

Riverbend School, like many independent schools, relies on fundraising as a source of revenue. These funds are a fundamental part of our operations budget, a strong indicator of the overall fiscal health of the School, and help ensure our longevity for future generations of Montessori learners.

Your gift today has an immediate impact tomorrow as we put your dollars to use supporting our students, faculty, and staff. You play a critical role in keeping us strong and realizing the many possibilities ahead. **That is the difference you make.**



“We have work in front of us, but that work is joyful and important; these children are our future.”

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HEAD OF SCHOOL



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ANNUAL FUND  
2021-2022



## There are many reasons why your gift matters, and here are just a few:

- Your gift makes a Riverbend School education accessible to more families and enhances the diversity and richness of our learning community.
- Your gift allows us to attract and maintain our exceptional Montessori-trained teachers, as well as support their continued professional development.
- Your gift signals to the community that you share in the vision of Riverbend and makes you a participant in shaping our future.
- Your gift gives Riverbend the flexibility to respond to community needs quickly and adapt in times of change. This might include expanding or enriching academic programs or implementing health and safety measures to protect us in the ongoing pandemic.

## 2020-2021 ANNUAL FUND BY THE NUMBERS

**\$144,037** raised



- 77 returning families
- 47 new families
- 25 grandparents
- 14 other
- 5 matching
- 3 alumni families
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- 90% participation from families
- 100% participation from staff and faculty
- 100% participation from Riverbend Board of Directors

## YOUR GIFT MATTERS

**44%** of all gifts given in the 2020-2021 year were \$200 or less.

Every gift—no matter the amount—makes an impact for Riverbend.

## Riverbend invests your donor dollars wisely

- 73% of Riverbend’s overall budget goes to salaries/benefits, helping to attract top faculty and support their continued professional development.
- It costs Riverbend 9 cents to raise \$1 and only 1% of the overall budget is spent on fundraising.



**CONSIDER A RECURRING DONATION**  
**Where commitment meets convenience, this option makes your ongoing, monthly support easy. Be sure to click the “Show my support by making this a recurring donation” box on our online giving form at [riverbendschool.org/giving](https://riverbendschool.org/giving).**



Help us reach our annual fund goal of **\$160,000** for the 2021-2022 year—make your gift today! Visit [riverbendschool.org/giving](https://riverbendschool.org/giving) or use the envelope provided.

