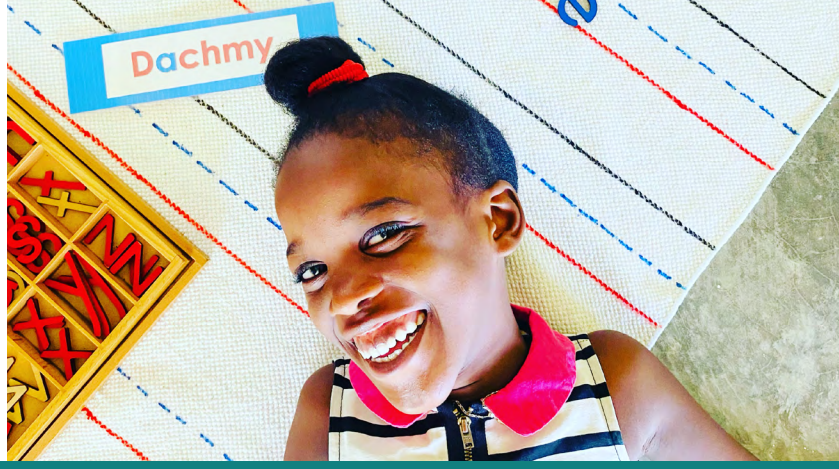
3 MARIPOSAS MONTESSORI

2022 - 2023

ANNUAL REPORT



STUDENT NUMBERS

76 Students

+16 since last year!

70% Scholarship

30% Tuition

CLASSES

16 in El Nido | 1 - 3 Years Old

18 in Primary | 3 - 6 Years Old

14 in Lower Elementary | 6 - 9 Years Old

11 in Upper Elementary | 9 - 12 Years Old

16 in Childcare | 6 Months - 6 Years Old

STAFF NUMBERS

22 Staff

17 Dominican

3 Haitian

1 Venezuelan

1 American

POSITIONS

4 Montessori Guides

11 Classroom Assistants

4 Support Staff
(Cook, Gardener, Head of Cleaning, Maintenance)

3 Admin

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

INCOME **$345,901**

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- Educated 76 students
- Supported 132 parents
- Employed 22 staff
- Fed 97 children and adults
- Built
  - 2 Classrooms
  - 1 Multiuse pavilion
  - 1 Fish pond
  - 3 Mini classroom kitchens
- Painted a beautiful mural
- Installed 6 solar panels

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.

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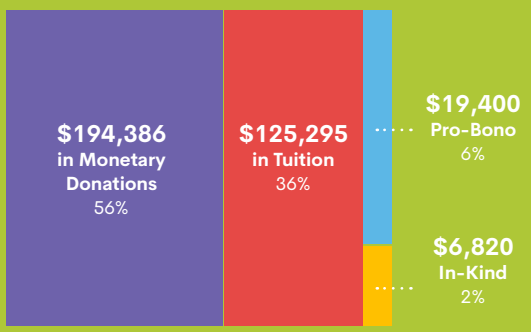

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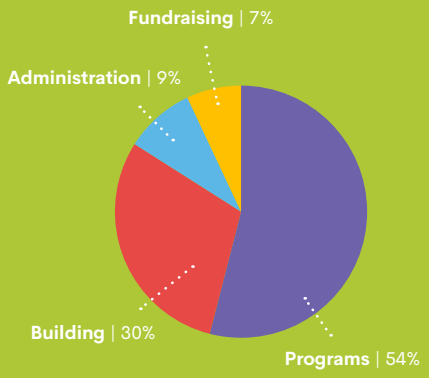

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Alongside parents and teachers,

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

"Education is the best weapon for peace."

Dr. Maria Montessori

Highlights

INAUGURATION OF NEW CAMPUS - A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

When we do something, we make sure we do it well. And wow, the party we threw to celebrate the opening of our new campus was definitely the party of all parties! Great music was played by a 3MM father's band, delicious food was donated by generous local restaurants, touching speeches were given by our oldest students, and jaws were dropped by those who were visiting the campus for the first time. It surely was a night to remember!

3 MONTHS, 3 INTERNS

Three lovely, kind, generous, smart, and fun interns from the University of Wisconsin-Madison joined us for the 2023 Summer Camp, and wow, what a great addition they were! These ladies jumped right into helping with academics, excursions, swimming lessons, administrative work, and more. We couldn't count the tears that fell when they left us. But the good news is, is that they assured us that they'll be back!

WELCOME, MR. MANNY!

Manny, a father of 3 of our students, joined our school family as our Social Worker. This was a dream come true! Manny has years of experience working in the mental health field in the United States and when he moved here, he brought his big heart, enthusiasm for helping, and knowledge with him. We couldn't be more grateful for the important service that he provided (and continues to give).

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Maybe you didn't know this, but opening a school was never a lifelong dream of mine. It wasn't until I found myself between a rock and a hard place in 2009 that I decided to put all of my experience working with kids, teachers, and parents together and open 3 Mariposas Montessori. Oscar Wilde said, "What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise." 3MM has truly been a blessing to me and more importantly, to so many others whose paths in life have been challenging simply because of the color of their skin, or the poverty they were born into. Our Spanish and Creole-speaking students are learning English and essential skills that will benefit them in life, staff are becoming certified Montessori teachers or developing other abilities that benefit our students, parents are receiving opportunities to help them be better parents, and donors and volunteers are finding happiness in helping.

So, here's to that rock and hard place I encountered 14 years ago. Thanks for being the reason that one of the best schools on Earth was created. And, thanks for positively impacting the lives of 76 students, 132 parents, 22 staff, 284 donors, and 16 volunteers.

With gratitude and love,

Sarah Ludwig-Ross

Sarah Ludwig-Ross
Founder/Director of Development

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   3mariposasmontessori.com
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