2011-2012 Annual Report



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A member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM:

Tamarack is a private school that participates in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP), which provides tuition vouchers for lower-income students. Participation in the MPCP helps Tamarack remain economically diverse.

In 2011-12, the program raised its income limit from 220% of the federal poverty level to 300%. That meant a city of Milwaukee family of four whose annual income was \$69,801 or less was eligible. About 65% of Tamarack's students attended school as part of the Choice program in 2011-12.

OUR MISSION:

Through cherishing each child as an individual, Tamarack Waldorf School works to achieve academic excellence and social harmony. We offer a pre-school through eighth grade curriculum that integrates the humanities, arts and sciences and is grounded in Rudolf Steiner's understanding of the intellectual, emotional and physical stages of child development. Our inspired and accomplished educators foster curiosity and wonder, artistic creativity, social responsibility, a deep appreciation for work, and a lifelong love of learning. We are dedicated to developing our diverse community of students into becoming independent and critical thinkers who are inspired and able to succeed within and shape modern society.



A MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT, PATRICIA LEWIS

As Tamarack Waldorf School grows, the Board of Trustees is committed to the work this growth calls us to do. We are expanding our understanding of our identity and roles

as a uniquely Waldorf Board of Trustees. Additionally, we are seeking to attract a wider representation of our school, neighborhood, and city communities on the Board. We continually work to improve the financial and organizational health of the school so we, with the Faculty, Administration, and Parents, can vision and realize the next steps for Tamarack Waldorf School.

....the best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life, acknowledge the great powers around us and in us. If you can do that, and live that way, you are really a wise man.

-Euripides, Greek playwright, c.480-406 BCE

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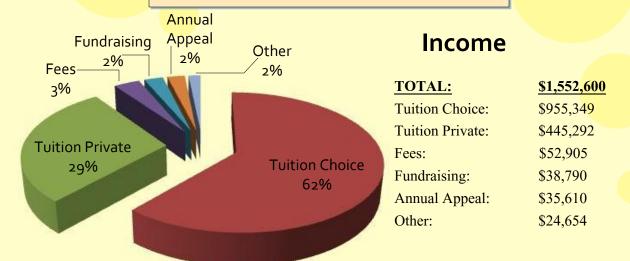
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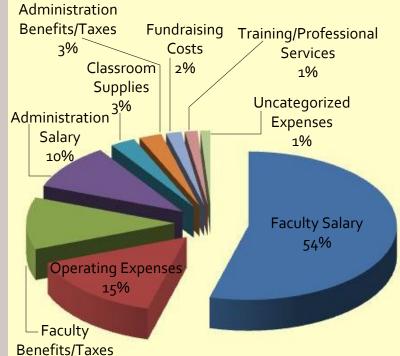
Cassandra Zumstein Alum Parent

2011-2012 Academic Year HIGHLIGHTS of the Year

- The 2011-2012 Annual Appeal raised \$35,610, exceeding our **fundraising goal!**
- At our Benefit Party in May 2012, we honored our beloved kindergarten teacher Mrs. Rose Wessel. After 16 years of teaching at Tamarack, she retired from her full-time position.
- We had a waiting list of 15 students for our K5 program, in addition to three waiting lists for classes in the 2012-2013 school year.
- TPA-CC (Tamarack Parent Association) once again provided school membership to the Urban Ecology Center for field trips and student **learning experiences** for the 2012-2013 school year.
- More than 75% of Tamarack families donated to the Annual Appeal for the 2011-12 year, a record! Our goal of 100% family participation is very much in reach!
- The spring Benefit Party raised \$12,705, more than **doubling our goal!**
- With our strategic belt tightening, an over-performing Annual Appeal, and a record-breaking Benefit Party, Tamarack was able to end a very challenging budget year in the black.
 Thank you to all who supported us through this difficult time!

2011-2012 Financials





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Expenses

	Expenses	
	TOTAL:	\$1,543,456
	Faculty Salary:	\$836,968
	Operating Expenses:	\$232,520
	Faculty Benefits/Taxes:	\$175,554
	Administration Salary:	\$153,936
١	Classroom Supplies:	\$42,446
1	Administration Benefits/Taxes:	\$38,127
	Fundraising Costs:	\$26,026
	Training/Professional Services:	\$21,208
	Uncategorized Expenses:	\$16,671

Special Thanks

to all who made financial contributions in 2011-2012 ...

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*Our sincere apologies to any donors who were left off this list in error.

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Benefit party and contributed to the auction. Great or small, your support to Tamarack is tremendously appreciated.

2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR FACULTY AND STAFF

Tamarack Teachers

James BolandJodi HundtRosie McCormickFaith DanneilRhoda KambanduMichele PetersonMartha FloresNancy Kresin-PriceJohn PricePaula FreckmannAmy MarksSondra Reyes

Specialty Teachers

Laurie AschKelly HofmanJean KacanekFaina BursukCeal HunterJulio PabonMarcia DuncanBeret IsaacsonJohn PriceDelmy GeigerSacia JeromeRose Wessel

Assistant Teachers

Alya Butler Karin Pauc Danielle Williams
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Jill Holbrook Angela Rogers Gwen Zupan

faculty, my deepest gratitude and respect to all those who give their time, money and support to the school throughout the year. It is truly a special community to be a part of, due to your kindness and generosity. Thank you for making fundraisers like "Beards for Tamarack" a success!

- James Boland, Class of 2018 Teacher & Board Member







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Before/Aftercare Staff

Ellie Pierson

Angela Rogers

Sarah Schelble

Administrative and Custodial Staff

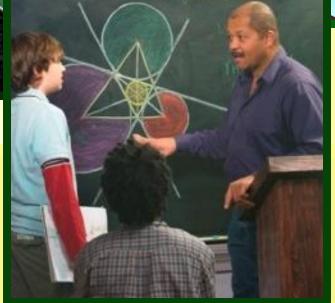
Elaine Erickson James Ray Sandra Gines Laura Ray

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....the opportunity to work at Tamarack Waldorf School has been an amazing learning experience for me. I really enjoy the curriculum that Waldorf education has to offer to our students.

The opportunity to discover the taste for music, art, handwork, foreign languages, woodwork, and more makes this a very unique learning environment, and prepares the students to make the right choices in the future when they are choosing their careers.

It is a joy to work here and to give students a sample of the Spanish language and the culture. Students who appreciate foreign languages in general, and also enjoy their own language, understand other cultures. They should not have a problem immersing themselves in another culture if they travel to another country.

During my sixteen years here as the Spanish teacher, it is rewarding to know that some of my former students major in Spanish, travel around the world and immerse themselves in the language, and continue learning new languages. This motivates me to keep working hard for my students and to plant little seeds of love for foreign languages.

-Delmy Geiger, Spanish Teacher

Wishing our 2011-2012 graduates success in high school and beyond!

2012 Tamarack Graduates

Quavion Barki, Pius XI
Roxanne Drewry, Rufus King
Nathan Galbraith, Riverside
Nile Hendrix-Whitmore, Beasant
Hill School of Happy Valley, Ojai, CA
Zoe Hurdle, Homestead
Zalen Isaacson, Shorewood
Max Kinstler, Nicolet

Katelyn Librizzi, Pius XI

Isaiah Knapp, Tenor

Maxx McGinnis, Pius XI

Kamylle Moore, Pius XI

Neva Nowak, Rufus King

Willow Ray, Tenor



Lexi Robinson, Pius XI

Naya Spencer-Wagner, New Mexico School of the Arts, Santa Fe, NM

Hannah Woods, Wauwatosa East

Tristen Wright, Wisconsin Lutheran

A message from a Tamarack Alum:

...with every new change in my life, I take a moment to think back to my time at Tamarack and reflect on how my experiences there have shaped me and my accomplishments. Tamarack not only prepared me for my future education, but also for any challenge or opportunity that comes in my life. My time there gave me the skills and self-awareness to achieve my goals. Now, after graduating from college in just three years, I've found myself right back where it all started.

When I returned home after college, I knew I wanted to work with youth in a creative environment, and Tamarack was the first to come to mind. Since working at Tamarack as an Aftercare Caregiver and Handwork Assistant, I have been embraced by the community, supported by the staff and welcomed by the students. A lot has changed since I was a student, but all for the better. I am very grateful for the chance to return and be a part of the new generation of Tamarack.

-Sarah Schelble, Tamarack Graduate, Class of 2005