

COUNTRYSIDE DAY SCHOOL



Annual Report

2021-2022

A Letter from the Head of School

Dear CDS Community,

We began our year in 2021 open and in person, but still hemmed in by the COVID epidemic and the many mitigations. But, as usual, we stuck together as a community. The children thrived, and we all managed to really shine despite the challenges. But as the year came to an end, so did the need for many of our mitigation strategies. And we could not have been more delighted to bring back some of the hallmarks of the Countryside Experience. Students were again sharing snack together, baking, tutoring and mentoring. The classroom communities flourished.

We were able to start having parents back in the school. We had our Halloween Carnival, our Holiday Bazaar, and even the Opera. But our time with parents in the school was still not what it was before COVID. We are committed in the coming year to revitalize this critical part of the Countryside Community.

Parents, Faculty and Trustees also worked to determine our course over the next several years, creating a new Strategic Vision which emphasizes the continued commitment to the development of character, helping parents gain more access to what goes on inside the walls of the school, and returning to a commitment to community within the school and also connecting with our local community.

Finally, we had our Independent Schools Association of the Central States Accreditation Visit. This experience could not have been more timely. To hear so much positive feedback after a truly taxing two years with COVID mitigations was very well received indeed. I am delighted to say that over the summer, the ISACS Accreditation Review Committee granted us full accreditation status.

Looking eagerly to the next school year.

Wendy Calise
Head of School



A Note from the CDS Board President

Two big thank-yous this year: First to the faculty, staff, parents and students who prepared for and participated in the on-site visit from ISACS, and then led the school through strategic planning. The time for these two processes was compressed due to COVID, so a lot of analysis and detailed writing had to be done in a short period of time. The excellent results we achieved reflect the commitment of everyone involved. Thank you.

Second, a heartfelt thank you to Marty Fishman, a founding member of the Board of Trustees who retired this year after 55 years on the board. He was here for all the challenges of growing from a single classroom in a Glenview church to the Countryside we all love today. His experience, steady judgment, expertise and good company have been invaluable to his fellow trustees. We will miss him. -Allison Shank

CDS Board of Trustees

I offer a huge, heartfelt thank you to Marty Fishman, CDS trustee, who was a founding member of the Countryside board and has served us well for over fifty years. His contributions to the success of Countryside over the decades cannot be overstated.

We also welcome Lizanne Littlefield to the board, mother of Alex Schoppe (2022 alum). We could not be more delighted to have her.

-Wendy



From left to right:

Donna Giannis (parent of alum), Allison Shank (CDS Board Chair and parent of alum), Barry Fulk (parent of alum), Wendy Calise (Head of School and non-voting member), Peter Olsen (SVP, Group Head- Commercial Banking, Signature Bank), Peter Villa (CDS Alumnus), Shubha Chakravarthy (parent of alum), Dan Kemper (Former President and CEO of Schur Packaging Systems).



ISACS Accreditation



We completed the ISACS accreditation process involving writing a self-study with all members of the CDS community, an on site peer visit by five ISACS members who then write a report for the ISACS Accreditation Review Committee. We are responsible to meet more than 50 standards covering all aspects of the organization. We are delighted to report that we received full accreditation status.

We could not be more proud to be a member of the ISACS community!



Middle School Class of 2022



Hailey Kesmodcl



Peter Gadjev



Genesis Quispe



Tom Doyle



Alex Schoppe



Antonia Mynatt



Community Awards



Citizenship Award
Charles Bidwill



Citizenship Award
Grace Martensen



Elinore P. Jordan Physical
Education Award
Philip Mynatt



Leonard Bernstein
Music Award
Emma Zeidman



Volunteers of the Year JT
& Karyn Laskey-Terry



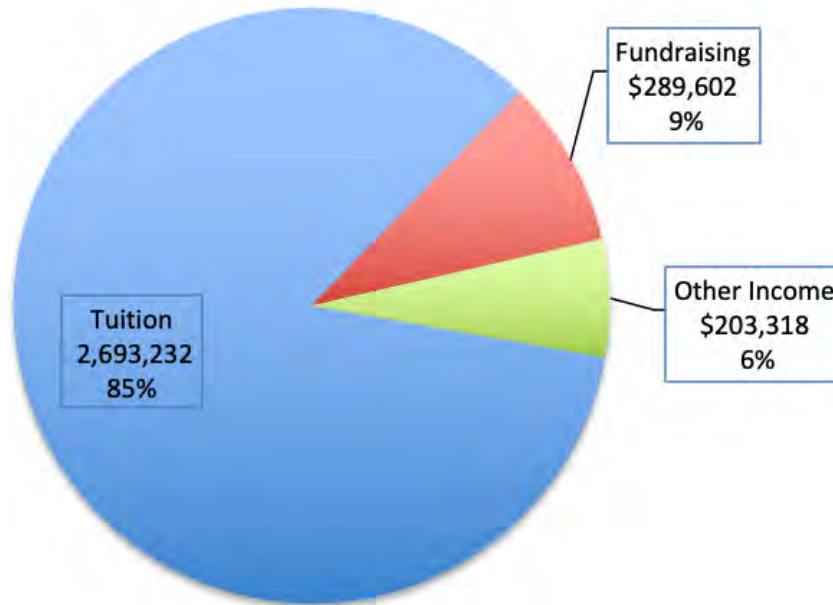
Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Spanish Award
Antonia Mynatt



Finance and Operations

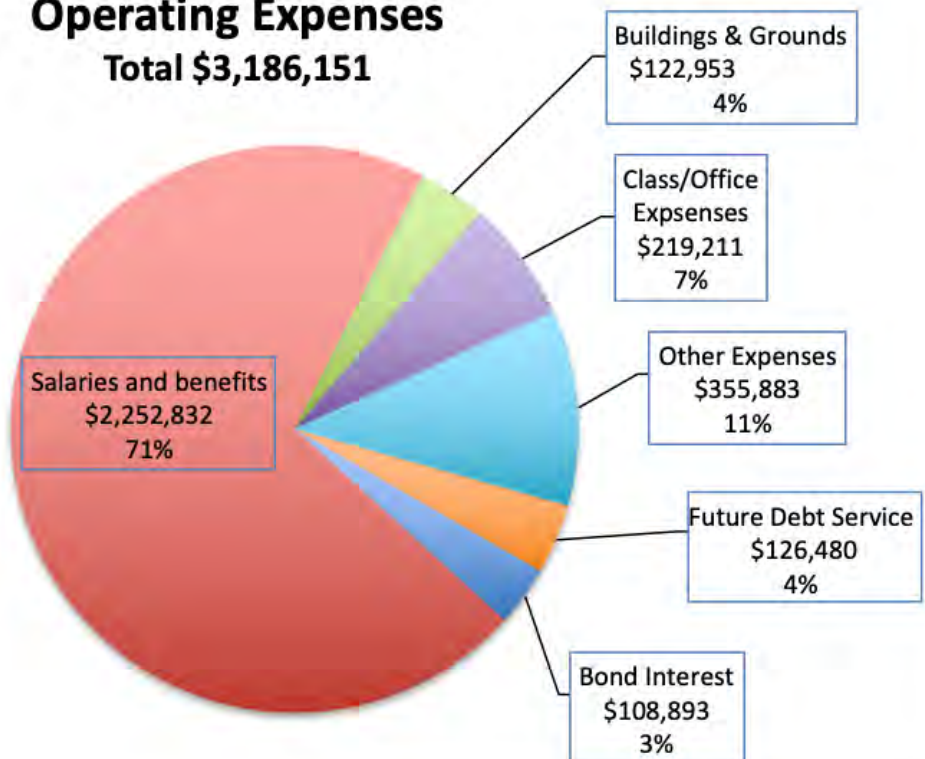
Operating Income

Total \$3,186,151



Operating Expenses

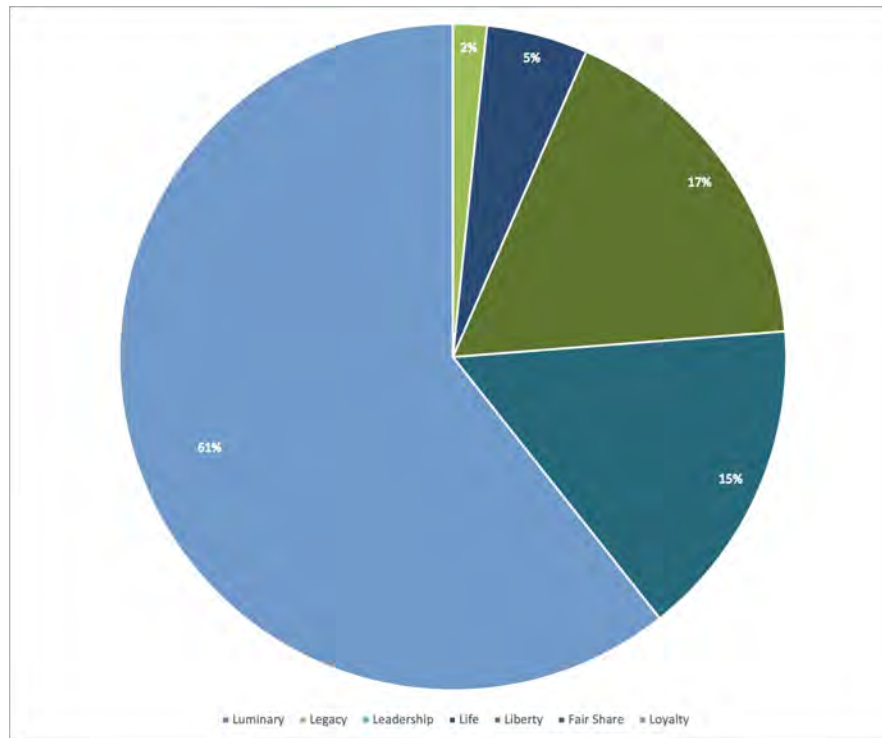
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Annual Giving: Results by Gift Type

Annual Giving Chairpersons: Carrie and Dino Tsitsis

total gifts: **\$218,514**



Distinguished Commitment to Annual Giving

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



10-14 Years

Austria Family
Ciota Family
Gadjev Family
Greenhouse Family
Hoffman Family
Lalani Family
Mynatt Family
Osman Family
Price Family
Schoppe Family
Spencer Family



15+ Years

Anderson Family



Annual Giving Participants

Legacy \$10,00-\$14,999

Cless Family
Schoen Family

Life \$5,000-\$7,499

Austria Family
Borre Family
Donahue Family
Lee Family
Ross Family
Solomon Family

Liberty \$2,501-\$4,999

Carrigan Family
Diamantatos Family
Fischer Family
Greisch Family
Henschen Family
Hussain Family
Junkovic Family
Kansal Family
Kessel Family
Kim Family
Mynatt Family
Opperman Family
Osman Family
Patel Family
Price Family
Radosavljevic Family
Samuel Family
Shaikh Family
Simerson Family
Tsitsis Family
Zeidman Family

Fair Share \$2,500

Amin Family
Anonymous Family
Bidwill Family
Chagas Family
Colon Family
Daoud Family
Duke Family
Epstein Family
Essman Family
Frick Family
Goetz Family
Greenhouse Family
Grenzer Family
Hunter Family
Kesmodel Family
Olshansky Family
Rashkow Family
Rhode Family
Sussman Family

Loyalty \$-2,499

Afzal Family
Ali Family
Almeida Family
Almeleh Family
Anderson Family (F)
Armenta, D. Family
Armenta, J. (F)
Aro Family
Aspinall Family (F)
Ayala Family
Berke Family
Bogdanov Family
Calise Family (F)
Chakravarthy Family (B)

Chimielewski Family (F)

Choi Family
Ciota Family
Cohen Family
DePilla Family
Derose Family
Din Family
Dong Family
Doyle Family (F)
Elko Family
Endo Family
Fishman Family (B)
Fulk Family (A, B)
Gadjev Family
Garzelloni Family (F)
Ghias Family
Giannis Family (B)
Gonzales Family (F)
Gupta Family
Hanner Family
Hoffman Family
Islam Family
Kashuba Family
Kind Family
Kemper Family (B)
Kichatay Family
Khowaja Family
Kuhns, R. Family
Lalani Family
Laskey-Terry Family
Lazarovych Family
Lee Family
Litman Family
Luchechko Family
Machut Family
Martensen Family
Mendoza Family (F)

McMackin Family

Minawa Family
Mukando Family
Nivasch Family
Olsen Family (B)
O'Malley Family (F)
Pierzchala Family
Pool Family (F)
Poonja Family
Prickett Family
Priovolos Family
Pritzker Family
Quispe Family
Roberts Family
Schoppe Family
Shah, A. Family
Shah, N. Family (F)
Shultz Family (F)
Shukla Family
Spencer Family
Spitelli Family (F)
Villa Family (A, B)
Wesenberg Family (F)

Matching Companies

Chicago Community Foundation
Exelon
Motorola
VMWare

