



December 1, 2023

Dear Orchard Valley Community,

We are excited to launch this year's annual appeal. As the Board described at our All School Meeting, Orchard Valley Waldorf School always relies on our annual appeal to close the gap between our school's tuition revenue and operational needs. On the eve of our twentieth anniversary we ask you, our current community, to follow in the footsteps of the hundreds of families who came before us and contribute to this year's annual appeal. Without them, we wouldn't be here. Without you, future generations won't have the experience of growing and learning in the unique environment that is Orchard Valley.

Our fundraising goal this year starts at \$70,000.

We spend an average of \$13,878 per student each year, but receive only an average of \$11,939 in tuition. We rely on the annual appeal to make up the difference of \$1,939 per student. The funds raised will help us to continue to make progress toward the following:

- Providing our amazing faculty and administrators with salary increases that come closer to keeping pace with inflation
- Performing annual maintenance on Grace Farm's beautiful campus
- Continuing to address the list of deferred building maintenance that we postponed in order to focus on our students and families during the pandemic years
- Maintaining healthy housing and feed for our chickens, sheep and goats
- Ensuring that our faculty have the support and training they need to create a unique Waldorf curriculum that is deeply engaging and inclusive of all our students and families
- Moving Sweet Clover Nursery to its permanent home at the Child's Garden campus.

Below is a short checklist of how you can help.

- Send in your donation to the school, or donate online through BigSis using the QR code to the right.
- Start thinking of friends and family who might enjoy our events, such as the Community Winter Spiral, Special Friends day this spring, and Mayfest. You can learn more about upcoming events at <https://www.ovws.org/events>.
- Simplify the giving process by setting up a monthly donation by using the QR code to the right.
- Sign up your extended family members for the Apple Core Newsletter via our homepage so they can learn more about Waldorf education at Orchard Valley.
- Find out if your employer offers a match for donations to nonprofits.
- Share with friends and family what you love about Orchard Valley and invite them to donate before the end of the calendar year.



Donate online

We appreciate each and every one of you for all that you do for our school. Committing to educating your children at Orchard Valley is a radical act during a time that asks a lot of us. Any contribution is incredibly meaningful.

With gratitude,

Handwritten signature of Brian Basor in black ink.

Brian Basor
Chair, Finance Committee

Handwritten signature of Annie Martin in black ink.

Annie Martin
Chair, Board of Trustees

Handwritten signature of Kate Bennecker in black ink.

Kate Bennecker
Development Coordinator