### Resume Beverley Alexander McGhee, Candidate for Professional Member, AMS Board of Directors

#### Honors

AMS: Honorary Chair, "Monty" Soiree and Fundraiser, AMS National Conference, Orlando, FL., 2013

FSU: Distinguished Educator Award, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 2012

AMS: Montessori Living Legacy Award, American Montessori Society, 1998

FKC: Dedicated Service Award, Florida Kindergarten Council, 1998

AISF: Distinguished Educator Award, AISF, Association of Independent Schools of Florida, 1996 Florida: "Excellence in Education Award," Florida State Legislature, Tallahassee, Florida, 1989

Florida: State of Florida Lewis State Teachers 5-Year College Scholarship, 1947

### **Founded Education Organizations**

Co-founded organizations with husband of 51 years, James R. McGhee, who served on the AMS Board and believed strongly in our mission.

Founded MTTI, AMS Affiliated ECE Montessori Teacher Education, 1985

Co-founded, with Professor Elizabeth Caspari, MAF, Montessori Association of Florida, 1983-1974 Co-founded ADMMF, a not-for-profit org., Andrew and Dora McGhee Montessori Foundation, 1974 Co-founded, Alexander Montessori School, Accredited AMS, 600 students, 18 months-grade 5, over 100 staff, celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Headmaster, James R. McGhee, II was the first student in the school along with his brother, Alexander, 1963

- Many teachers have more than 25 years' experience on our staff.
- This is an AMS accredited school which has four locations in Miami, Florida.
- It is one of the largest and oldest Montessori schools in the USA.
- It serves nearly 600 students, ages 18 months through grade 5.
- The heads of the school are James R. McGhee, II and his wife, Dr. Joyce McGhee, who both studied at the Association Montessori Internationale in Perugia, Italy with Signorina Paolini and who both earned the AMS 6-12 Elementary Credentials in Dallas, Texas.
- The Alexander Montessori School Parent Association is planning the "Golden Year of Celebration" for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school.

# **Service**

Chaired four "Montessori Education Days," with attendance of over 500 Montessorians, at Alexander Montessori School and then at the Airport Hilton Hotel, Miami, Florida, 2009-2012

ADMMF Event Chair for Speaker, Dr. Steve Hughes, Chair of the Montessori Internationale Global Research Committee and President of the American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology, 2012

ADMMF Event Chair for Speaker, Susan Collins, "Your Children Are Watching You", 2010

AMS Chaired two National AMS Conferences at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

AMS Chaired one National AMS Seminar at Alexander Montessori School, Miami, Florida

ACCESS Accreditation Council for Childhood Education Specialist Schools, Secretary

ACCESS COMMISSION Member, On-site Review Committee

Presented the Montessori Method of Education to Miami Dade County Public Schools; began four MAGNET Schools of Choice and Title One Montessori classes in ten public schools, 1987

FKC Florida Kindergarten Council, 12 years Secretary and Treasurer for Board of Directors. MACTE Chair, Problem Solving Committee

School Consultant and Chair of numerous AMS School Accreditation and TEC Accreditation Teams in many different states of the USA, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Haiti, Santo Domingo and Virgin Islands.

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#### **Recent Professional Development**

Florida State University School of Education, Annual Symposium, Tallahassee, Fl., 2013

AMS National Conference, Orlando, Florida, 2012

AISF Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 2012.

MACTE, IAME Annual Conference, Alexandria, Virginia, 2012

IAME, International Assn. for Montessori, Chicago, Illinois, 2011.

AMS Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, , 2011

AISF Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida., 2011

AISF Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida., 2010

AISF Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida., 2009.

Learning and the Brain Conference, Cambridge, Maine, 2008

AMS Annual Conference, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, New York, 2007

Numerous speaking engagements and school consultations over the years including attending the AMS National Conference held in Athens, Greece; visited Montessori schools on numerous continents.

#### **Montessori Education**

AMS Audited CMTE Infant-Toddler TEC, Chaminade University, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1986

AMS Montessori Teacher Elementary I Credential, COMETT, Columbus, Ohio, 1978

PAMS Master Teacher Certificate, Pan American Montessori Society, 1976

AMS ECE Credential, American Montessori Society, 1975

MAF Primary Montessori Teacher Credential, Montessori Assn. of Florida, 1967

Mentored by Professor Elizabeth Caspari who lived in India five years with Dr. Maria Montessori during the second World War. Mrs. McGhee taught and demonstrated all courses of TEC under her direction twice a year to become a Master Montessori Teacher and to be granted the title "Teacher Education Course Director", 1967-1974

### **Contemporary Education**

FIU Administration courses, Florida International University, Miami, FL, 1990 Harvard Center/Parent Ed, Educating the Infant and Toddler, Orlando, FL, 1985 University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida State Gifted Teacher Certification education courses, 1977 University of Miami, postgraduate studies, learning disabilities, reading ed., 1977, 76, 72, and 1965 M.S., B.S. Education, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1956, 1951

## **Montessori Teaching Experience**

ECE, Elementary teacher and Superintendent, Alexander Montessori School, Miami, FL, 1963 to present Director Montessori Association of Florida, TEC, 1974-1983

Co-founder, co-Director MTTI, Montessori Teacher Training Institute, Miami, FL, 1983 to present

#### **Public School Teaching Experience**

Adjunct Instructor, Montessori Ed., Florida International University, Miami, FL, 1973-1980 DCT Coordinator, Trade and Industrial Ed., Northeast High School, St. Petersburg, FL, 1954-1957 DCT, Diversified and Cooperative Ed. Coordinator, Lakeland High School, Lakeland, FL, 1952-1953 Music Director and grades 5 and 7 Core Subjects Teacher, Highlands City Elementary School, Highlands City, FL . 1951-1952