

On the cover, Title: The Blessed Community. For Quakers, this refers to a society where everyone is treated with respect and equality, living in harmony with each other and actively working to create a just world. Photo: First and second grade play, Geology Rocks



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# Head of School Message



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Dear Friends,

In our opening of school meetings, the faculty engaged in a close examination of our mission and its expression in our daily work with children and their families. In summing up our session, one teacher shared that in "living our mission we choose to be different". She said in listening to her colleagues, she heard our testimony "that children learn best in a community that honors difference, looks for the worth of each person, and recognizes the role of the Spirit in helping children reach for and become their best selves" affirmed.<sup>1</sup>

Our community extends beyond the walls of the school. It takes all of us in this virtuous spiral of support to raise compassionate human beings. Parents and caregivers are the experts on their children; teachers know children as learners and citizens of their class and school communities. Our alumni, their parents, grandparents, and others who have experienced firsthand what Westfield provides families carry our promise with them in their lives and return to us their wisdom and experience. We are surrounded by businesses, consultants, professionals, faith leaders, and myriad others who support us in our efforts to create the Beloved Community for our children.

You will find in this report an account of the virtuous cycle of support you are helping build. Each of the past six years, more of you have contributed to the Fund for Westfield. Many of you are sustaining contributors including Westfield Friends School in your giving every year. You are stretching to increase your support for our wonderful community. Thirty-six percent of you increased your gift to Westfield. Westfield's community must build upon this year's success. As great as the 2023-24 Annual Report is, the 2024-25 Annual Report must show a doubling of what we achieved in the preceding year.

At this time of reflection, celebration, and thanksgiving, your love and belief in us gives me hope for Westfield now and in the future as we work together to create the Beloved Community.

With Gratitude,

Dr. Margaret Haviland

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Head of School

Member, Religious Society of Friends

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Stephanie Judson Clerk of the Board of Trustees



Seventh and eighth grade students journeyed to South Mountain YMCA Camp in Reinholds, PA for hiking, group activities, and lots of laughter.

Our students had an absolute blast together at this YMCA camp in Pennsylvania. It was a little cold and rainy at times, but that didn't stop everyone from enjoying time together.

Their days were filled with activities... never a dull moment. They stayed in cabins and did activities such as map quest, low ropes, a climbing tower, hiking to peaks, challenge activities, archery, played capture the flag, and had a salamander hunt. They even had a camp fire combined with a sensory night.

On Middle School's Meeting for Business' agenda last year, they began a civic engagement discernment process working together to agree on what they believed the top five priorities should be for Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) in its work with the 119th Congress beginning in 2025. FCNL asks Quaker Meetings, other faith groups, Quaker organizations, and individuals to help it discern where to put its focus with each new Congress - how best to use and steward its time, talent, and treasure. Students thought about what is important to them as young people. At the end, they sent their recommendations to FCNL, who then highlighted their contribution in an article. The students approved the following five priorities:

- Promote Diplomacy to Prevent War
- · Promote Universal Health Care
- End Over-Policing of Marginalized Communities
- End Poverty + Hunger and Work Toward Economic Equity
- Increase Funding for Mental Health Services and Mental Health Awareness

A field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo was organized for first, second, and third grade students. The trip served as the entry event to each grade's Project Based Learning Unit related to animals.

First Grade was looking at New Jersey's endangered species. Their driving question was, "What types of things harm animals"? Second and third-grade students were preparing to write reports about animals. Their driving question was, "How do animals fit within their environments?" And, the Zoo is just a fun place to encounter very different creatures.



on National Legislation

Lobbying with Quakers

# Because You Gave

Donations to the Fund for Westfield from you, our generous donors, is what enables us to provide enriching excursions for our students.

You also make if possible for faculty to help lead our students in activities and processes that help them become creative thinkers, problem solvers, and humanitarians who lead lives of conscience and consequence.

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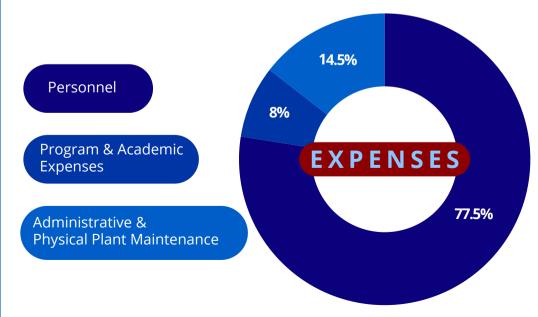
# At a Glance



Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students participated in this art class project, with Teacher Deborah Moss Marris. Students sorted and organized tangled yarn by color and made textural "paintings" with glue. They worked on it for over a month.



\* WFS has a Responsive Tuition program. Families pay between \$9,200 and \$19,995.



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### **COMPARISONS TO LAST FISCAL YEAR**



At a Glance

Thank

Over 700 generous gifts were made... and 36 % of our donors increased their gift!



These reflects gifts made to the Fund for Westfield (including February Days of Giving), the William Probsting Scholarship Fund, other gifts in honor or in memory of individuals, and Special Events, and include In Kind gifts. We also received funding from nine granting bodies.

# **Special Events**

WESTFIELD FRIENDS SCHOOL

7th Annual Golf Outing Monday, October 16, 2023

Riverton Country Club

Riverton, N.J

SAVE THE DATE! Monday, Sept. 29th,



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Our two yearly events focus on generating funds for Westfield Friends School's Responsive Tuition Program. This program enables us to extend the advantages of Westfield to a greater number of families.



Thanks to all of your generous contributions we 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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For our 6th Annual Restaurant Event, Westfield successfully raised a total of \$32,000, all thanks to the

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Thanks to our entertainers KURT YUNG, harpist TERESA & FRANK, vocal performance



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on Friday, January 24th, 2025
6:00 - 8:00pm
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We do try to acknowledge all gifts accurately. If you notice any errors or omissions, please accept our sincere apology and let us know of the mistake so we are able to make the necessary corrections.

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Westfield depends upon the generosity of our community to support our everyday priorities as well as our long-term future. Tuition covers approximately 80% of the actual cost of educating a student in an independent school with the remainder of costs being covered by other sources of revenue. The single most significant of these gap-bridging revenue sources is the Fund for Westfield Friends School.



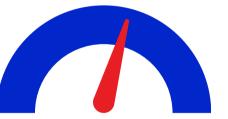
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(as of November 2024)

\$279,297

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# William Probsting Scholarship Fund

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We want to extend express our deepest gratitude to a long-time friend and alumni parent of the school for creating the recent challenge that helped to increase the fund by \$100,000.

