3 MARIPOSAS MONTESSORI

# ANNUAL REPORT

**2018-2019**

**La Ciénaga, Cabarete**
**Dominican Republic**

## Numbers

### Students 47

**28** 60% Scholarship

**19** 40% Tuition

### Staff 17

**10 Teachers and Assistants**

**9** Locals

**1** Foreigner

**4 Support Staff**

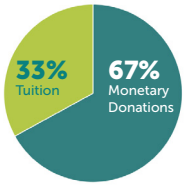
**4** Locals

**3 Admin**

**3** Foreigners

## Financial Snapshot

This has been our most successful, fun and productive year yet! Our $144,647 income served 47 students, 56 parents, and 17 staff. 3MM is committed to carefully investing the donations we receive to ensure sustainability and maximum impact. By doing so, together we provide our children with a strong foundation for success, and happy and healthy lives.




**INCOME**
**$144,647**

**EXPENSES**
**$142,528**

**PROGRAMS**
67%

**ADMINISTRATION**
23%

**FUNDRAISING**
10%

## Highlights

### STUDENTS

- Our 1 - 3 year-olds were included in our lunch program
- A physical education program was launched
- A full day option was introduced for all children
- Our elementary students enjoyed monthly outings in support of 3MM's new sustainability program
- Monthly student community service "clean-up" days helped beautify our neighborhood
- Numerous guest presenters brought enrichment and music to our students' lives
- Elementary students began leading school tours
- Elementary students began assisting in the El Nido and primary classrooms

### STAFF

A local athlete joined us to serve as 3MM's Physical Education teacher

A donated biogas system was used to produce cooking gas for a staff member's family as well as fertilizer for 3MM's gardens

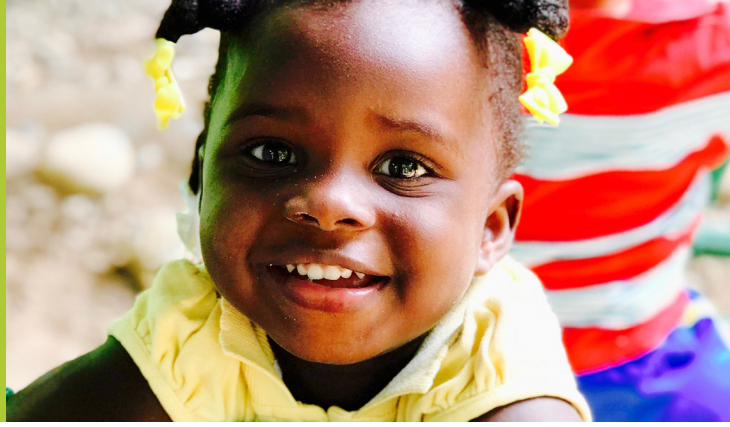
Professional Development opportunities continued such as: English Classes, Montessori Workshops, U.S. sister school mentoring program established.

### PARENTS

10 mothers enjoyed our 1st ever, Yoga for Moms event

At least one parent of each child observed in their child's classroom at least 3 times throughout the year

# Alongside parents and teachers, we provide children with the foundation for educational success and a happy, healthy life.



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

**Richenay Dine**
**Student**

Richenay Dine came to 3MM as a two-year-old. For the first few years, a smile was a rare sight. She was timid, lethargic, lacked the typical curiosity of a child, and was literally afraid of her own shadow. After 5 years in an environment that provides her the healthy nutrition, mental stimulation, and loving support every child deserves, Richenay Dine has blossomed into a completely different child. Today, we see her singing as she proudly completes her work, confidently taking on the role of peer leader, and joyfully exploring every aspect of the classroom.

**Iskania**
**Teacher**

This "firecracker" of a woman who joined us to develop our first physical education program brings the high energy, drive, and creative spirit that beautifully supports the healthy development of our students. Her cheerful disposition coupled with her natural gift with children enriches 3MM's programs with healthy habits, sustainability and environmental thoughtfulness, and LOTS of fun. Through sports, games, dance, and art, our students are learning not only the importance of self-care but their important roles in caring for the earth, too.

**Hermase**
**Parent**

This Haitian mother of five 3MM students is a model for hard work, determination, and courage. Leaving everything she knew and loved in Haiti, she and her husband moved to the Dominican Republic to afford themselves the opportunities her homeland couldn't provide. Their situation was so desperate that not even the prospect of starting a new life in a country with a history of racial intolerance, the need to learn a new language or the fact that they brought nothing but the clothes on their backs daunted their spirits.

**"CHILDREN ARE HUMAN BEINGS TO WHOM RESPECT IS DUE, SUPERIOR TO US BY REASON OF THEIR INNOCENCE AND OF THE GREATER POSSIBILITIES OF THEIR FUTURE."**

**Dr. Maria Montessori**

## Exciting News!

- As of Aug. 2019, donors have contributed $74,843 which is being saved for the land purchase. We're just waiting for a bit more funding and the right deal before making an offer.
- 3MM has been working hard and is very close to becoming a plastic-free school!
- A local staff member will travel for the first time off the island to attend a Montessori conference in the U.S. and observe in schools.

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