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GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR AMS MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY:

The American Montessori Society remains committed to a world in which quality Montessori education is widely recognized, highly desired, and accessible to all. Critical to this mission are your insights and thoughts on how we can better serve you. As we embark on a year of intrinsic self-discovery, we are evaluating our membership offerings, including value-added resources and services, and ask for your input during the process.

The information and data from our 2018 stakeholder survey, along with anecdotal comments and context maps of AMS, on which stakeholders shared thoughts about key aspects of our organization, will inform the board's conversation in summer 2018 as we revisit our Mission, Vision, and Values and take steps towards a renewed AMS—your AMS! An AMS that meets your current needs and provides a value that surpasses the associated costs. An AMS that informs policy, pushes Montessori advocacy, drives increased interest in the Montessori profession, and serves our children first—regardless of race, color, creed, gender, or any other distinguishing characteristic.

We have enjoyed the first year of our listening and learning tour, visiting schools and teacher education programs in (so far) 7 states. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and the wonder of your accomplishments. Not only are we using this time to hear about your struggles, but we are using the opportunity to highlight your efforts with the rest of our community, and on social media. Learning about your Montessori journey

is important to the fabric of the AMS story. Thank you for sharing your gifts and letting us learn from you! We look forward to the journey ahead.

We look forward, as well, to continued collaborations with our valued partners—such as the Association Montessori International/USA, the Association Montessori Internationale, the Council for American Private Education, the National Association of Independent Schools, the Montessori Leaders Collaborative, the National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector, and the Trust for Learning, to name just a few. These organizations, much like AMS, encourage respect, courtesy, inclusiveness, responsibility, and diversity. When we work together with these values at the forefront of our mind, we build a momentum that yields success.

We hope you will take pride in knowing all that AMS accomplished during the past fiscal year was with thoughts of you in mind—and that you join us in looking to a bright future. Your involvement, perspectives, and passion for Montessori education will continue to propel the Montessori Movement—and AMS.

Sincerely,




MARYELLEN KORDAS
Board President



TIMOTHY J. PURNELL, EdD
Executive Director





I can practice patience
by — and —. This helps
others because — and —.

- ▶ Year 1 of our **Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program** drew to a close. Feedback from the first group of cohorts surpassed our expectations, and we are thrilled to be welcoming the second cohort—all of whom are Montessori-credentialed teachers working to expand their spheres of influence in the Montessori community.
- ▶ We added a new publication to our repertoire: **TEP Talk**, a quarterly newsletter for our colleagues in teacher education.
- ▶ We are creating a **new website** to better serve our members' needs. The new site will have **expanded content about Montessori careers and professional development**, more ways to interact with the Montessori network, and expanded resources for parents and adult learners about member schools and affiliated teacher education programs. Look for a launch in early 2019!
- ▶ We've been laying the groundwork for a series of interactive online workshops that will take a deep dive into **Montessori-relevant topics**, and include discussion boards and resource sharing. And, we've expanded our library of on-demand webinars—we now have more than 70.
- ▶ We were a cooperating sponsor of the **2017 International Montessori Congress** in Prague, Czech Republic. It was a wonderful opportunity to partner with our colleagues at the Association Montessori Internationale, who hosted the event.
- ▶ We created two new recognition awards: the **Dr. Nancy McCormick Rambusch Pioneering Award**, which honors individuals who have made significant advances in raising the profile of Montessori education; and the **Douglas M. Gravel Award**, which acknowledges those whose generosity has contributed to the sustainability and growth of AMS.
- ▶ What a global organization we've become! We now have members in nearly **60 countries worldwide**.
- ▶ The Montessori Public Policy Initiative received a **\$1.7 million grant from the Walton Family Foundation** to support a policy landscape that ensures children of all ages have access to Montessori education.
- ▶ Our **Pathway of Continuous School Improvement** continues to grow, with more and more schools opting in to avail themselves of personalized coaching that can help take their programs to new levels of Montessori quality.
- ▶ We've lined up a powerhouse of keynoters for our upcoming Annual Conference in Denver—including iconic traveler **Rick Steves**, illustrating how our planet makes the perfect classroom; and playwright **Anna Deavere Smith** (*black-ish*, *Nurse Jackie*), addressing the school-to-prison pipeline.

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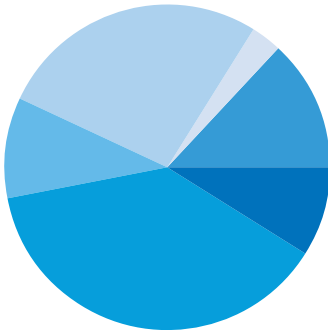
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	FY 17	FY 16
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT		
MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES	\$2,451,940	\$2,350,899
TEACHER EDUCATION DUES AND FEES	\$621,176	\$550,076
CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,730,582	\$1,772,773
WEBINARS AND PUBLICATIONS	\$196,966	\$199,824
ROYALTY INCOME	\$54,029	\$60,112
ADVERTISING	\$224,046	\$198,355
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$607,776	\$315,602
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$554,605	\$46,664
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$11,957	\$40,901
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$6,453,077	\$5,535,206
EXPENSES - PROGRAM SERVICES		
MEMBERSHIP	\$1,723,048	\$1,757,868
TEACHER EDUCATION	\$670,069	\$528,200
WEBINARS AND PUBLICATIONS	\$486,882	\$413,695
CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,484,439	\$1,409,711
SCHOLARSHIP, PEACE, AND RESEARCH	\$135,000	\$99,319
OTHER (PUBLIC POLICY, STATE MAPPING, ADVOCACY)	\$154,844	\$36,392
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$4,654,282	\$4,245,185
SUPPORTING SERVICES		
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	\$592,204	\$517,702
FUNDRAISING	\$382,726	\$381,333
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$974,930	\$899,035
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,629,212	\$5,144,220
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$823,865	\$390,986
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$5,006,176	\$4,615,190
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$5,830,041	\$5,006,176

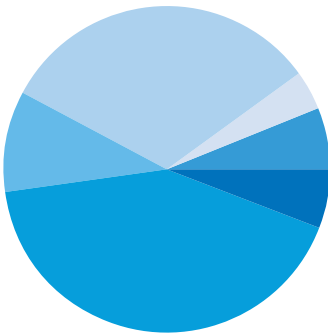
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REVENUE

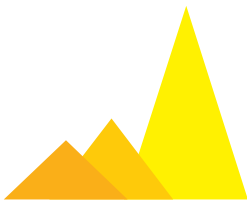


2017 REVENUE: \$6,453,077



2016 REVENUE: \$5,535,206

EXPENSES



2017 EXPENSES: \$5,629,212

6.8% FUNDRAISING
\$382,726

10.5% MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
\$592,204

82.7% PROGRAM
\$4,654,282



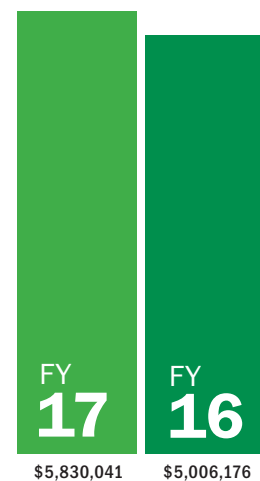
2016 EXPENSES: \$5,144,220

7.4% FUNDRAISING
\$381,333

10.1% MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
\$517,702

82.5% PROGRAM
\$4,245,185

NET ASSETS



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MISSION

We provide the leadership and resources to make Montessori a significant and enduring voice in education. We serve our members, advocate for quality Montessori education, and champion Montessori principles.

VALUES

• Respect • Diversity • Responsibility
• Integrity • Inclusiveness • Enthusiasm

VISION

We envision a world in which quality Montessori education is widely recognized, highly desired, and accessible to all.



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