

# *Sowing the Seeds of Stewardship*



Annual Fund Appeal  
2011-2012

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## Stewardship: Our Earth *Fostering Values*

"I especially love the connection to agriculture and practical living skills... the importance of grounding children and preparing them to live organized and effective lives. I love the commitment to connection with nature, to beauty and to doing what is best for the earth always."

- Hartsbrook Parent



Within our vibrant Agricultural Arts curriculum we recognize that true understanding arises out of a true connection. For each student who cares for an animal at the Farmstead, learns how to grow vegetables and plant grains, overcomes the "stinkiness" of the composting class to marvel at the process of transformation, or looks into a hive of honeybees and slowly grows to understand how essential these tiny

creatures are to our very health and well-being... these students, regardless of what work they choose as their profession, will have come to understand the intrinsic value of knowing how to care for this earth so that we can in turn be nourished. It has become clear to me that we are educating our students to become stewards of the earth; this land, that does not actually belong to us, but which we need to take responsibility for... that is the true meaning of being a steward.

- Nicki Robb, Land Stewardship Director

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## Stewardship: Our Community *Nurturing Connections*

"...Waldorf education has as its primary purpose the nurturing and growth of broadly intelligent, self-aware human beings – truly free individuals... They know in their deepest beings that they are empowered by a strength of character, and an intelligence of heart, that compels them to face the difficult challenges of this time in our collective history and to stand for the highest evolved humanity."

- Robert Black,  
Hartsbrook High School Teacher

Excerpt from the High School Graduation  
2011 Commencement Speech

### VIRTUALLY NO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL COVERS ITS FULL COST THROUGH TUITION



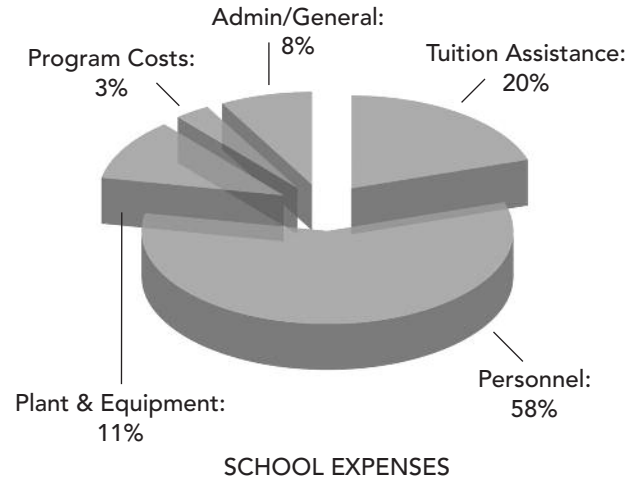
- Tuition would have to be raised considerably without an annual fund campaign.
- We are relying on a communal spirit of giving, thus allowing each and every family to contribute at levels which suit their own financial abilities, in order to cover the gap.
- Tuition is a non-tax-deductible contribution to the school, while gifts to the Annual Fund are fully tax-deductible.

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## Stewardship: Our Annual Fund *Sustaining Our Roots*

### WHERE DOES MY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE, NON-TUITION CONTRIBUTION GO?

- It supports The Hartsbrook School academic, artistic, athletic, and practical arts programs, as well as all the education outside the classroom, including field studies.
- It allows for the heart of Hartsbrook to keep beating strongly by supporting our teachers' salaries and benefits.
- It helps bridge the gap for many families who could not otherwise enroll their children without tuition assistance.



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## **Stewardship: Our Students** *Cultivating Leadership*

“The Hartsbrook School gave me a sense of curiosity for the world around me... the overall sense of awareness that it helped develop really molded some of the decisions I made and continue to make... and the respect for other people, the earth and elders allowed me to communicate better with my teachers, fellow students and I feel, become a better world citizen.”

- Hartsbrook High School Graduate



“Hartsbrook instilled in me a desire for life-long, interdisciplinary learning, as well as a commitment to social justice. I have a very strong work ethic because of Hartsbrook and a desire to do well and to contribute what I can to the world.”

- Hartsbrook High  
School Graduate

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*Your Participation is the Seed...*

## 100% PARTICIPATION

1. It's a vote of confidence
2. It's a sign that parents invest in their children's welfare and support the school's mission
3. It inspires high-level donors to give generously to Hartsbrook
4. Most foundations consider parent participation rates before agreeing to donate funds to a school
5. It is a way for each of us to make a gift to each other, to know that we thrive together as a community!



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