, and very productive year! We raised $133,302 and served 38 children, 72 parents and 13 teachers and staff. We are committed to carefully investing the donations we receive to ensure sustainability and maximum impact. By doing so, together we provide children with a strong foundation for success and happy, healthy lives.



INCOME

$133,302

EXPENSES

$136,917

PROGRAMS

72%

- Montessori classes for children ages 1 - 7
- Nutrition & health
- Continuing education for teachers
- Parent programing
- Volunteer coordination

ADMINISTRATION/ FUNDRAISING

28%

- Personnel
- Contracted Services
- Taxes

Highlights

STUDENTS

10 students launched 3MM's complete English Immersion elementary program

36 children received wellness checks by American health professionals

Students of all ages cared for
7 chickens
12 chicks

Four 3MM graduates visited our library regularly to read to 3MM students

The elementary students distributed **350 sandwiches** to community members after flooding occured

1-3 yr olds enjoyed learning in their new outdoor patio space

All students were exposed to English in their classrooms on a daily basis

STAFF

A classroom assistant from Haiti received a **scholarship for Montessori training**

3MM staff traveled to the mountains to sleep, hike, and swim; voting this trip as the **best team building experience of all time**

4 staff received scholarships to participate in English classes

2 local teachers traveled to Santo Domingo to watch a play performed by Montessori students; their first time ever attending a theater production

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

Meet a few of our special 3MM family members...

Farah
Montessori Teacher-in-Training

3MM students, parents and staff were quick to fall in love with 27 year-old Farah St. Juste, who came to the DR from Haiti in 2012. Farah's smile lights up every room she enters, her positive energy is contagious, her heart is enormous and her patience is endless. These attributes are just a few of the reasons she received a full-scholarship from 3MM to participate in Montessori training.

In addition to Farah's training course, she gained an abundance of knowledge from teaching side by side every day with Patty Anton, a Montessori teacher with over 20 years of experience. Patty describes Farah as, "... one of the most loving individuals I've ever met. Farah loves children, she loves learning, she loves life. 3MM is fortunate to have such a person guiding our students' developmental journey."

Aurelki
Parent

Aurelki, a single mother raising four children, is one busy woman! Until recently she was cleaning homes for a living, but after witnessing her dedication to the education of her two daughters who attend 3MM, we invited her to take the position of classroom assistant. Aurelki accepted with a smile and she has quickly demonstrated an eagerness and commitment to learning about the Montessori method and how she can use it to support our students' learning in the classroom.

Gerson
Student

In the eyes of his teachers and classmates, Gerson has become a gift he gives us each day he attends school. This bright, loving, and funny 7 year-old brings a special joy to our lives by his insatiable desire to learn everything. In only 2 years time, he has gone from speaking only Spanish to being able to have full conversations in English about his feelings, his thoughts, and the myriad of "I wonder..." questions he imagines. Gerson has a huge heart, an impeccable sense of justice, and thrives on being a leader and a role model to his classmates and the younger students at 3MM. We expect the admirable qualities he brings to his life at 3MM will carry him well throughout his academic career and his life, and will provide a constant source of pride for him and his family.

"THE CHILD IS BOTH A HOPE AND A PROMISE FOR MANKIND."

Dr. Maria Montessori

YOU CAN HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers

3 families from the United States and Canada played with and read to 3MM students; constructed outdoor Montessori materials; added new equipment to our playground; and participated in community service projects with 3MM students

An English-speaking volunteer served as 3MM's librarian, organizing the space and offering story-time to the students

10 volunteers from Amistad Casira built a tree-house, painted murals, made an outdoor play kitchen and created an aquatic garden

Local businesses and idividuals donated food, legal advice, musical talent and more

A total of **2,824 hours of service was given by 44 volunteers**

Parents

A 3MM mother beautified 3MM's gardens with the students by planting flowers, plants, veggies and herbs

A Haitian mother completed **3 years managing 3MM's thrift shop**

2 parents shared their musical talents with our students on several occasions

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Dowagiac, MI 49047 USA

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