3 MARIPOSAS MONTESSORI

Annual Report 2024/2025

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

LETTER FROM FOUNDER

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As the founder and head of school at 3 Mariposas Montessori, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I present our annual report for this year. This document not only reflects our achievements and growth but also serves as a testament to the unwavering support of our community, families, and dedicated staff.

Throughout the past year, we have continued to foster a nurturing environment that emphasizes the holistic development of each child. Our commitment to the Montessori philosophy has guided us in creating enriching educational experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our families, staff, and partners who have played an essential role in our journey. Your belief in our mission and your active participation have made a significant difference in the lives of our students and the broader community.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to our vision of providing an exceptional Montessori education that empowers children to reach their full potential. Together, we will continue to cultivate a thriving learning environment that nurtures the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to 3 Mariposas Montessori.

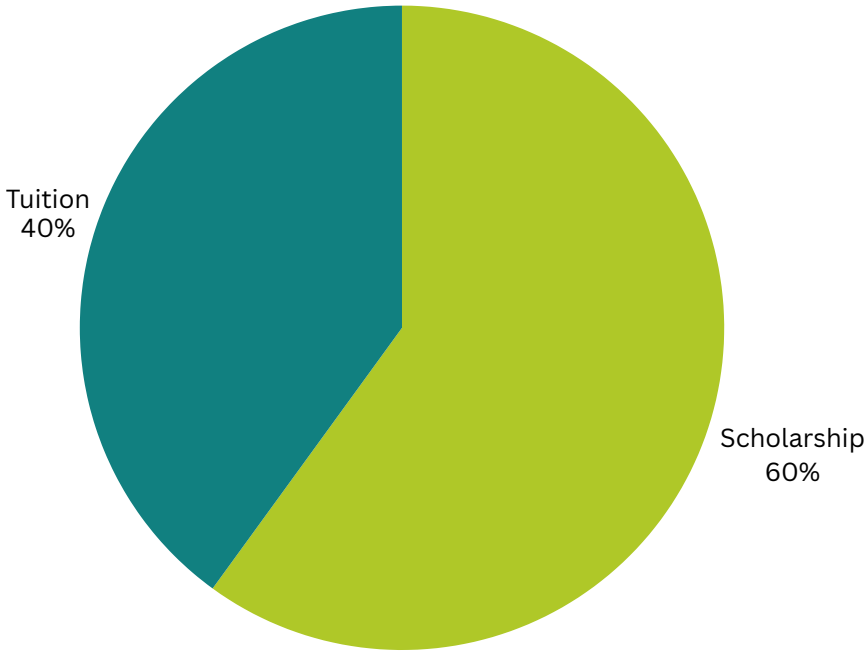
Warm regards,

Sarah Ludwig-Ross

Students in Numbers

83 students

17: El Nido (ages 1 - 3)
26: Children's House (ages 3 - 6)
23: Elementary (ages 6 - 12)
17: Tiny Explorers Childcare (ages 1 - 6)



Staff in Numbers

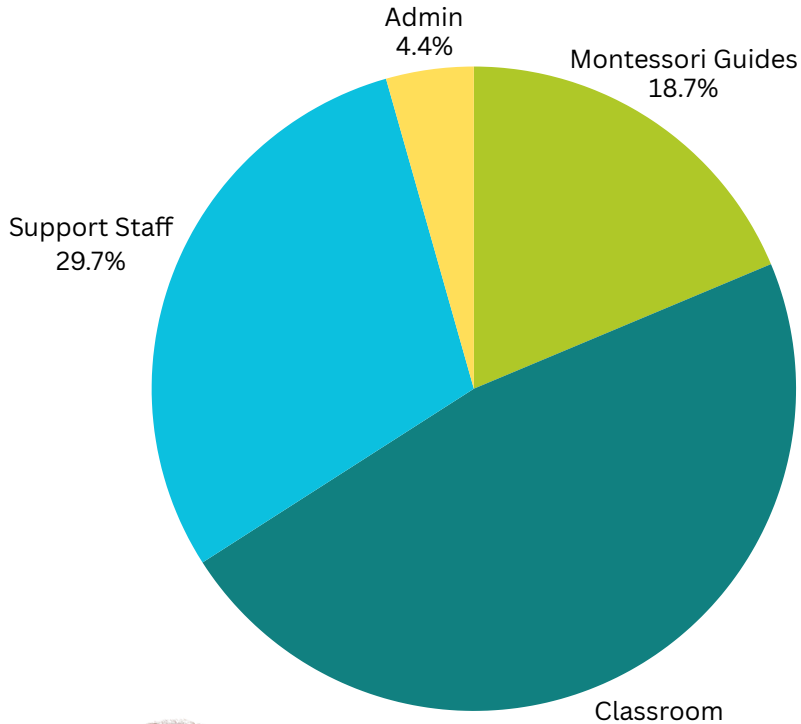
32 Staff

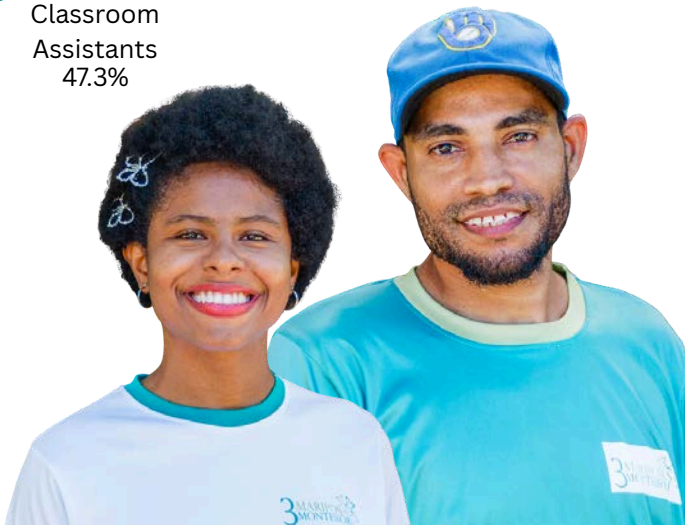
23 Dominicans

5 Haitians

1 Venezuelan

1 American





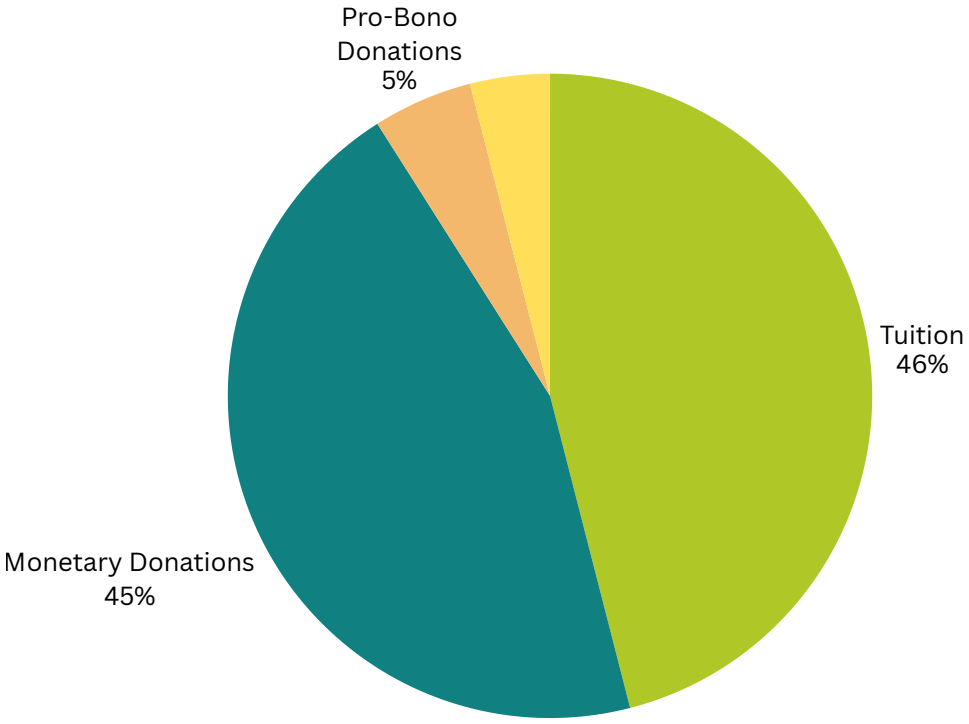
HIGHLIGHTS

Over $464,000 was raised to:

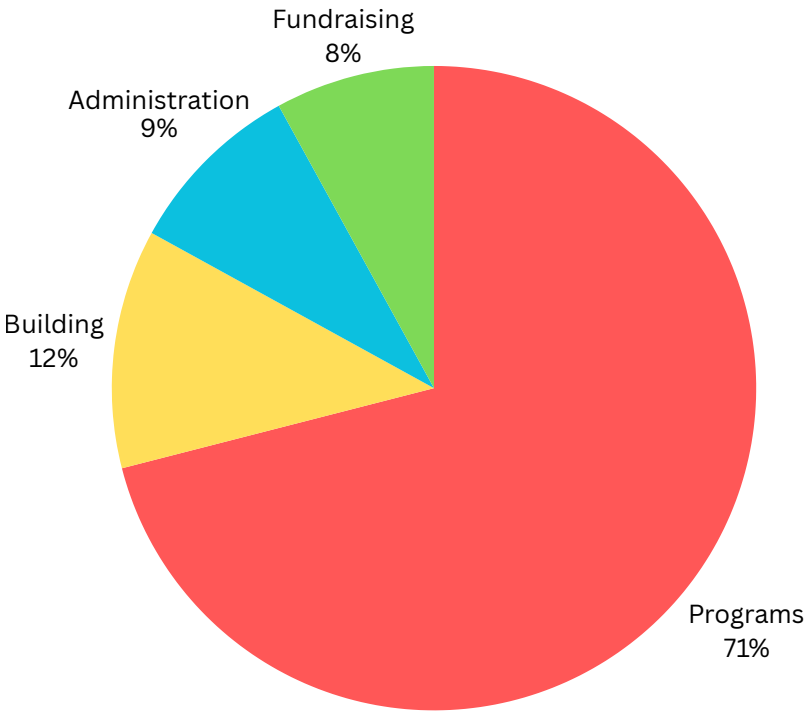
- Educated 83 students and supported 138 parents while employing 32 dedicated staff members.
- Provided healthy meals to 126 students and adults, promoting nutrition and well-being.
- Organized 6 educational excursions for our oldest 49 students, enhancing their learning experiences.
- Offered 4 professional development opportunities for our staff to foster growth and expertise.
- Delivered Montessori training to 3 staff members to enhance our educational approach.
- Sent our Head of School and Program Director to the U.S.A. for a significant fundraising event.
- Welcomed 3 interns from UW-Madison to support our children during summer camp.
- Completed the construction of our new kitchen, including The Lunchbox, our student-run kitchen.
- This version maintains the original meaning while enhancing clarity.
- Awarded scholarships to 14 students, enabling their participation in our after-school programs.
- Hired our first ever Volunteer Coordinator, allowing us to welcome more volunteers
- Commemorated 15 years of success with a large celebration for the community

3MM is committed to the responsible allocation of donations, ensuring long-term sustainability and maximizing our impact. Through these initiatives, we provide our children with a strong foundation for success, promoting happy, healthy, and fulfilling lives.

Source of Income



Use of Funds



The #3 in our name symbolizes the three essential groups we serve: students, parents, and teachers—with students, naturally, being at the heart of our mission.

Parent Highlight: Honoring Andrea's Commitment to Family and Community

In 2019, after getting to know Andrea — a resilient single mother of two students at 3 Mariposas Montessori, who embodies dedication, compassion, and determination — we proudly welcomed her into our community. Andrea consistently juggles multiple jobs to make ends meet while ensuring she remains actively engaged in her children's education. She regularly attends meetings, conferences, and workshops for parents, demonstrating her commitment to being the best parent possible.

Andrea's journey with us is a testament to resilience, community involvement, and the power of dedicated parenting.

Student Highlight: Celebrating Adelyn's Journey at 3 Mariposas Montessori

Adelyn has truly flourished during her time at 3 Mariposas Montessori, showcasing remarkable growth in her language skills and overall confidence. From the moment she joined our program, it was evident that Adelyn had a natural curiosity and eagerness to learn. With the support of our dedicated educators and the nurturing environment at 3 Mariposas, she has embraced the opportunity to explore new concepts and develop her abilities.

One of the most significant milestones in Adelyn's journey has been her ability to communicate effectively in English. Initially hesitant to speak, she has gained the confidence to express her thoughts and ideas with her peers and teachers. This transformation has not only enhanced her communication skills but has also fostered her social interactions, allowing her to form meaningful connections with others,

The progress Adelyn has made exemplifies the impact of your generous support. By investing in our Montessori programs, you are providing children like Adelyn with the tools they need to thrive academically and socially. We are incredibly grateful for your continued commitment to 3 Mariposas Montessori, as it enables us to create a rich learning environment where every child can flourish.

Staff Highlight: Welcome to the Team, Dioni!

3MM is thrilled to introduce our new Volunteer Coordinator, Dioni, who joined our team in January 2025!

A dedicated advocate for community engagement, Dioni has a passion for empowering individuals, which has allowed him to enhance the volunteer experience significantly. With Dioni's leadership, we've successfully welcomed more volunteers from around the globe, enriching our community and expanding our reach.

We look forward to the enthusiasm and expertise Dioni brings to fostering connections and creating a supportive environment for our volunteers at 3MM.

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