

Welcome to Our Annual Fund Appeal 2011-2012

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Dear Hartsbrook Community Friend,

In joining the Hartsbrook School during its thirty-first year, I am very moved by the inspired dedication and commitment to our children that I have found in each and every parent, teacher and staff person since I began working here in August. In my first year as Director of Development, I am proud to partner with you in launching this year's Annual Fund Appeal, in contributing to it and in reaching our goal of 100% participation.

As I listen to parent testimonials and sit in on faculty meetings, as I hear praise from alumni, and as I begin to get first-hand experiences, I find that our Hartsbrook community is a living, breathing expression of stewardship. I see this in our school's relationship to the earth, in our relationships to each other as a school community, and in how our students move out into the world as compassionate, honest, and capable leaders. Hence, in launching this year's Annual Fund, I thought it appropriate to give it the theme: *Sowing the Seeds of Stewardship*.

Each year parents, teachers, board members, staff, friends and relatives impact the lives of our students by demonstrating their stewardship of the Hartsbrook School and contributing to the Annual Fund. This is important because tuition covers only part of the costs of a Hartsbrook education. Additional funding is a key component of all the enriching elements that make this Waldorf education possible.

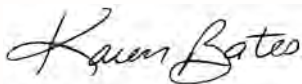
Last year we raised \$65,375 as a result of the tremendous effort and sacrifice on the part of the students, parents, staff, alumni and community. In other words... it takes everyone – especially you!

Our 2011-2012 goal is \$70,000

This year I am inviting everyone to bring us to a new level of giving - let's go for 100%!

Independent schools grow from seeds planted with love and blossom from the spirit of giving. Help us to continue this long tradition of excellence at Hartsbrook. Please give what you can this year – *your participation is the seed!*

With heartfelt appreciation for your support,



Karen M. Bates
Director of Development

