



Dear Rochester Montessori School Grandparent/Special Person:

As the lucky grandmother of two young RMS students, it has been a joy to see the impact of school on their development. From drop off and pick up, I can tell RMS is a caring and nurturing environment. But my favorite way to learn about the impact of school is when my grandchildren re-enact their experience at home. My granddaughter had us all sit crisscross on the floor in a circle for sharing. We raised our hands to ask questions. She was the guide. I could see confidence and a sense of accomplishment in her teaching us how sharing works. I also see the impact in the way they (sometimes) put away their clothes, clear their place, or wait for the bathroom (they moved a chair to outside the bathroom as a waiting chair.) I notice that they are able to focus on one thing for a long time, and that they are curious about how things work. I know that RMS is nurturing and fostering these great things. And I am so grateful!

As a new board member, I have seen even more of how RMS serves children. Truly dedicated guides and assistants create the environment for children to build on their innate drive to learn, through exploration of materials and ideas. I have seen how the Head of School and administrative staff work tirelessly to support the staff and children. I have gotten to see inside the school (yay!) and am impressed by how cared for, esthetically beautiful, and child-centered it is. It is a wonderful place.

I am sure you are also grateful for the role of this great school in the lives of your family and special friends. I want to invite you to connect with and support RMS, through a donation to the Annual Fund. This year's goal to raise \$40,000 will help RMS expand the learning environment more fully to the outside, by installing doors directly to outside patios in the Middle Years rooms, purchasing picnic tables for Children's House, awnings for the toddler outdoor space, new benches for the entry, and seating for the patio outside the media center. This will have a direct positive impact on the children. We cannot make these changes without your support. Improvements like these are not covered by tuition.

To help us Take it Outside:

- Donate through the GiveMN site: [Take it Outside!](https://www.givemn.org/story/Jzq44g) (https://www.givemn.org/story/Jzq44g)
- Donate through our website: [GiveRMS](https://www.giverms.com/) (https://www.giverms.com/)
- Send a check to school (RMS, 5099 7th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901)

Gifts to Rochester Montessori School (a 501(c)3 organization) are tax deductible where allowed by law.

Whether you make a donation or not, I would like to invite you to stay in touch with RMS. Please let us know your contact information and we will keep you informed about what is going on at this wonderful school. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Lili Herbert
RMS Grandmother and Board Member

P.S. Feel free to contact me with questions or to talk more about RMS at Liliherbert@rmschool.org