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Can you help us meet a match?

Looking ahead, we have started fundraising for the 2025-26 school year. We are gathering donations through December 2024, and that will determine how much will be available for financial aid in the 2025-26 school year

Reflecting the MFS and Monteverde focus on the environment, we are asking donors to help us raise \$30,000 by Earth Day, April 22th, about a quarter of what we need for each year for financial aid.

Yes, that's a big number. The good news is that some generous donors have already committed to match your donations up to \$15,000. We hope you will double your donation with this match and help us reach our goal.

Your donations help students return to the school and community they know. Tuition and financial aid cover most of the school's budget – with about 90% devoted to staffing and benefits. That's what we see near term. Longer term, often after graduation, we find the recipients of financial aid giving back to our school.



For example, alum Dinia Santamaria served on our School Committee and Finance Committee for four years well after her graduation in 2007. She was a student at MFS for 14 years (K-12) and she received financial aid for each of those years. Her mother was an artisan with a chronic disease; she passed away just as Dinia turned fifteen. Her father makes amazing furniture, but didn't earn enough to cover tuition.

As Dinia looks back, she reflects that **“Growing up, Monteverde Friends School was a safe haven for me and my peers. It was a place where we shared silence with wonderful people from different cultures and backgrounds, where younger kids could sit down and read a book with older ones, and playing capture the flag on a muddy soccer field under the rain was a common event.”**

“We were taught to respect nature, people, and all living beings around us. We shared and were part of the community but also had the chance to learn about and sometimes even visit other schools and countries. It was a safe place where we could learn, grow, make mistakes, explore, and question world events in a secure environment.”

At MFS, we work every day to continue to provide that secure learning environment. We need your help, though, to continue that work. If you live in the U.S., Canada, or Costa Rica, you can make tax-deductible donations online, by check or with transfers. Just click on the button below for links and instructions on donating from those countries:

