

# Annual Report

2014-2015

**Dear Friends,**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my sincere gratitude for all that was so generously shared with The Cobb School, Montessori this past year. As you read through The Annual Report of gifts, you will recognize the important impact that has been made upon the school and the children it serves. Countless volunteer hours and many wonderful gifts helped to shape an extraordinary year.

The most beautiful manifestation of your selfless generosity is seen in the stunning Great Hall, but there are so many other endeavors that were made possible by the collective willingness to give of time, talent, and treasure.

Please take a moment to remember why you chose to make a difference, and know that Cobb is better for your care!

With heartfelt appreciation,



**Anne Winton Black**

Chairman, Development Committee  
Board of Trustees

As a school, we try to keep tuition increases to a minimum, yet the cost of a Montessori education does exceed the tuition that parents pay. Gifts to this fund help to support mission critical aspects of our school, including Enrichment Programs, Financial Aid, Professional Development and more.

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*Gifts of \$500 or more*

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*Gifts of \$10,000 or more*

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Helen Thomas\*

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*Gifts of \$5,000 or more*

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*Gifts of \$1,974.00 or more*

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#### Staff

Joseph Lardner

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Keith and Jenny Guerraz

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Robert Banta

Windy Jansen^

Courtney Reim

## Donors

*Gifts up to \$499*

Anonymous

#### Parents

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Savona

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Sabbagh

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Michael Cobb, Jr.

The Gedge Family^

Markus Josephson^

#### Staff

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Johnnie Denton

Joy Delaney

Jennifer deSimas

Carol Ebersol

Barbara Friedland^

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Jordan Graham

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\* Consecutive donors to the Annual Fund for 10 or more years.

^ Consecutive donors to the Annual Fund for 5 or more years

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## “Complete the Dream” Campaign Commitments

*Cash & Pledges through  
October 1, 2015*

**Gifts of  
\$175,000-200,000**  
Anonymous

**Gifts of  
\$100,000-174,999**

**Gifts of  
\$50,000-99,999**

Trustees  
Helen Thomas  
Friends  
Robert and Sallie Ann Hart

**Gifts of \$25,000-49,999**

Anonymous  
Trustees  
Chad and Denise Alfeld  
Matthew and Andrea  
Borowiecki  
Daniel Joseph and Tracy Smith  
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Grandparents  
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**Gifts of \$5,000-24,999**

Trustees  
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**Gifts of \$1,000-4,999**

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Past Parents  
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Grandparents  
Michael and Mary Lou Cobb  
Gary and Micki Joseph  
Staff  
Mary Lou Cobb  
Joseph Lardner

**Gifts up to \$999**

Current Parents  
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Keith and Jenny Guerraz  
Maureen and Mark Hilsdon  
Dustin and Windy Jansen  
Vincent and Laura Radmore  
David and Courtney Reim  
Rick Taplin and Nan Flanagan  
Past Parents  
Tom and Perri Clemmenson  
Tim and Janet Ellsworth  
David and Dena Engelhardt  
Joseph and Helen Giunta  
Greg Makowski and Melinda  
Ramsby  
Grandparents  
Edgar and Clara Brown  
Peter and Carol Delaney  
Tom Flanagan and Carol  
Clark-Flanagan  
Dianne Grehan  
Herb and Carol Hulbert  
Suzanne Lowell  
Robert and Clare Norrdin  
Forrest and Janet Norton  
Donald and Barbara Smith  
Nancy Rossi  
Michael and Gail Watts

Students

Elisabeth “Lizzy” Strapp  
Class of 2015  
Jersey Balducci  
Caroline Burnett  
Adam Joseph  
Jack Newhouse &  
Elisabeth “Lizzy” Strapp  
Alumni  
Michael Cobb, Jr.  
Emily van Gemenen  
Windy Jansen  
Staff  
David and Beth Ciarcia  
Johnnie Denton  
Jordan Graham  
Maureen Hilsdon  
Windy Jansen  
Laura Radmore  
Courtney Reim  
Nancy Rossi  
Friends  
Kevin Adams  
Amy Brown  
Robert and Susan Hensley  
Anne Lee  
Gerry Leonard and Kathy  
Allen  
John and Donna Sennott  
Myron and Barbara Stacks  
Foundations &  
Corporations  
Chubb & Son  
The Ensign Bickford  
Foundation  
MassMutual  
Merck Partnership for Giving

**Planned Gifts**

Rodman and Anne Black  
Courtenay Crocker

## Castellani Endowment Fund

David Castellani and Helen Thomas established this fund in December, 2009 because they believe that The Cobb School, Montessori is an example of an institution that is a model of excellence in providing children with an authentic Montessori education.

## Cobb School Financial Aid Fund

The financial aid fund was founded in the spring of 1997, thanks to a generous donation from former Admissions Director, Denise Alfeld, and her husband, Chad, and the commitment of the Board of Trustees.

Denise and Chad Alfeld  
 Harpeet and Manpreet Baweja  
 Rodman and Anne Black  
 Matthew and Andrea Borowiecki  
 Mark and Kate Ciriello  
 Michael and Mary Lou Cobb  
 Andrew and Michelle Creed  
 Randy and Amy Gillespie  
 Mark and Maureen Hilsdon  
 Ryan and Sarah Horner  
 Peter and Sallie Ann Jacobs  
 Josephus and Sue Janssen  
 Christopher and Kali Jones  
 Dan Joseph and Tracy Smith  
 Joe and Jennifer Lardner  
 Greg Makowski and Melinda Ramsby  
 Tom Miller and Michaelynn Ware  
 Vincent and Laura Radmore  
 David and Courtney Reim  
 Scot Riley and Tracy Labonte  
 Eric and Jennie Tucker  
 Sunil Pahwa and Nicole Stanziale  
 Chris and Deirdre von Pechmann  
 William Rusch and Mary Anne Creto  
 Christopher and Beth Strapp  
 Nicholas and Louisa Walsh

## Niels and Willem van Gemenen Memorial Endowment Fund

This memorial endowment fund honors and celebrates the lives of Niels van Gemenen, former trustee, and Willem van Gemenen, former student, and the positive, lasting impact that they had on The Cobb School, Montessori and our community. Established by an anonymous donor following Niels' and Willem's deaths in a plane crash on August 3, 2005, this fund supports the cultural and enrichment activities at the school from which all students will benefit.

Michael and Mary Lou Cobb

## Rainerio O. Reyes Endowment Fund

This fund was established in the spring of 2002 by Rainerio J. and Barbara Padilla Reyes in honor of Rai's father. The Reyes family hopes to enhance the long-term "savings account" of the school with their gift.

Rainerio Reyes and Barbara Padilla

## Rebecca Crocker Scholarship Endowment Fund

Founded in memory and celebration of Rebecca Crocker; daughter of Nancy and Co Crocker, who was a student at our school from 1982 until 1986. Becca died after a courageous battle with leukemia on August 30, 1997. It is the wish of Becca's family that this fund supports our financial aid program.

Chad and Denise Alfeld  
 Michael and Mary Lou Cobb  
 Ruth Josephson  
 John and Amy Nulsen  
 Paneloc  
 Slade & Company, LLC

## Ruth Josephson Animal Fund

This fund was established in honor of Ruth, who worked on behalf of our school for over 30 years. Ruth always nurtured wildlife within and beyond our school grounds and this fund supports our animal care and educational efforts.

Michael and Mary Lou Cobb  
 Tracy and Marisa Gallagher  
 Flynn Jansen  
 Ruth Josephson

## Willem van Gemenen Friends Forever Scholarship Fund

Willem's fund was established in March, 2010 by Betsy van Gemenen. This endowed financial aid fund honors the memory of her son Willem; his caring nature and his love for The Cobb School. It is Betsy's wish that other children benefit from the same educational experience which she and her husband Niels provided for their children.

Chad and Denise Alfeld  
 Michael and Mary Lou Cobb  
 Michael Cobb, Jr.  
 Leonard and Jennifer Kulicki  
 John and Jennifer McCormick  
 Betsy van Gemenen  
 Elenor van Gemenen

## Winton-Black Endowment Fund

Our first endowment fund, founded in December 1999 with a very generous gift from the former chair of the Board of Trustees and past parent, Anne Winton Black, her husband Rodman Black, Jr. and Anne's father, David Winton. This fund was established to insure the long term financial stability of the school. It is the wish of the Winton-Black family that this fund remains unrestricted, and that the disbursement of the income should help to sustain the school's mission.

## Gifts in Honor

- Mary Lou Cobb by Robert and Sallie Ann Hart
- Mary Lou Cobb's 40 years of excellence by Pamela Morgan
- Co Crocker by The Employees at Paneloc
- Lila Englehardt achieving High Honors in 8th grade by David and Dena Englehardt

## Gifts in Memoriam

- Beloved dog, Tulip Gallagher by Tracy & Marisa Gallagher, Mary Lou & Michael Cobb, Flynn Jansen and Ruth Josephson
- Beloved dog, Lucy Gallagher Josephson by Ruth Josephson
- Carol Nelson by her husband, Ron Nelson
- Ria Riley by Donald and Janet Labonte

## Donors and Supporters

*Thank you to all of our families, friends and local businesses who helped to support both our online and live auctions. A special thank you to all of the families who donated to our various classroom tote bags! The support of our local businesses is of great benefit to our students. Where appropriate, we invite you to join us in becoming patrons of those that choose to so generously aid in our fundraising efforts. Thank you to everyone who supported our online and live auctions with winning bids online and in person and to those who purchased live tickets for staff members.*

Adam L. Joseph	Holly Maynard	Nancy Rossi
Alejandro Gonzalez and Laura Posada	Hopmeadow Country Club	Nathalie Filler
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Christopher and Beth Strapp	Lara Hunt Photography	Sandrine Savona and Tara Grehan
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Harvest Cafe & Bakery	Michael and Meghan DeVoe	William Rusch and Mary Anne Creto
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“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Faculty & Staff

Melissa Avery  
*Lower Elementary Assistant*  
 Robert Banta  
*Facilities*  
 Beth Bornstein  
*School Nurse*  
 Colleen Casey-Nelson  
*Music Teacher*  
 Sara Cerruto  
*Lower Elementary Assistant*  
 Beth Ciarcia  
*Business Manager*  
 Mary Lou Cobb  
*Head of School*  
 Mary Anne Creto  
*Asst. Head of School*  
 Jamie Dawick  
*Nest Assistant*  
 Joy Delaney  
*Upper Elementary Teacher*  
 Johnnie Denton  
*Upper Elementary Teacher*  
 Jennifer deSimas  
*Primary Assistant*  
 Carol Ebersol  
*Primary Teacher*  
 Barbara Friedland  
*Science Teacher & Elementary Assistant*  
 Marisa Gallagher  
*Primary Teacher*  
 Deepa Gokarn  
*YCC Assistant*  
 Jordan Graham  
*YCC Assistant*  
 Joan Gwillim  
*Learning Strategist*  
 Karen Henry  
*Primary Assistant*  
 Maureen Hilsdon  
*Lower Elementary Teacher*

Lauren Hyne  
*YCC Assistant*  
 Mark Iwanicki  
*Lower Elementary Teacher*  
 Sallie Ann Jacobs  
*Director of Admissions*  
 Windy Jansen  
*Dir. Of Development, Asst. to Head*  
 Dana Kelly  
*Primary Assistant*  
 Joe Lardner  
*Business Manager*  
 Chris Lyles  
*Art & Physical Education Teacher*  
 Sheryl MacInnis  
*YCC Teacher*  
 Gerry Marciano  
*Building & Grounds*  
 Judy Maloney  
*YCC Teacher*  
 Margaret Podebry-Augustyn  
*Receptionist*  
 Laura Radmore  
*Assoc. Dir. Of Events/Admissions Asst.*  
 Courtney Reim  
*Primary Teacher*  
 Jane Romanos  
*Library Assistant*  
 Nancy Rossi  
*Latin & Spanish Teacher*  
 Maureen Scudder  
*Director of Communications*  
 Suneetha Seneviratne  
*Primary Assistant*  
 Mollie Smith  
*Nest Director*  
 Gabby Von Paternos  
*Nest Assistant*  
 Rosemary Zito  
*Primary Language & Math Support Teacher*

## Volunteers

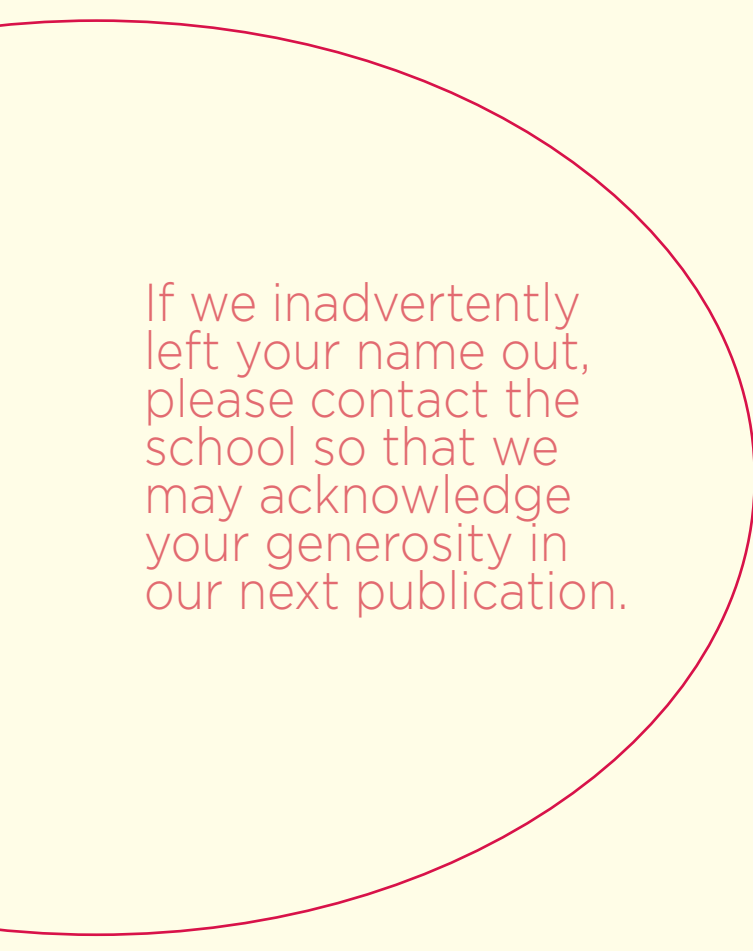
Thank you to every parent, Trustee and friend who has partnered with us to build our children for the future. From sharing your many talents, volunteering for an event, welcoming new members of our community and more, you have enriched the lives of each and every one of our students. [Thank you.](#)

## Income

Tuition & fees	94.30%
Interest Income	0.05%
Fund Raising – Annual Fund	3.80%
Fund Raising - Development	1.09%
Donations - Endowment	0.53%
Donations - Financial Aid	0.21%
Donations - Designated Funds	0.01%
	<b>100.00%</b>

## Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	82.30%
Property Expenses	7.56%
General School Expenses, Program	
Development & Professional Fees	8.93%
Administrative Expenses	1.21%
	<b>100.00%</b>



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left your name out,  
please contact the  
school so that we  
may acknowledge  
your generosity in  
our next publication.