



GARDEN Initiative Donation Form
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Donor name: _____ Amount: _____

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What inspires you to support Winterberry? _____

<p>What is your Winterberry connection? If children, please list names and grades.</p>	<p>The Winterberry Parent Guild would like to recognize and thank your family for your monetary support of the GARDEN Initiative. May we have your permission to print your name (not amount of donation) in Winterberry correspondence like the newsletter? If so, how would you like to be listed?</p>
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Checks should be made payable to: **Winterberry Parent Guild**. You may donate online through our website (winterberrycharterschool.com), at the Winterberry front desk, or by mail to:
Winterberry Charter School, Attn: WPG Treasurer
4802 Bryn Mawr Court
Anchorage, AK 99508

____ Yes, I would like a receipt for my tax-deductible donation to the WPG, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

Please let us know if your employer will match your gift.

Many workplaces offer matching donation programs to help non-profits supported by their employees. Your employer may be able to "match" your monetary gifts and donations of volunteer time.

Thank you for your generous support!

2016 Winterberry Parent Guild GARDEN Initiative

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Thank you for your many contributions to Winterberry—your time; your energy; your adherence to our community's values. And **thank you for your monetary support of this vibrant school.** Although Winterberry receives public funding from the State, this income alone cannot sustain our school's excellence. Charter schools receive far less funding per student than all other public schools in the Anchorage School District, and we also have to provide our own building. In order to bridge this financial gap, the Winterberry Parent Guild (WPG) coordinates fundraising efforts throughout the year, including the Enchanted Village, Winter Faire, the Head, Heart, and Hands Auction, and the Annual Giving campaign, known as the GARDEN Initiative: *Give Annually; Reap Dreams; Educate and Nurture.*

The fruits of these fundraising initiatives are immediately re-invested in the school, with highest priority going to **specialized teacher training.** This training is critical for maintaining the extraordinarily high-quality instruction that our children receive. Teachers who are new to Waldorf education take foundational courses on the philosophy and teaching methods. They may also observe and be mentored by highly experienced teachers in the Lower 48. Each summer, our teachers continue their professional training with an "Art of the Grades" course that prepares them for the challenge of teaching an entire year's worth of new material, in all academic subjects, as they move up with their class. **During the last school year, the WPG spent nearly \$36,000 on teacher training.**

Additionally, more than \$27,000 went towards **school, pedagogical, and community support,** including

- \$5,050 for Bal-A-Vis-X training (rhythmic balance, auditory and vision exercises for brain/body integration) for nearly every one of our teachers and staff;
- \$12,100 to support Winterberry's after-school Enrichment Program during its time of transition;
- \$2,900 for NVC (compassionate communication) training and conference participation;
- \$3,100 in various business costs such as licenses, permits, insurance, participating in Pick.Click.Give, and bank accounts;
- \$3,100 in books, Waldorf materials, childcare, online surveys, and food to support workshops, NVC discussion groups, and the administrator search process; and
- \$965 for community-building events such as the Back-to-School picnic and Harvest Dance.

From small site enhancements to overarching instructional support, the enormous impact of community donations to Winterberry profoundly affects our children's educational experiences. As part of the GARDEN Initiative, we are asking **for each family to make a meaningful monetary donation.** While we suggest a contribution of \$100 per child, Winterberry has gratefully accepted donations ranging from \$5 to \$500. Most important is getting our whole community to participate! **Your contribution is truly significant in supporting, strengthening, and enriching our school.**

Thank you for helping our vibrant school continue to grow and flourish. Your financial investment will yield rich returns!

Rayna Swanson, Coordinator
WPG GARDEN Initiative