

# Springmont School

ATLANTA'S FIRST MONTESSORI SCHOOL



► **2024-25 IMPACT REPORT**



Dear Springmont Families:

This year has me reflecting deeply on the word impact. What is the impact of a Springmont education on our children? What impact do our graduates have on the world? And what impact do your gifts of time and treasure have on our school community? While we can measure dollars raised and track the number of alumni, the true impact of what our community gives and gets is far greater and harder to quantify.

This fall, a Springmont alumna, now a high school senior, reached out to our Middle School team. She asked to return to campus to make a short film highlighting how Springmont shaped her passion for learning and curiosity about the world — a reflection she planned to include in her college applications. Check out a video interview from her visit. [Alumna, Aidan Video](#)

You know what Springmont gives your family, and you gave back in return. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase a new school van, with nearly half of the money raised. Our school "fleet" currently totals three vehicles, which turns out to be a very important number for us. Now, when a group is at the Landschool, we still have a vehicle to use for our cross-country team to get to their meet or for a group of Upper Elementary students to visit a museum for a going out trip. What an impact an additional vehicle has made in a few short months!

Your volunteerism has also made a tremendous impact on our school. Here's just a quick sample: In the media center, it is parents who run our books fairs each year. These volunteers help with promotion, set up and break down of the fair, serve as cashiers, and help students make book selections. Our classroom gardens are brimming with beautiful plants and flowers thanks to the work of our parents. Our animals are fed and cared for every weekend and during breaks thanks to the efforts of our farm friend families. Large- and small-scale maintenance projects were accomplished this year at the Landschool during our annual volunteer Work Weekend!

Our IMPACT is widespread and is getting bigger every year thanks to the support of our Springmont families, past and present. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Elizabeth Lener  
Head of School



Dear Fellow Parents and Friends:

I'm honored to write to you once again as chair of the Board of Trustees for our amazing school. Now more than ever, I believe a Montessori education provides unique value in a world that needs peacemakers and changemakers prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. As a board, we have been focused on increasing visibility and transparency, reinforcing leadership continuity, and planning ahead for long-term challenges. We are excited by the opportunity to make the school better, not only for your children and my children, but ultimately for their children and grandchildren.

As we begin to implement our new Strategic Plan, we are pleased to share that stewardship of the school's financial, programmatic, and brand assets is strong. The delivery of an excellent Montessori education to your child relies on the investments we all make to support Springmont. Springmont families come together to fund not only operations through tuition but also longer-term improvements through annual giving.

In 2024–25, giving supported significant landscaping upgrades, a new student transportation van enabling more experiential learning opportunities for our children, and timely improvements to campus buildings. Investments we make today will fund strategic improvements at a critical time for our school, enhance Montessori teaching and learning, ensure a diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning environment, and provide the facilities we need to deliver world-class education.

Our heartfelt thanks to every family who gave to the Springmont Fund last year. Let's keep the momentum going – we (you, me, and all Springmont families, faculty, and staff) are building something unique and special together!

Sincerely,

Will Johnson  
Chairman, Board of Trustees





# MY TIME AT SPRINGMONT: LOOKING BACK AND ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE

By Livia Osorio

It feels like just yesterday when, as a proud parent and aspiring Montessori Primary Guide, I first stepped through the doors of what was then the First Montessori School of Atlanta. Now, more than two decades later, I am amazed by how swiftly time has flown and how deeply this community has shaped me, as a faculty member, parent, and grandparent.

During my time at Springmont, I've had the joy of watching our school grow from a single building housing the Primary and Elementary programs into an institution rooted in Montessori philosophy educating students from 18 months through Middle School. Although



it has been many years, I remember the excitement of purchasing the adjacent property on Long Island Drive, where new buildings were constructed and the original house was transformed into what is now the Fine Arts Cottage. Later, I also witnessed the expansion of our program to include the Adolescent or Middle School program, as well as the addition of the Landschool campus in Summerville, Georgia. Every year, I watch students build confidence, discover

a sense of purpose, gain independence, and deepen their connection to nature during our Landschool visits. This growth and these experiences have been made possible through the generosity of our donors.





***Thank you, Livia, for your dedicated service and unwavering support.***

Today, Springmont stands not only as a beacon of Montessori education, recognized by national and international organizations, but also as a testament to the unwavering support of our community. Financial contributions from parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends have been instrumental in our growth, enabling us to update our campus, modernize the Landschool building, and, most importantly, provide many families with the opportunity to choose Montessori education for their children through Tuition Assistance.

As I step down at the end of the 2025-26 school year after so many years in the classroom, I am filled with gratitude for the personal growth and learning experiences that being part of this committed and strong Montessori community has brought me. I hope that other Montessorians seize the opportunity to be part of this community, where they can learn, grow, and contribute. My family and I will be honored to continue our support of Springmont in the years to come!

***"The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life."***

Maria Montessori

# A FAMILY REFLECTION: THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE MONTESSORI APPROACH AND PERSONALIZED SUPPORT ... WHY WE GIVE

By Veronica and John Mansour

We are deeply grateful for Springmont and its nurturing community. Both of our children attended Springmont and thrived under the care of dedicated teachers who gave them the gift of time and attention. Our children, Emilia and George, both began in the Toddler program at just 18 months old, and it was incredible to watch them grow more independent and self-sufficient during those early years.

Today, George is in Upper Elementary, and every day I am amazed by what he learns and the skills he continues to develop. At age six, George was diagnosed with dyslexia, dysgraphia, and ADHD. While he is exceptionally bright, these challenges often make it difficult for him to fully access his potential—like having a treasure chest hidden deep beneath the ocean. Yet, thanks to Springmont's supportive environment and individualized learning approach, George has grown into a confident, curious learner who loves discovering new things. His teachers have helped him find books he enjoys, even though reading is hard for him, and they have guided him in understanding his strengths and weaknesses.



Springmont is more than a school; it is a journey of discovery for every child. It is a place where children learn far beyond academics, growing into thoughtful, capable individuals. Supporting Springmont feels as meaningful to us as supporting our church because every aspect of the school is intentional, not flashy or frivolous, and focused on each student's needs, input, and ideas. We are proud to be part of this community and to contribute to its mission of nurturing incredible humans.

***"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world."***

Maria Montessori



# REFLECTIONS: ALUMNA CREDITS SPRINGMONT FOR HER STRONG SENSE OF SELF

**Aidan Mong, Springmont School Class of 2022**

Aidan began her Springmont journey at just two and a half in the Toddler program and graduated from 8th grade — a complete Montessori cycle. Today, she's a high school senior in the highly competitive and rigorous STEM Academy at Walton High School. She's thriving academically and preparing for college with her sights set on attending Washington University in St. Louis as a pre-med major.

Aidan credits Springmont with sparking her love of science. Montessori's approach to hands-on experiences and open-ended inquiry builds confidence and curiosity from an early age. Aidan herself said, "I was doing a science project on cells and hypothesized how the Boggart would have to change and found that I was able to combine my love of science and Harry Potter," she laughs. "Springmont taught me that curiosity fuels discovery and unique viewpoints."

Aidan credits Springmont's Middle School with providing the perfect bridge between Montessori and the demands of high school. "The Middle School is the perfect blend of Montessori and more traditional school," she shares, "it really prepared me for a big high school (like Walton)."

On a recent visit back to campus, Aidan reminisced about her favorite memories — time spent at the Landschool, caring for animals like Pearl the pig and the sugar glider, and the joyful chaos of Field Day. These moments, she says, gave her a sense of belonging and taught her the value of community and stewardship.

Now on the cusp of her next academic chapter, Aidan carries with her the strong foundation built at Springmont, not just in academics, but in independence, empathy, and a lifelong love of learning.

Stories like Aidan's are a testament to the lasting impact of a Springmont education, made possible by the generosity of our community. Click [Alumna, Aidan Video](#) to see her video and hear directly from her what Springmont meant to her.

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# GIFTS OF TIME



Springmont families are generous in countless ways, sharing not only financial support but also the *Gift of Time* through volunteer service.

While Dr. Montessori did not use the contemporary term volunteering, her writings highlight the human need to contribute purposefully and support the community to which we belong. Honoring this Montessori ideal, we extend our sincere appreciation to the families who generously shared their *Gift of Time* with Springmont this year. This year, parents, grandparents, and friends contributed more than 2,800 volunteer hours. Thank you!

AREA OF SERVICE	VOLUNTEERS	HOURS OF SERVICE
Board of Trustees	12	480
Room Parents	12	240
Library & Book Fair	8	64
Gardening Days & Field Trips	48	96
Auction	5	50
Montessori Mile	20	60
Field Day	30	60
SPA	3	60
Landschool	30	150
Clean-up Day	15	1545
Animal Care	25	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>2905</b>

*“The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.”*

Maria Montessori

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Contributions & Fundraising ..... \$182,474.00  
Ancillary Programs ..... \$279,479.00  
Other Revenue ..... \$70,287.00  
**Total ..... \$6,743,983.00**

## EXPENSES

Instructional Program ..... \$4,063,280.00  
Facilities & Maintenance ..... \$412,456.00  
G&A ..... \$1,871,979.00  
**Total ..... \$6,347,715.00**  
**Net Operating Revenue ..... \$396,268.00**

# AUCTION



The annual auction brings together every corner of our community—from generous sponsors and dedicated employee volunteers to family-driven donations and our enthusiastic bidders and attendees. Each person plays a vital role in making this event a success, and for that, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Our 2025 auction, Masquerade, was held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta – Buckhead. As always, the evening featured both silent and live auctions, lively games, friendly competition and plenty of dancing. Every dollar raised directly benefits Springmont students by supporting campus enhancements, enriching educational opportunities, and providing financial assistance to families. Springmont faculty, staff, parents, and friends truly came together to Unmask the Possibilities during this elegant night of giving.

We look forward to welcoming our community once again for another unforgettable event in 2026. Mark your calendars for Starry Garden Nights on Saturday, April 25, 2026—an experience you won't want to miss.

# APOGEE

## GEORGIA STATE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Through our partnership with Apogee Georgia School Choice Scholarship Fund, state taxpayers contribute to the Financial Aid program at Springmont and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit off their Georgia state taxes. Contributions are held in a fund managed by Apogee for Springmont to help eligible students who, otherwise, would not be able to afford full tuition.

This is all part of the Qualified Education Expense Credit Program, which came about in 2008 when Georgia House Bill 1133 (HB1133) was signed into law. The resulting student scholarship organizations (SSOs) allow for Georgia taxpayers: individuals and corporations—to contribute a portion of their state taxes to independent schools of their designation. These SSOs use the contributions to award scholarships to eligible students from K-12 public schools so that they can attend the private schools of their parents' choosing.

Springmont has partnered with Apogee Georgia School Choice Scholarship Fund, a state-approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit SSO, to help us make the best use of this program, but we couldn't do it without the generosity of these donors...THANK YOU!

Springmont School awarded \$505,837.87 in Financial Assistance, providing assistance for nearly 30% of Springmont students.

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