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Challenging minds,
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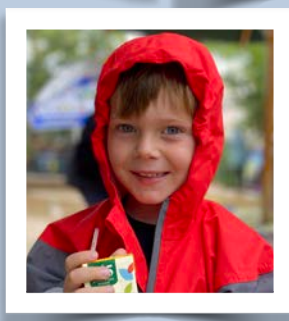
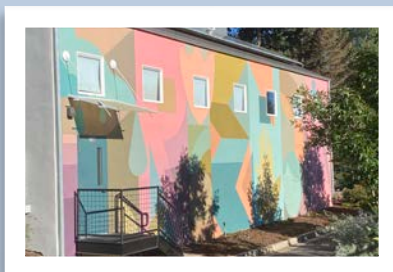
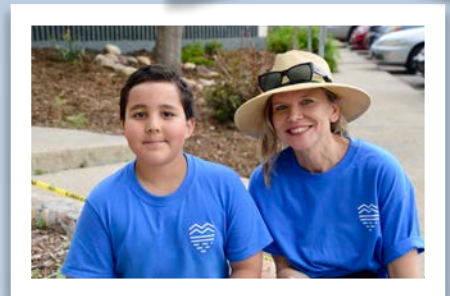
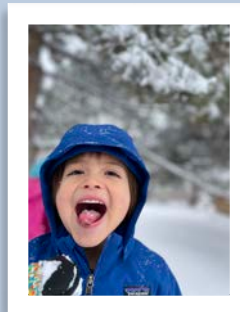
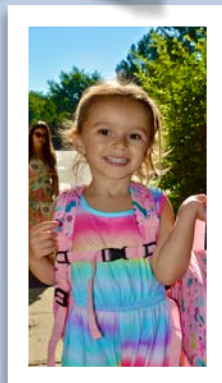
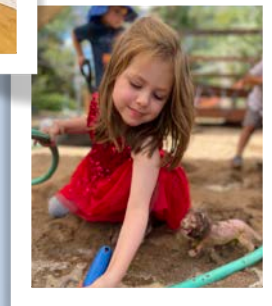
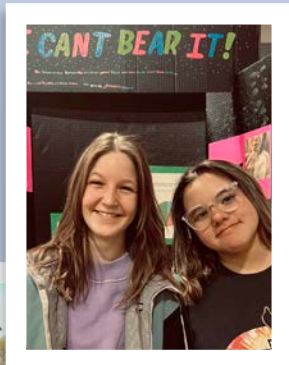
to the Friends School Community

Annual Report 2022-2023

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Friends School . . . Making the world better by Challenging minds, Nurturing spirits, Honoring individuality.



Dear Friends,

As we reflect upon the remarkable accomplishments of 2022-23, we are humbled by the support and dedication that defines our Friends School community. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we present our annual report.



With a renewed focus on strengthening our community connections in the aftermath of COVID, Friends School made it a priority to emphasize connection within the community. As part of this, we welcomed renowned author Charles H. Vogl, who shared with us his insightful teachings on "The Art of Community." With his emphasis on inclusivity, collaboration, and shared purpose, Vogl's message had a powerful impact on our faculty and the wider community, inspiring us to deepen our commitment to fostering a supportive and dynamic learning environment.

Recognizing the importance of mindfulness in our lives, we offered a course to parents. The overwhelmingly positive response we received from parents underscored the value of starting with ourselves and engaging in deep self-reflection as the foundation for overall well-being. Being our best selves permits us to be the best parents we can be.

Our exceptional faculty has gone above and beyond to engage with our community in meaningful ways. Preschool teachers were seen at the WOW Children's Museum, igniting curiosity and fostering a love for learning beyond our school walls. Our Middle School Program Head, leveraging his musical talent, developed for parents an immersive program on drugs, alcohol, and social media use, empowering them with crucial knowledge and strategies to support their teenagers.

Additionally, we forged a meaningful collaboration with the YWCA, working together to foster dialogue and understanding on the important topic of racial awareness. Our joint efforts in hosting "Reading to End Racism" workshops fostered a safe space for learning and growth, further cultivating our students' ability to act with compassion and integrity.

We are thrilled to report that our annual fundraising campaign surpassed its targets, thanks to the remarkable generosity of our donors. Their support enables us to enhance our academic programs and provide enriching experiences for our students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to the remarkable journey of Friends School. We are filled with pride for our collective achievements and reaffirm our commitment to our mission. With your support, we stand poised to make an even greater difference as we navigate the path ahead together and are excited for what the future holds for Friends School. Thank you for being an integral part of our exceptional community. Together, we will continue to nurture our students' academic foundations, develop their creative expression, and instill in them a passion for lifelong learning.

With gratitude,

Honor Taft
Head of School

Kristin Lawrence
2022-23 Friends School Community Board Chair

“
**I couldn't
think of a
better
place for
my child**

to be seen and
heard. She is truly
held by all the staff.
We all have a sense
that this is right
where we belong.

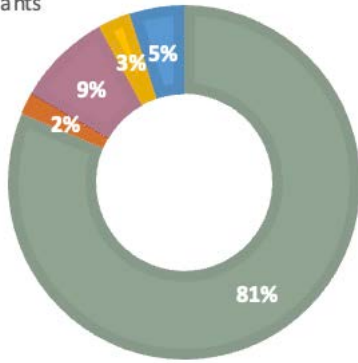
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Finances

Revenue 2022-2023

\$4,741,021

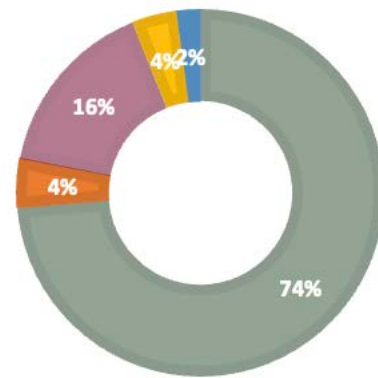
- Tuition & Fees
- Teacher Preparation Program
- Giving
- Investment & Other Income
- Government Grants



Expenses 2022-2023

\$5,062,996

- Student Programs
- Teacher Preparation Program
- Management & Administration
- Buildings and Grounds
- Development



Thank you

Friends Fund Donors 2022-2023



The 2022-23 Friends Fund supports the people, programs and experiences that make Friends School special: talented teachers, low student:teacher ratios and personalized attention through which we honor and celebrate every learner. Generous Friends Fund gifts from the following donors affect everything from salaries to art supplies and are an investment in positive change in the world.

2023 8th grade Class – (In recognition of the staff & teachers - We love you!)

ANONYMOUS

Jeneye Abele & Eric Warner

Jason Adams & Allison Silver

Adams

Travis & Erin Arnold

Kim & Oliver Bagelman

Dawn Banka & Richard Wicks

Bettina Bepler

Jana Bledsoe

Diane Bramble

Bonni Breen

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Bev Cole

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Colorado Mountain Ranch

Leigh & David Corson

Marja & Tonatiuh Dansie

Janet Davis



Community is built

one invitation at a time.

- Charles Vogl
The Art of Community

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Friends Fund Donors 2022-2023 (continued)

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Polly Talbot Donald◇
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Todd Zoltan▽



**My
youngest
comes
home
every day**

and tells me "School
was AWESOME
today!" Literally every
day. What a gift."

- 2022-2023 Friends School
Parent

Founders Scholarship Fund Donors 2022-2023



The Founders Scholarship Fund was created to provide full scholarships and further Friends School's goal for greater diversity, equity and inclusion in our community.

Jason Adams & Allison Silver Adams∇
 Heather & Chris Andersen∇
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 Jana Bledsoe∅
 Sarah & Peter Cameron-Douglas∇
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 Dianna DeVore∇
 Polly Talbot Donald∅
 Jenny & Terry Donovan∇t
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 John and Jan Kelly*
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 Kristin & Jesse Lawrence∇t
 Amy Lombardo & Gregory Hertz∇
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 Hannah, & Ian Matje∇
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 Jessie Vanden Hogen∅
 Emily Ward & & Andy Wagner∇
 Chris Willis & Bud Hope∅
 Jane Sykes Wilson & Matt Wilson∇
 Thatcher Wine∅∇
 Annie & Kirk Youngman∇

“
In the first four weeks of school, someone has already talked to my child about self advocacy

and how important that is. How wonderful that such discussions are an intentional and active part of the classroom and not just talked about on the website.”

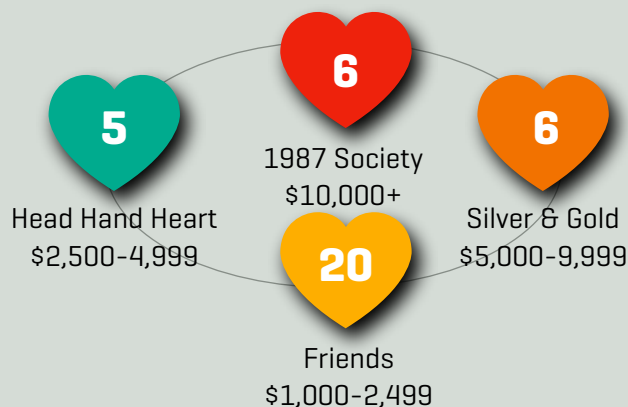
- 2022-2023 Friends School Parent

First 8th Grade Class Graduates High School

In May 2023, history was made as our first 8th grade class graduated high school and was honored at our Silver & Gold Graduation.



The Friends Fund Leadership Circles include donations to the Friends Fund of \$1,000 or greater. Thank you to the 37 donors at these levels in 2022-2023



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Polly T. Donald Enrichment Fund 2022-2023

Each year, Friends School makes an award to one or more staff members from the Polly T. Donald Enrichment Fund. Generous parents and community donors created this fund as a tribute to former head of school, Polly Donald. The fund provides a unique opportunity for faculty and staff to revitalize and grow outside of the classroom. Polly believes that an individual's personal growth inevitably enriches those with whom they come into contact. The fund aims to revitalize and inspire and support personal growth, enriching the Friends School community at large.

The 2022 recipients of the Polly T. Donald Enrichment Fund were Julie Hart, PhD and Christie Stanford.




Teacher Preparation Program Director, **Julie Hart, PhD** used her award to attend Chautauqua in the Spring at YMCA of the Rockies in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Julie writes "I have been able to reconnect with nature, recharge in small doses throughout the year, create memories in the awe-inspiring places that Colorado has to offer, and spend quality time alone as well as with family and friends.

Because of these experiences, I have been reminded of the importance of the effective navigation of the balance between my personal and professional time, commitments, and expectations. The education profession is challenging and takes a consistent amount of energy...therefore, as educators, we MUST advocate for our own rejuvenation to remain relevant, effective, and invested in the constant growth of our craft.

Thank You Friends School, PTD Fund, and the PTD Scholarship Committee!"


Our child has been met with love and understanding for who he is

and he is taught how to be successful in social situations and relationships with peers. This is more than we could have ever asked for."

- 2022-2023 Friends School Parent



Preschool Teacher, **Christie Stanford** used her award to take Spanish language classes to enrich her family interactions and experiences.

Christie writes "I had the privilege of starting my career at Friends School under the leadership of Polly Donald. She valued learning and inspired us to continue to find opportunities to learn, discover and grow. Among many traits, Polly emphasized hard work and well roundedness, investigation and practice. This philosophy has continued for me while at Friends School. Often I explore areas in Social and Emotional Learning and implement the knowledge I acquired to myself, my family and my classroom.

My family is very important to me and continuing to grow as a person and learn has helped me be a better mother and grandmother. My son, Max, married a wonderful woman from Peru named Fran. They have 2 boys and speak Spanish in their home. Fran's family is a priority to her and they are welcoming to my husband, Paul and me. They all speak English incredibly well and we admire their abilities in both languages. As a way of connecting with Fran, my grandsons, and Fran's extended family, I asked to use PTD funds to learn Spanish.

I had taken Spanish years ago in high school so I felt I would be able to pick it up rather quickly. Well, that assumption was a bit misguided! It is difficult and often intimidating. I am taking lessons with a tutor and working on building my comfort level as well as vocabulary and understanding of the language.

Truly, I appreciate that the PTD Enrichment Fund allowed me to explore a second language. I am continuing to work on my skills and will be visiting my son, daughter-in-law, and grandsons soon so I will even be practicing with other Spanish speakers! Estoy tan emocionada!"

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Giving kids what
they need to succeed



Our Vision

Making the world better by challenging minds,
nurturing spirits and honoring individuality.

Our Mission

Friends School is a supportive, dynamic community committed to educating the whole child — head, hand, and heart — and to training exceptional teachers for tomorrow's classrooms. We provide a strong academic foundation while developing creative expression and nurturing a passion for learning. Our students gain a deep understanding of themselves and are inspired to act with compassion and integrity.

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