

## The 2009-2010 Annual Fund

Both the Board of Trustees and the Collegium have committed to 100% participation. Join them in supporting this year's Annual Fund. **Your gift—of any amount—is an investment in the school, one that truly makes a difference.**

### What is it?

The Annual Fund is a flexible, unrestricted resource used to provide support for our daily operations. Faculty salaries, specialty programs, tuition assistance, and facility upkeep are some of the important uses for gifts to the Annual Fund. Donations support the school's programs, teachers and students and provide for upkeep of our campus.

### Why do we have an Annual Fund?

Like all independent schools, we rely on our Annual Fund to help defray the full cost of a Waldorf education. Tuition provides a great percentage but not all of the income needed to meet expenses. Money raised through the Annual Fund helps make up the difference, bridging the gap between tuition income

and the actual operating expenses. A successful Annual Fund also helps to attract and retain a strong faculty and to provide tuition assistance so that as many families as possible can afford a Waldorf education. **Contributions to the Annual Fund make a meaningful difference to every student and faculty member.**

### When does it take place?

**The Annual Fund runs until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2010.** You may make a gift at any time between now and then. Whenever you choose to give, your gift will be warmly welcomed and appreciated.

### Who participates?

The Annual Fund is our community fundraising effort. All members of the Waldorf School of Baltimore Community participate: Members of the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, current parents, grandparents, community members, alumni and their parents. Strong community participation is important for foundation and other major donor support. Donations by current

parents, Board members and faculty demonstrate to philanthropists that the Waldorf School of Baltimore is worthy of their support—that the community believes in the mission and vision of the school.

### What are the goals for the 2009-2010 Annual Fund?

The goal is to raise \$90,000 and to reach 100% participation. Last year, the Annual Fund raised over \$113,000, a new record. The Board of Trustees, Collegium, and faculty and staff reached 100% participation for the sixth year in a row. Class participation reached a new high as well with 92% of the families contributing to the Annual Fund, and six classes achieving 100% participation. Meeting and beating the goals and records from last year will allow us to achieve and celebrate even greater success!

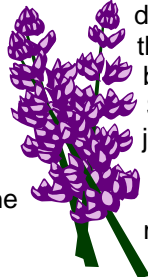
### **Make your gift today to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund.**

You may contribute with a check, payable to Waldorf School of Baltimore. On-line donations are also welcomed at [www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org).

## Earth Day at WSB

On Friday, April 23, WSB will celebrate Earth Day. The entire school will gather in the multipurpose room before lunch to share songs, skits, poetry, and information about UNESCO. In the afternoon each of the classes will take up a service project around the school grounds. The Upper School will work at Cylburn, helping where needed.

We ask the children to bring work gloves because some of the activi-



ties involve pulling, hauling, and planting. We are also looking for donations of flowers and herbs for the planters in front of the school building. Last year the First and Second Graders did a wonderful job of filling the planters with color and care. Annuals such as pansies, sweet alyssum, zinnias, marigolds, snapdragons, and scented geraniums, or herbs such as creeping thyme, marjoram, basil, lemon verbena, or rosemary would be greatly appreciated.

Potting soil and perennials would also be welcomed. Please label the perennials so we know where best to plant them.

Flowers may be dropped off the day before, on Thursday, April 22 under the overhang in front of the Tamarind Building. Thank you for helping us make the school look beautiful.

Please let Jean know what you have donated so that we might thank you for your kind gift.