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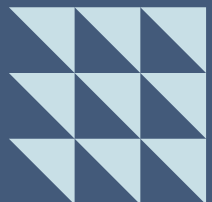
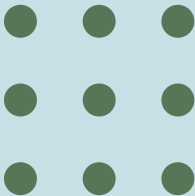
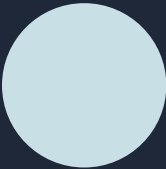
MARGARET ELIZABETH
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Awards and Gifts Report

2019 | 2020 | 2021



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“It is only the power of love that can enable the adult to come close enough to the child to understand him. Love and humility will unlock for us the secret of childhood and enable us to understand the inner significance and true meaning of Dr. Montessori’s work.”

M. E. Stephenson

LETTER to our SUPPORTERS



Denise Alfeld

President,
MES Fund, Inc.

We are proud to announce that 2022 will mark the 22nd Anniversary of the MES Fund. When Miss Stephenson spoke at the AMI-USA National Conference in Boston in 2000, we honored her legacy by creating the first national financial aid fund to support AMI teacher training in the United States. Our hearts were full as we presented a check for \$172,000 from 297 Charter Members to establish the Margaret Elizabeth Stephenson Fund. She would be so pleased today that we have continued to support the training of Montessori teachers in her name.

As the new President of the MES Fund Board of Directors, I am delighted to share some significant milestones:

In January 2020, we received an incredible anonymous donation of \$250,000, the single largest gift in the fund's history. To date, we have awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships to over 300 AMI teacher trainees.

Since its inception, the MES Fund has been administered by AMI-USA. **As of June 1, 2020, The MES Fund Board of Directors operates the fund independently**, while sharing our common goal of broadening access to Montessori teacher training. **In February 2021 we launched our new website, mesfund.org**, which provides direct access to our financial aid application and donation process.

Margaret Stephenson lived a life of principles and made a deep appeal to our humanity. In supporting the MES Fund, you will assure the continuance of her legacy, the training of Montessori teachers. **Please join us and give to this year's Annual Fund. Giving is easy—scan the QR code on the next page or visit mesfund.org.**

On behalf of the MES Fund Board of Directors and the Montessori community as a whole, thank you for your gifts and continued support.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Denise". The script is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop on the letter 'D'.



ANNUAL APPEAL

The MES Fund solicits donations via an annual appeal. **In 2019-2021, we received gifts from 180 individuals, schools, and organizations, totaling \$327,392.** Many thanks to our supporters who donated so generously.

Your contributions allowed us to provide scholarships to 50 teacher trainees, totaling \$166,790, expanding access to those candidates who need financial support the most.

2018 - 2019:	2019 - 2020:	2020 - 2021:
13 Awards	20 Awards	17 Awards
\$44,380 Total	\$70,540 Total	\$51,870 Total

Support Montessori
Teacher Training.

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your annual gift today. →



2021
AWARD
RECIPIENTS



The MES Fund opened the door for me to begin my Montessori teaching career! I am thankful that I had the opportunity to earn my AMI diploma, which would not have been possible without the support of the MES Fund. Thank you!

— JULIA BEACH



I'm so appreciative of the generosity of the MES Fund! This scholarship gave me the opportunity to complete my AMI training last spring, and now I am extremely grateful to be able to give back and serve the children as a primary guide. This work has brought me so much joy, and the MES Fund made it all possible!

– ARIANNA FEARING

Financials

For the year ending July 31, 2021

ASSETS

Total Current Assets	9,867
Property	0
Contributions Receivable	0
Investments	749,610
Total Assets	759,477

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Current Liabilities	11,286
Total Liabilities	11,286
Total Net Assets	748,191

STATEMENT

Total Revenue	45,118
Total Expenses	95,157
Total Change in Net Assets	-50,039
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	798,230
Fund Balance End of Year	748,191

Donors 2019-2021

We are grateful for your generous gifts and continued support of the MES Fund.

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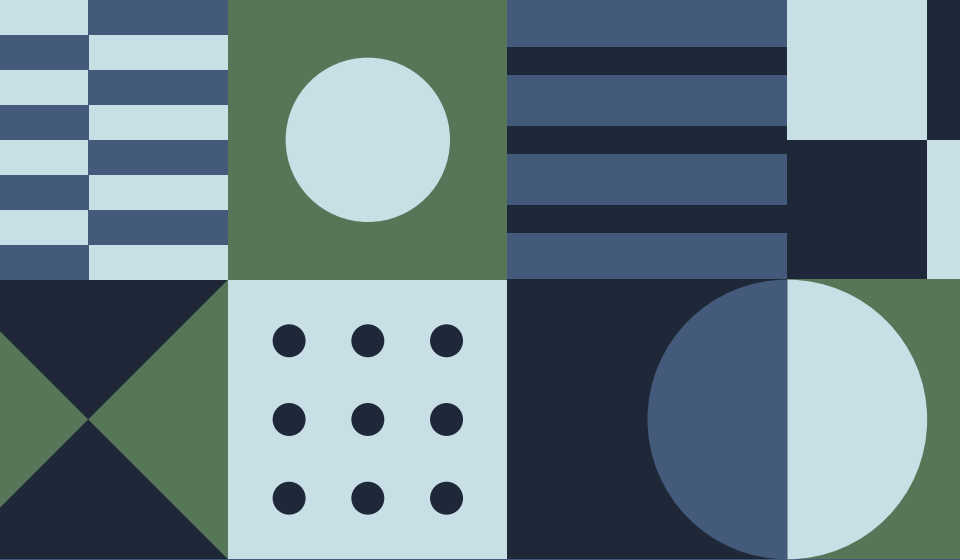
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