

Dear Waldorf School of Baltimore Community,

Years of preparation have reaffirmed our confidence in a vision for a new chapter for the Waldorf School of Baltimore, a vision which combines expectations and careful decisions for our growing community. We are pleased to announce the start of construction of four new Children's Garden classrooms in the Garden Level of the Elementary and Middle School Building.

How did WSB fare last year? In closing the books on Fiscal Year 2009, we saw record levels of giving to the Annual Fund. We received **nearly 360 individual gifts** during the year, well beyond the previous high of 310 in 2006. Participation from our Board, Collegium, Faculty/Staff, and from parents in six of our twelve classes reached 100%. We received **gifts totaling \$113,000**, topping the prior record by more than \$11,000, a promising sign in a year when many schools had to readjust giving expectations and commitments. In addition, donors continued to honor pledges made during the initial "quiet" phase of the Capital Campaign.

These are a few of the many reasons why we feel confident in moving forward. **A brief report:**

- **Our priorities:** To complete construction so the Children's Garden can move into the Elementary and Middle School Building by summer 2010, leaving more than enough room to house the Upper School and its specialized facilities in the building with the Multi-Purpose Room. We are also waterproofing the pad adjacent the Elementary and Middle School Building to create additional assembly and recreational space to serve the entire student body.
- **Our strategy:** To raise an additional \$500,000 for completion of the new Children's Garden rooms. Because grant programs have been severely cut back by foundations, we will focus on reaching out to individuals: friends who have maintained strong ties to our School and those with whom we hope to reconnect. We will not incur debt as we begin this phase of the Campaign.

The Capital Campaign is a collaborative endeavor sustained by parents, alumni families, faculty and friends to benefit our community today, next year, and 50 years from now. Please join us in this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Scott B. Helm
Campaign Co-Chair

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