



FALL in Love with Fundraising

Dear Montessori House Community,

Welcome back to our new and returning families! As officers of the Parent Association of Volunteers, we are proud to see our community grow and our school expand. With the near completion of the Elementary School, the addition of an Upper Elementary class, and another Early Childhood class, it is a great time to be a part of the transformational growth of the school.

One of our goals is to make connections and build our community. We hope that you will participate in the events we have carefully planned for the entire family in the upcoming year.

We are excited to announce the following 3 Montessori Education Fund, Inc. (MEFI) fundraising opportunities for the fall!

- Legacy Wall - September
- 2nd Annual MEFI Campaign - October
- 3rd Book Fair – November

Montessori House in conjunction with Art to Remember is offering you the opportunity to have your child's artwork permanently displayed at our school, as a part of the new "Legacy Wall" being created. You may purchase a ceramic tile, with your child's artwork (or handprint for younger students,) to adorn the walls of either Montessori House for Children, and/or Montessori House Elementary School. The Legacy Walls are being created in celebration of the inaugural year for the Elementary School building, so don't miss the opportunity to leave this memory of your child.

Montessori House in conjunction with Southwest Book Company is back by popular demand! We have thoughtfully selected a variety of books, and of course the favorite and must-read books for your home collection. You can help fulfill your child's classroom's wish list and you can plan ahead by purchasing a book for your child's holiday book exchange.

We are sponsoring our 2nd Annual Campaign to support the Montessori Education Fund, Inc. (MEFI) a 501c3, non-profit organization. The biggest advantage is that **100% of the money raised will go directly to MEFI**, unlike the other sales based fundraisers.

What is the Purpose of the MEFI?

MEFI supplements specialized professional development opportunities for our lead and assistant teachers. This training is crucial in helping Montessori House recruit and retain qualified and certified guides for all of our classrooms.

In addition to teacher education, MEFI also sponsors guest speakers and educational opportunities for our families. Previous topics have included childhood nutrition, Montessori in the home, Positive Discipline and others.

MEFI also assists families who have encountered life-changing situations and find themselves in need of tuition assistance. This assistance is provided on a short-term, as needed basis.



Why Should I Donate?

Your child benefits from having trained, capable, and certified teachers.

You benefit by having access to professional speakers on timely, child-centered topics to aid you in the day-to-day challenges of being a parent.

While we hope you do not need it, it may also help with emergency situations.

Other ways you can support MEFI:

1. Please check to see if your employer offers a matching gift program. Many companies will match a donation made by their employee, dollar for dollar.
2. Shop online at AmazonSmile. It is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products but 0.5% of your qualified purchases will go to a charity of your choice. It takes a few steps: go to <http://www.smile.amazon.com>, under the tab "My Account", click on "Select Charity". Under "Pick your own Charitable Organization", type in "Montessori Education Fund, Inc."

We hope you will consider donating to the MEFI Annual Campaign. **If each Montessori House family were to contribute \$50 to MEFI, we would reach our fundraising goal of \$7000.** This is just a suggestion, but we hope that you will give the amount you are able to.

Please fill out the enclosed donation form with your check and turn it in to the office. A receipt will be provided for your tax-deductible donation.

We look forward to achieving our fundraising goal for our great school with you! If you have any questions, please contact Grace Young Baechle at (786)253-2559, or by email at pav@mhfcschool.com.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely yours,

Parent Association of Volunteers



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Please Make Checks Payable to MEFI, Inc.

Donor Name: _____

Student Classroom: _____

Donation Amount \$: _____

Payment Type: **CHECK / CREDIT CARD / On-Care BANK DRAFT** *(please circle)*
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