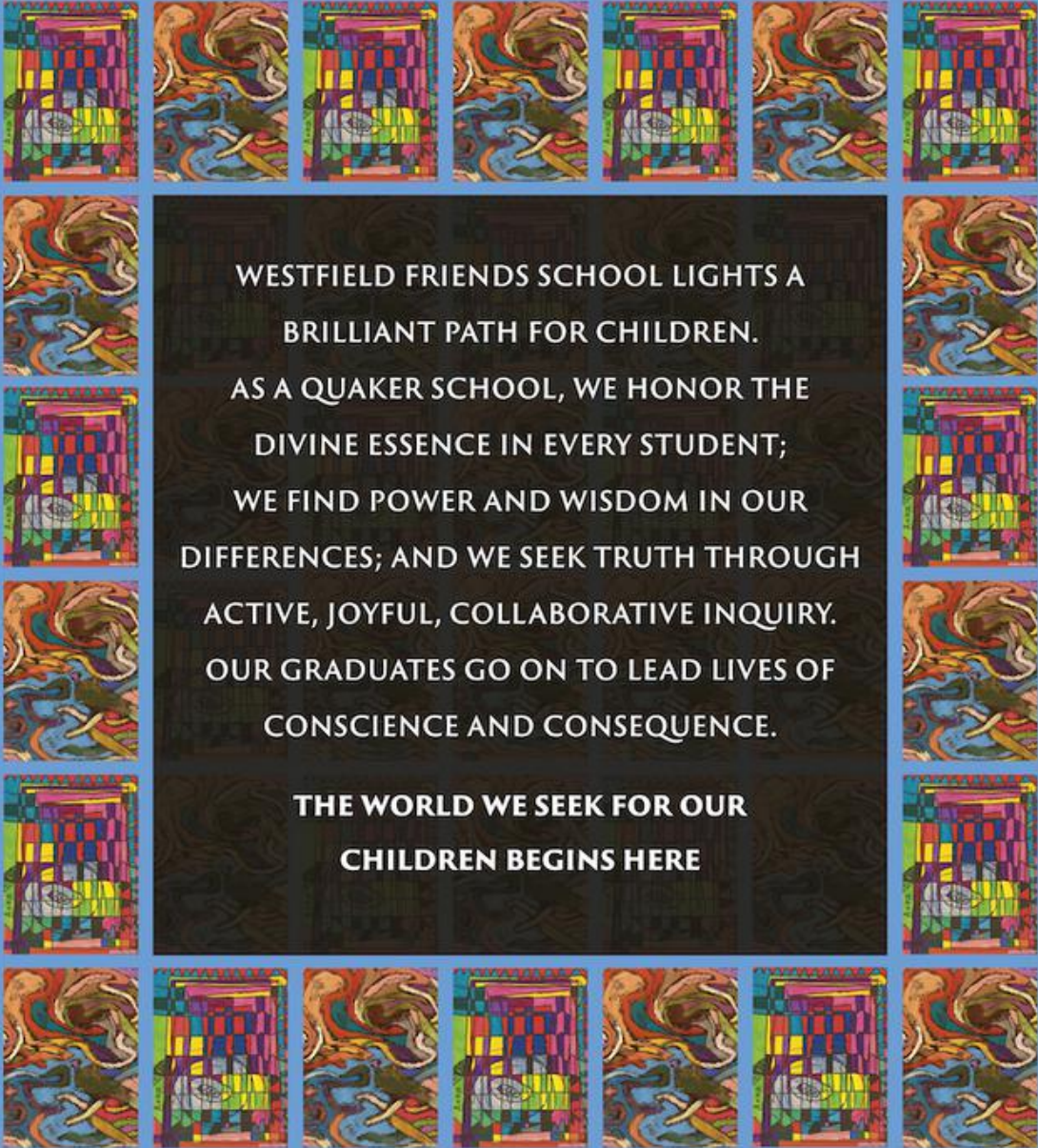


# WE SEEK AN EARTH RESTORED



ANNUAL REPORT  
2023



WESTFIELD FRIENDS SCHOOL LIGHTS A  
BRILLIANT PATH FOR CHILDREN.  
AS A QUAKER SCHOOL, WE HONOR THE  
DIVINE ESSENCE IN EVERY STUDENT;  
WE FIND POWER AND WISDOM IN OUR  
DIFFERENCES; AND WE SEEK TRUTH THROUGH  
ACTIVE, JOYFUL, COLLABORATIVE INQUIRY.  
OUR GRADUATES GO ON TO LEAD LIVES OF  
CONSCIENCE AND CONSEQUENCE.

**THE WORLD WE SEEK FOR OUR  
CHILDREN BEGINS HERE**



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Dear Friends,

Your partnership is vital in our mission and vision of creating the world we seek for children here at Westfield Friends School. This report recounts a small fraction of what your support provides for our students, their families, and our community of educators.

From the start of the academic year to graduation, our students were united under the theme of "We Seek An Earth Restored." Whether it was during their first overnight stay at Camp Darkwater, kayaking on the Cooper River, painting pictures of Iris flowers growing on campus, or adopting trees in the cemetery, our students were able to fully immerse themselves in the natural beauty around them. Queries in Meeting for Worship asked them to consider themselves as parts of the natural world. This led to some thought-provoking questions about how we can better protect our community's plants, animals, and people. They identified concrete actions we can take to make a difference in reducing single-use plastics during class celebrations.

Teachers and staff act as guides and motivators, demonstrating the value of lifelong learning and encouraging students' exploration and budding activism. Transitioning from a conventional teacher-centered pedagogy to a Quaker-grounded experiential learning approach has become a challenging multi-year endeavor. The teachers' project-based learning units are in sync with our school's mission, initiating thought-provoking queries that stimulate curiosity instead of providing answers. Culminating in authentic communication through writing and presentations, their highly collaborative projects provide ample time for reflection and learning.

This year teachers are continuing this pedagogical shift with support from our partners at PBLworks.org. One teacher completed her Master's Degree, and two others participated in the Parker Palmer-inspired SPARC (Spirited Practice and Renewed Courage) program through Friends Council on Education. Six attended national conferences, including NCTM, NAEYC, and NCSS. Others attended the NJAIS annual innovation summit. Our new DEIB Coordinator led two in-service day sessions on understanding and supporting student identity formation and partnering with families. Your generous gifts open up this world of opportunities.

I write with deep appreciation for all of your unwavering support in the past. It is with purpose that I write to encourage you to consider the possibility of increasing your contribution to Westfield in 2023-2024. And I write with the promise that your gifts of time, talent, and treasure will help ensure that the Westfield students of today and tomorrow continue to "create an earth restored."

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret Haviland".

Dr. Margaret Haviland  
Head of School

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephanie D. Judson".

Stephanie Judson  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees





Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades went kayaking on Cooper River. The students learned about their local watershed in their place-based social studies program.

3rd-grader, Cora, told us “I learned there are three different kinds of plants in the river.” Classmate, Alara, asked, “Did you know that there are lots of eagles on the island in the river?” And Michael learned that “the plants help to filter the water for the fish and other animals.”

4th-grader Noah recalled, “There have been a lot of shipwrecks, including an old WW2 container ship called the Barnegat.” And Charlie, another 4th-grader, mused, “Some of the plants are underwater and some float on top, and some, depending on the tide, do both.”

As part of the earth science geology curriculum, sixth and seventh-grade students visited Virginia to explore the wonders of Luray Caverns and Shenandoah National Park. The trip served as an extension of their classroom learning, which also included a year-long project-based learning unit inspired by the book *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*.

6th-grader, Landon, fondly remembered that it was “great to hike in the Shenandoah.” And his peer, Ethan, “really enjoyed the independence we had to explore.”

7th-graders also had insights. Henrietta, shared that “Limestone is porous and when water drips down, it adds new minerals so the stalactites are always getting longer.” Classmate, Julia, was astonished that “Luray Caverns is old and enormous.” And Heidi recollected that they all “got to see the President and Vice President drive by!”



First Grade went on a trip to Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. This trip sparked their driving question “What is the human impact on endangered New Jersey species?”

## Because You Gave

**The generosity of our donors is why we are able to offer enriching trips to our students every year.**

These immersive excursions deepen our project-based learning goals of forming creative thinkers, problem solvers, and humanitarians who lead lives of conscience and consequence.

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Today



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# At a Glance



Micha Archer's book, *Wonder Walkers*, features her unique collages and writing, giving our students and faculty a remarkable peek into the natural world. Micha's owl creation, her gift to Westfield, will now "fly at night" and be featured in all of our classrooms.

## Your gifts light our way forward

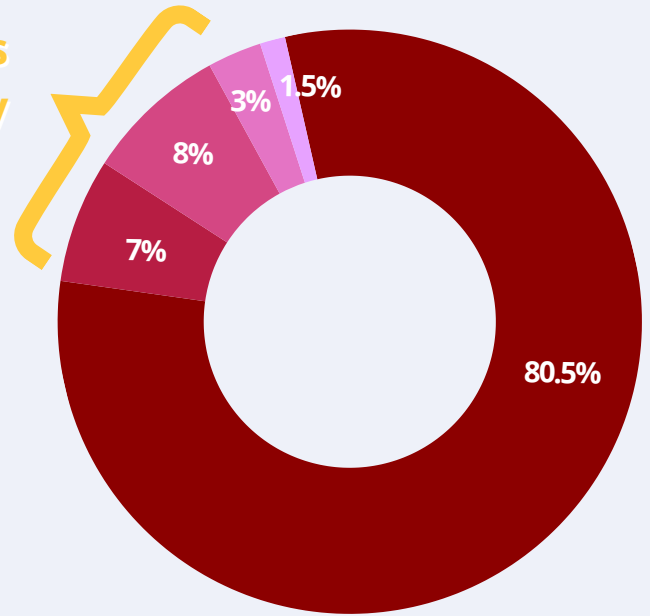
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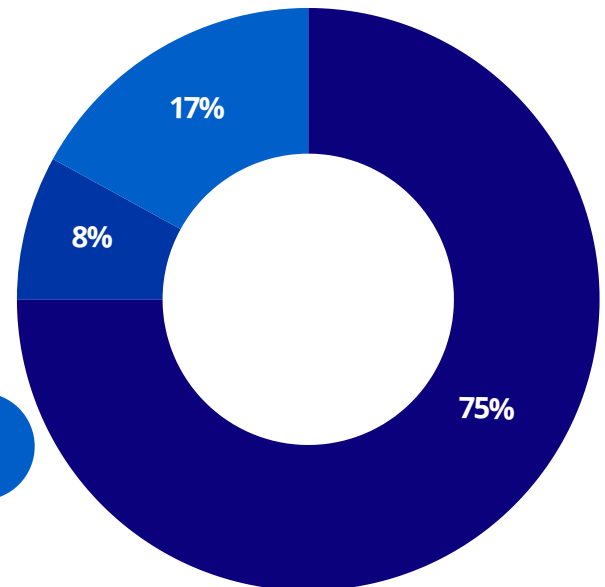
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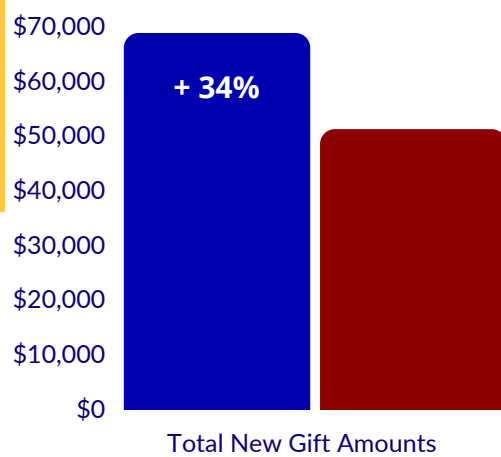
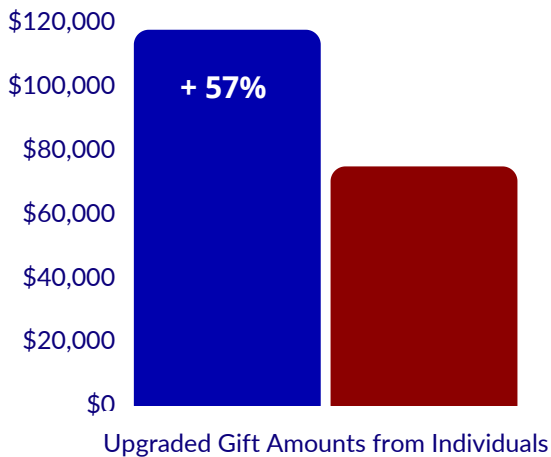
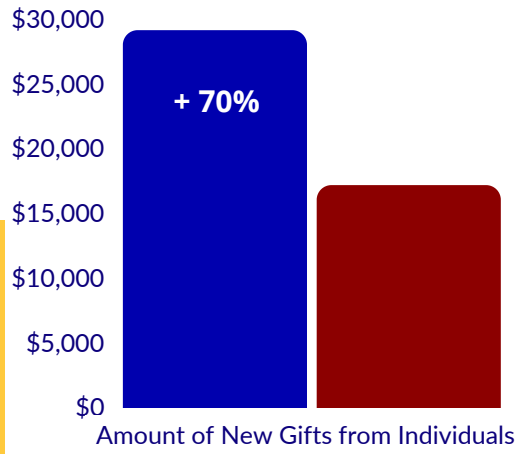
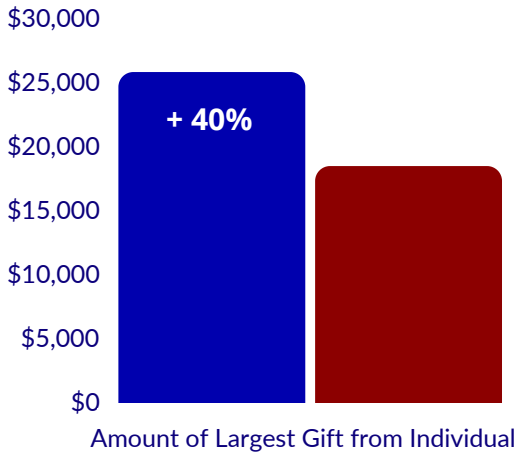
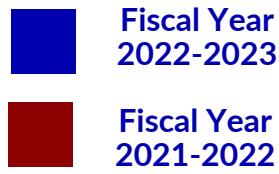
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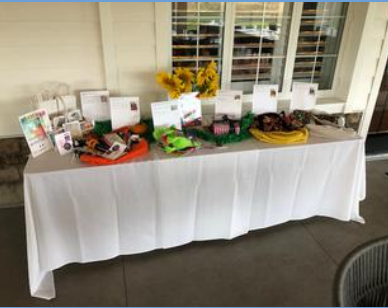
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# At a Glance





# Special Events



Our two annual events are dedicated to raising funds for Westfield Friends School's Responsive Tuition Program. This program allows us to share the benefits of Westfield with as many families as possible.

Thanks to all of your generous contributions our annual golf outing raised \$27,000 last year. This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of our sponsors and donors, auction donors and bidders, volunteers, golfers, and cocktail party attendees.



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**Monday, Sept. 30th, 2024**



Westfield raised a total of \$31,000, thanks to the kind support of our restaurant vendors, event sponsors and donors, attendees, auction item donors and bidders, and volunteers.



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**Be sure to join us for next  
year's event on  
April 20th, 2024**



Class of  
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## Congratulations Westfield Friends School Class of 2023

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Our graduates leave Westfield equipped with the values of respect and kindness, a strong sense of self, and a desire for knowledge. They embody our mission to create the world we seek for children. We look forward to our ties with these young friends and are excited for their futures.



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At Westfield Friends School, we cherish the strong bonds we have with our former students. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated as it enables us to shape more graduates who will go on to live purposeful and impactful lives.

You help us create  
the world we seek.



Cliff Burgess '08 married Caroline (Orem). A beautiful September wedding was held in Cape May with close-knit alums in tow - Brad Beideman, Sam Flagler, Zach Cope, and Michael Woodley, all '08 grads that have known each other since PreK! Read more on the [Alumni Stories](#) page! [westfieldfriends.org/alumni](http://westfieldfriends.org/alumni)



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**Saturday, January 27th, 2024**  
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*Crafts from Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation*

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## William Probsting Scholarship Fund CHALLENGE\*

This Fund was created so that future generations of children could continue to enjoy the benefits of our little school, even if their parents are not able to pay the full tuition.

*We want to extend express our deepest gratitude to a long-time friend and alumni parent of the school for creating a challenge that will help to increase our fund by five times. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!*

The William Probsting Scholarship Fund is dedicated to the life and light of Mr. Probsting, Westfield's Head of School from 1974-2013.

Make your gift here

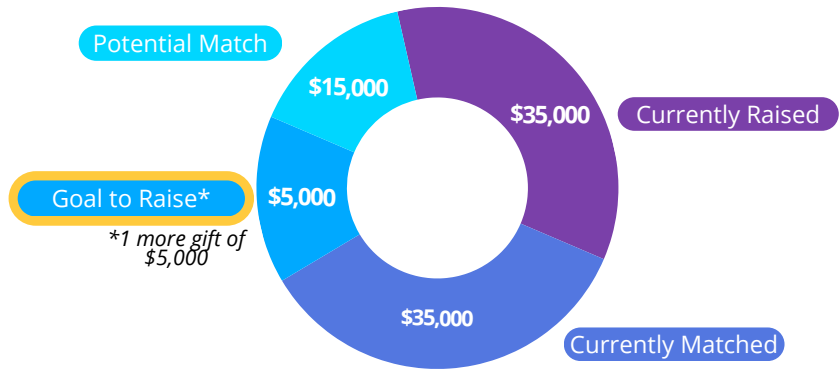


Learn more at [westfieldfriends.org/giving](http://westfieldfriends.org/giving)

### Tier One

Every gift of \$5,000 will be matched dollar for dollar  
Maximum match of 10 gifts of \$5,000

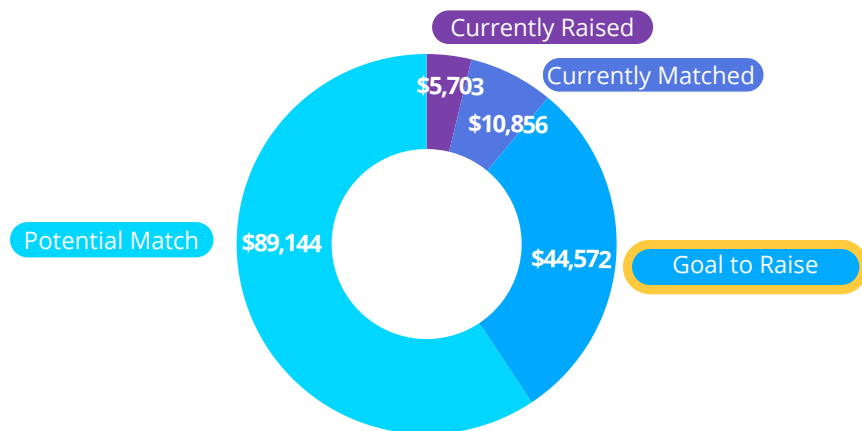
**The Fund can grow to \$100,000**



### Tier Two

Every gift made to the Fund now of any amount up to \$4,999 will be matched two for one up to a total matching gift of \$100,000

**The Fund can grow to \$150,000**



\* Challenge runs until June 30th, 2024



# Cows

were pastured in the Westfield Cemetery

maintaining the lawns late into the 1800's, surrounded by a tall wooden fence.

# 60

Types of trees on campus

Take a stroll around the tranquil grounds and enjoy an interactive tree walk among the leafy branches.

[westfieldfriends.org/treewalk](http://westfieldfriends.org/treewalk)

Did you Know?

# Millions (likely)

of lbs of chocolate were made in the old Bayard's Chocolate House,

the future home of Westfield's Preschool 3! It's new name is **Rushmore House**. This was the original home of Jane Rushmore, a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Jane had a love of children and religious education. She is buried in the Westfield Friends Cemetery, close to her beloved home of many years.



Alice Paul, one of the nation's foremost leaders in the women's rights movement is buried at Westfield Friends Cemetery. Visitors still leave notes on her grave to thank her.



# 10,000

feathers on an owl

Heart-shaped facial feathers collect and direct sound to their ears.

# 18

Mission Statements

throughout the school that remind us  
*The World We Seek For Children  
Begins Here*



# Through Our Lens

Last year our students dedicated themselves to creating an earth restored.

Our school community has taken many steps towards becoming environmentally conscious. By discussing the book *We Are Water Protectors*, immersing themselves in our watershed, taking the water protector pledge, learning about the environmental justice work of FCNL, studying endangered species, and adopting concrete steps to reduce trash production, our students are making a positive impact.



Quaker Friday groups showing why they "Seek an earth restored"



1st Grade explored endangered species in New Jersey.



## Water Protector Pledge

To do our part to keep our oceans and waterways clean, I pledge to only bring a reusable bottle to school. I will not bring single-use, plastic water, juice, or soda bottles.



2nd and 3rd Grades discovered ways we can reduce waste and even presented a call-to-action to the rest of the students.



Interviewing Custodian, Mr. Wayne, about recycling at WFS







PreKindergarten play time



Kindergarten & 7th Grade strawberry picking



Preschool 3 creating hand art



2nd Grade Robotics



Ceramics Studio Middle School Art



4th Grade Technology



Kindergarten Butterflies



3rd Grade Writing



6th & 7th Grade in Washington, DC



Middle School Play 'Alice in Wonderland'



4th Grade Tradition - Making a NJ Cake



Kindergarten and 1st Grade Play 'Character Matters'



Cinnaminson Fire Dept. visits with Preschool 3