

Ways to Give to NNM

Why fundraising is vital to Near North Montessori School

Near North is a child-centered environment where children learn about their place in the timeline of life and go on to consider how they themselves might contribute to the greater good. This philosophy begins within the school community itself where parents, teachers and staff strive to demonstrate the principles of generosity, the importance in volunteering, valuing community and taking great care of the environment. By fundraising to enhance school programs, improve the school environment and provide for socioeconomic diversity at Near North, the school can truly reflect these truths to the children.

Below are the avenues of Fundraising each family will be asked to participate in throughout the school year. We are providing you a list now, so you can plan accordingly.

Annual Fund: Each family is asked to donate \$650 each school year. The Annual Fund helps to purchase educational materials, run programs and cover unexpected costs that come up throughout the year. Our fiscal year runs from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010.

The Big Night: it is exactly what it sounds like, our BIG event for the year. This fundraiser gala is our largest fundraiser for the year, raising critical funds for our Scholarship program. For adults only.

Teacher / Staff Appreciation Drive: Each year we suggest each family contribute \$350 to the teacher / staff appreciation drive. This drive funds the teacher / staff annual bonuses, professional development and other amenities and enhancements as needed.

Below are the Community Building Events that each family will be invited to.

Hallowgreen: volunteers are needed at all levels for this event, if you are interested in helping with this event please contact the co-chairs: Felice Bernstein (felicebernstein@hotmail.com), Stephanie Grais (sgrais@gmail.com), and Robin Schachtel (rschachtel@sbcglobal.net). Fun for the entire family!

Golf Outing: This is a school-wide event and fundraiser. Raising funds for our gym and athletic programs. A parent only event. If you would like more information please contact the event chairs, Michele Bracke or Dan Palonis (dpalonis@eastbankclub.com)

Art Auction: This is a showcase for our parent artists and students to show off their talents, and raise money through an auction of their art pieces for NNM. This is a free event with cocktails and appetizers, for adults only. For more information, please contact the event chair Amy Meadows (camellmeadows@earthlink.net)

Other ways to get involved:

Volunteer: Several community events will need a great deal of volunteer support. Please consider donating some time for these community building events.

Double Your Gift: Find out if your company will match your donations and have double the impact on NNM!

Online Shopping: Donate while you shop at places like Amazon.com, Macy's, Target and even Dominick's, just to name a few! Shop for service providers at MyServiceVine.com. Check nnms.org for links and details

Honor Memorial Gifts: You can make a gift in celebration of someone's birthday, anniversary, graduation or marriage or in memory of a friend or family member.

For more information about any of these funds or events please contact Mary Rundell, Manager of Events and Alumni Relations (events@nnms.org) or Allison Heyboer, Manager of Appeals and Funds (funds@nnms.org) in the development office, 773-384-1434.