

COUNTRYSIDE DAY SCHOOL



Annual Report
2019-2020

A Letter from the Head of School

Dear CDS Community,

Well this was a year none of us will soon forget. It seems like a lifetime ago when the CDS administrative team was gathered in the office trying to figure out whether to close school for a few weeks due to the then emerging COVID-19 crisis. Little did we know at the time that we would be closed for the remainder of the school year. I am so proud of how our community rose to the challenge of such unprecedented and historical circumstances. I think the work that we did collectively with so little time to prepare and reflect on is nothing short of remarkable. I must say that our end-of-year virtual events remain a decidedly all-time favorite memory for me. From the Drive-Thru Memorial Day Parade to the 8th grade heartfelt graduate speeches, these events were truly inspiring.

At the end of the year, Countryside's board of trustees met and expanded the size of our board from six trustees to eight. The two new members are both former CDS parents. Although they were not officially elected until our spring meeting, they joined our many Zoom Board Conference Meetings throughout the COVID crisis and proved that they will be great additions to Countryside's governance team.

On a more somber note, the killing of George Floyd and the surge of national reflection on the inequities that remain a part of the American fabric spurred self-reflection on the part of Countryside as well. As a result, CDS will embark on some work with a consulting group regarding diversity, equity and inclusion that will have components for faculty, parents, trustees, and students. We are greatly looking forward to this challenging, but no doubt, rewarding work and the positive institutional growth that will result.

As we prepare for the coming year, I find myself grateful for all that our community has shared and optimistic about all that awaits us next year.

Sincerely,
Wendy Calise



A Letter from the CDS Board President

This year has been quite a challenge. The Covid-19 Pandemic forced us to rethink what it means for our students to “go to school.” Thanks to the heroic efforts of our teachers and staff we were able to create a Distance Learning program to get us through the year while we developed plans for reopening safely.

But by the time we were celebrating (at a social distance) the achievements of our graduates, we were already presented with another major challenge: understanding and responding to calls for social justice. The work on this project has just begun.

Broadly speaking, the school is approaching both of these challenges the same way: by listening to experts and our community, and acting in the best interest of our students. That is the approach we will take in the coming year.

I would like to thank my fellow trustees, school leadership, teachers and staff, and, of course, our families for their commitment and support of Countryside as we meet the challenges before us. -Allison Shank, Board Chair



From left:

*Peter Villa (CDS Alumnus), Donna Giannis
Allison Shank (CDS Board Chair),
Wendy Calise (ex officio), Dan Kemper,
Annette and Frank Kulle (ex officio), Marty Fishman*

New CDS Board Trustees



Barry T. Fulk is a former CDS alum himself and father of alum Renata Fulk (Class of 2014). Renata was in the founding class of CDS's Middle School. Barry works for Astellas in technology as Primary Service Delivery Manager for various aspects of Information Services and recently received an Adaptive Strategic Execution Professional certificate from Duke University.



Shubha Chakravarthy is also a former CDS parent whose son Anjan (Class of 2018) attended CDS through the Middle School years. Shubha is a CPA and was Senior Vice President at HSBC working in the areas of Risk Management and Consumer Lending. Shubha is an entrepreneur and is currently working on a business of her own in the area of Financial Services.



Middle School Class of 2020



Next Year...

Claire Huston attending Stevenson

Christopher Kober attending Glenbrook North

Gretchen Aspinall attending Beacon Academy

Tyler Mannelly attending Chicago Academy for the Arts

Aleksander Bogdanov attending Glenbrook North

Aidan Hogan attending Glenbrook South

Lily O'Malley attending Castle View in Colorado

Madeleine Hoffman attending Glenbrook Academy of International Studies



**GLENBROOK
SOUTH**
HIGH SCHOOL



**GLENBROOK
NORTH**
HIGH SCHOOL



**The Chicago
Academy for the Arts**

Community Awards



Citizenship Award
Antonia Mynatt



Leonard Bernstein Music Award
Tyler Price



Sportsmanship Award
Tom Doyle



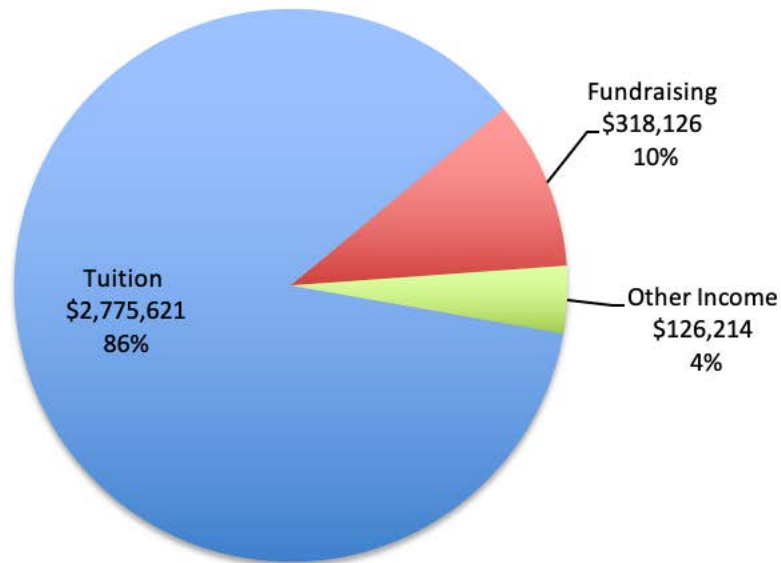
Volunteer of the Year
Priya Osman



Finance and Operations

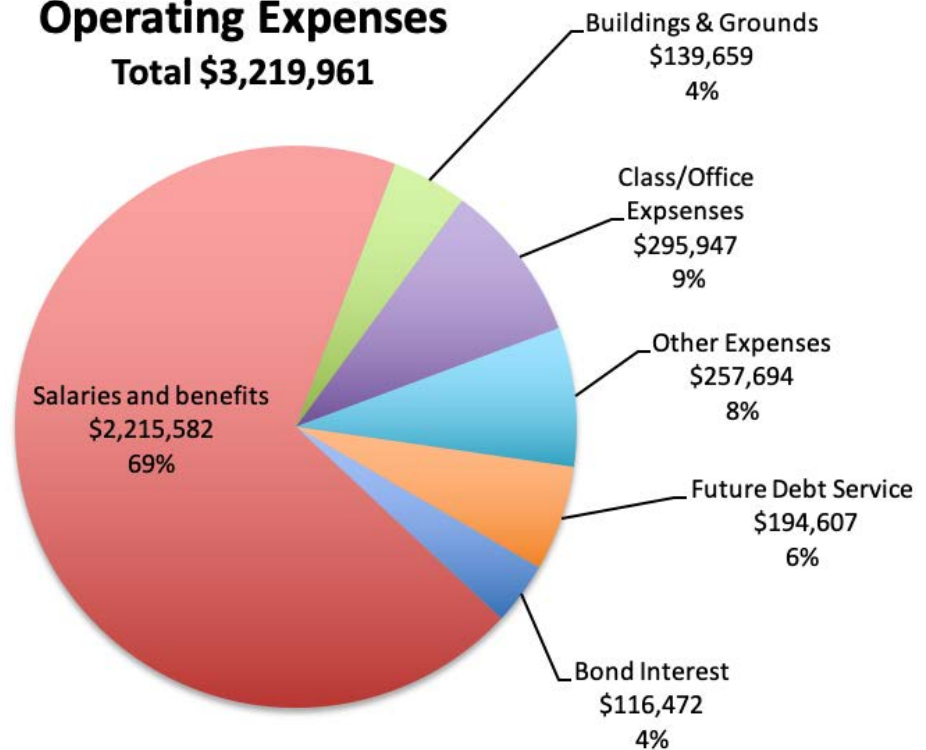
Operating Income

Total \$3,219,961



Operating Expenses

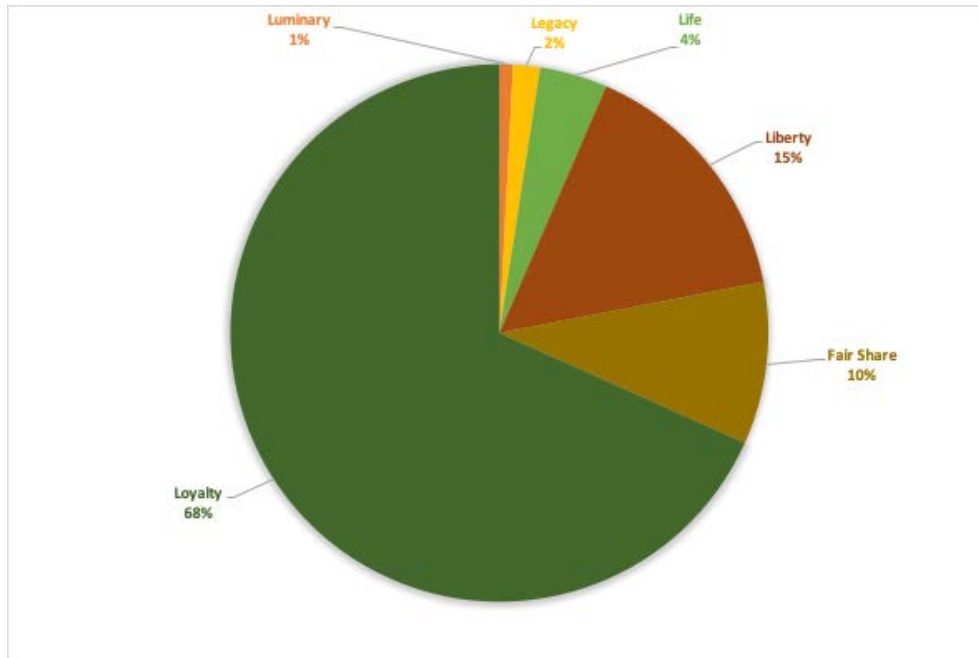
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Annual Giving: Results by Gift Type

Annual Giving Chairpersons: Katie and Jeff Fischer

total gifts: **\$226,733.00**



Distinguished Commitment to Annual Giving

The following families are distinguished by their longstanding commitment to participating in Annual Giving:

10-14 Years

The Ciota Family
The Hogan Family
The Hoffman Family
The Kober Family
The Mynatt Family
The Portis Family
The Selvaraj Family
The Spencer Family

15+ Years

The Anderson Family
The Armenta Family
The Calise Family
The Noordover Family
The Shultz Family



Annual Giving Participants

Luminary Gift (\$15,000 or more)

The Selvaraj Family

Legacy Gift (\$10,000- \$14,999)

The Portis Family
The Schoen Family

Life Gift (\$5,000 - \$7,499)

The Austria Family
The Cless Family
The Junkovic Family
The Ross Family
The Simerson Family

Liberty Gift (\$2,501 - \$4,999)

The Carrigan Family
The Crisel Family
The Duke Family
The Greenhouse Family
The Harding -Borre Family
The Huston Family
The Kim Family
The Kulle Family
The Mynatt Family
The Nudera Family
The Olesnycky Family
The Osman Family
The Price Family
The Richardson Family
The Samaras Family
The Samuel Family
The Shaikh Family
The Solomon Family
The Zeidman Family

Fair Share Gift (\$2,500)

The Bidwill Family
The Chagas Family
The Daoud Family
The Dong Family
The Feldman Family
The Hendry Family
The Hennig Family
The Henschen Family
The Kuhns Family
The Lawler Family
The Mannelly Family
The Sim Family

Loyalty Gift (up to \$2,500)

The Amin Family
The Anderson Family
The Armenta Family
The Aspinall Family
The Bailey Family
The Berke Family
The Bhattal Family
The Bogdanov Family
The Brunell Family
The Calise Family
The Cesaroni Family
The Chang Family
The Chmielewski Family
The Choi Family
The Ciota Family
The Clarke Family
The Cook Family
The Cordova Family
The Depilla Family
The Din Family
The Doyle Family
The Elko Family
The Endo Family
The Fischer Family
The Francavilla Family
The Frick Family
The Gadjev Family
The Gamez Family
The Ghias Family
The Giannis Family
The Goetz Family
The Hicks Family
The Hirani Family
The Hoffman Family
The Hogan Family
The Ip Family
The Islam Family
The Kapuria Family
The Kemper Family
The Khan Family
The Kober Family
The Krasavin Family
The Lalani Family
The Laskey-Terry Family
The Litman Family
The Lucheckko Family
The Manshio Family
The Martensen Family
The Mendoza Family
The Merrani-Ali Family
The Mukando Family
The Neill Family
The Nevarez Family

The Ni Family
The Nivasch Family
The Noordover Family
The Oen Family
The Olson Family
The O'Malley K Family
The O'Malley J Family
The Paik Family
The Park Family
The Pawlusiewicz Family
The Pierzchala Family
The Pool Family
The Poonja Family
The Priovolos Family
The Pritzker Family
The Quispe Family
The Rivera Family
The Roberts Family
The Shah Family
The Shank Family
The Shultz Family
The Singal Family
The Spencer Family
The Thomas Family
The Tsitsis Family
The Tucker Family
The Villa Family
The Weinzwieg Family
The Wesenberg Family
The Vos Family
The Zamora Family

Matching Companies

Abbott
Discover
Exelon
Lenovo/Motorola
West Monroe Partners

