



Dear Friends School Community,

It is a time of dramatic change in our community, our country, and our world. Friends School of Minnesota is preparing our children to face these changes with hope, skill, understanding, and creativity—while incorporating the Quaker values of peace, justice, simplicity and integrity.

**We need your support to keep an FSM education affordable and accessible.**

We are moving boldly into the future, envisioning a community where differences are resolved by including every voice in thoughtful discussion, and where every person nurtures our environment in a sustainable way. We see these values being instilled in our students every day. Faculty and staff are focused on teaching our children how to think deeply. Middle schoolers are running the school's compost and recycling program. Every student has the opportunity to grow in community on environmental learning adventures at places like Eagle Bluff, Wolf Ridge, and Crosby Farm.

*These experiences shaped my life... I still fall back on the morals that I developed here in difficult times. I still find myself looking at hard issues from multiple angles, trying to understand the very complicated world we all live in... It has been the community around me that I have looked to for hope and strength. —FSM alumna Meara Cline*

Imagine students from every corner of the metro area and many different walks of life attending FSM and experiencing this powerful community. FSM has deliberately made a mission-based decision to **keep FSM accessible**. Raising funds through our Annual Fund campaign is critical to FSM's goals of:

- limiting tuition to about \$2,500 less than it actually costs to educate each child,
- providing tuition assistance to a significant portion of our community,
- enhancing teacher professional development, and
- creating experiential learning opportunities for students.

Thank you for considering a gift to the Annual Fund today. Gifts of **any size** are welcome.

With gratitude,

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