Supporting Montessori Teacher Training — SINCE 2000 —
The MES Fund was established in 2000 in honor of Margaret Elizabeth Stephenson to provide scholarships to deserving AMI teacher training candidates.

In 1960, Margaret Stephenson was commissioned to initiate teacher training in the United States on behalf of the Association Montessori Internationale. She conducted training courses in this country for nearly 40 years. In 2022, the MES Fund was proud to celebrate our 22nd anniversary.
“May you find excitement, joy and deep fulfillment in ‘helping the child to help himself’ and thus bring closer the time when Dr. Maria Montessori may be seen as of great significance in history, as that person who saw clearly the dignity, worth, and force of the human potential and what that potential could achieve if properly understood and aided for the future destiny of nations.”

M. E. Stephenson
Dear MES Friends,

What a special year it has been for the MES Fund!

One of my favorite parts of working with the MES Fund is opening our mail to find a lovely note or gift. This year we heard from many teachers, where they trained, and how Margaret Stephenson touched their lives and inspired so many Montessori teaching careers.

In January, we received an incredible anonymous gift of $75,000 ~ with a heartwarming letter stating how proud they were to help continue the legacy of Margaret Stephenson and support the Montessori teacher training that she started here in the United States.

Every gift, from the smallest to the largest, is instrumental in fulfilling our mission to provide scholarships to deserving AMI teacher candidates. Your gifts this past year allowed us to increase our award total to $64,832!

Thank you to former MES Fund board member Mary Levy for her leadership and support.
Support for the MES Fund began with our Charter Members in 2000. Each year in our Annual Report we recognize individuals, schools and organizations that provided the seed money to help launch the fund to support Montessori teacher training and honor Margaret Stephenson. Our gratitude extends to our entire community ~ parents, grandparents, teachers, trainers, board members, heads of school and friends who donated to the fund. Each gift helps increase the number of AMI teachers in our schools.

As we look forward to our 23rd year and our next financial aid application season, we ask that you consider a donation to the MES Fund. Your gifts will help support the training centers, fulfill the need for more AMI teachers and continue Margaret’s Stephenson’s legacy, the training of Montessori teachers.

On behalf of the MES Fund Board of Directors and Advisory Council, thank you for supporting Montessori Teacher Training!

With deep appreciation and gratitude,

Denise Alfeld
President
MES Fund Board of Directors
Montessori schools are in great need of trained teachers. The average cost of tuition is $14,000. The MES Fund provides scholarships to AMI teacher training courses at all levels, Toddler, Primary, and Elementary.

THANK YOU for Supporting Montessori Teachers in Training

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JAMIE KIM

I am very thankful for the scholarship that the MES Fund gave me for my AMI training. Because of the scholarship, I was able to complete my training without a huge financial burden. I am now working as a Primary guide at a Montessori school! It is awesome that the MES Fund opens up the doors for future Montessori teachers through their financial support.

ESMERELDA CUEVAS

I am so grateful that the MES Fund allowed me to complete my second AMI training. I was able to grow my knowledge about children’s development and apply that to my work as a teacher and a member of my community. I appreciate the growth I have experienced through my AMI training and I thank you so much for the support!
ANNUAL APPEAL

The MES Fund solicits donations via an annual appeal. In 2021-22, we received gifts from 90 individuals, schools, and organizations, totaling $147,960. Many thanks to our supporters who donated so generously.

Your contributions allowed us to provide scholarships totaling $64,832, expanding access to Montessori Teacher Training to those candidates who need financial support the most.

This year’s scholarships included four financial aid awards funded by Montessori Development Partnerships.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

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Support Montessori Teacher Training.

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## Financials

*For the year ending July 31, 2022*

### Financial Activity

#### Donations & Income

- Donations: $147,960
- Income: 18,025

**Total Donations & Income:** $165,985

#### Financial Aid Awards

- Scholarships: $35,890
- MDP Scholarships: 28,942

**Total Awards:** $64,832

#### Operating Expenses

- Fundraising & Administrative Expenses: $21,848

**Total Operating Expenses:** $21,848

#### Net Unrealized Change in Investments

- $(87,479)

#### Change in Net Assets

- $(8,174)

### Financial Position

- **Total Assets:** $740,017
- **Total Liabilities:** $0
- **Total Liabilities & Net Asset:** $740,017
Donors 2021-2022

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