

2010-2011

# Annual Giving Report



## Thanks to the Summit Community

Every year the families of Summit Montessori School, veterans and newcomers alike, come together in the act of giving. For some, this means donating countless hours of their time helping in a myriad of ways. For others, it means they have made a donation to the Annual Fund, attended the Gala or cooked an amazing dish for the Appreciation Luncheon. In whatever way they have contributed, we owe them a hearty thanks for making our school an amazing place in which to live and learn. Our hope in this publication is to honor and thank all of those who have worked so hard in the past year for the benefit of Summit.

### Gifts of Time and Talent

Artistic talents shared by Yun Scollard, Jennifer Zschokke & Edith Loring-Thomas.

Photography talents shared by Diane Michelson, Saima Rao, George Pennington and Monica Shay

Woodworking skills shared by Michael Campbell

Computer Expertise shared by Darcey Dakers, Elise Mostello and Kris Waldman

Marketing talent shared by Sunny Herguth, Ilyssa Frey, Geoff Pierson, Susie Schainost and Mary Rockett.



## A Time to Gather- The Community Picnic

This past fall we were once again able to enjoy the camaraderie fostered by the Community picnic. After being rained out several times in the past everyone breathed a sigh of relief when good weather was forecasted. The children had a delightful time tossing footballs, kicking soccer balls, eating doughnuts off of strings and bouncing in the moonwalk! Friends manned the grills to keep everyone fed and ready to play, and we would like to thank the Hoffman family for providing all the hot dogs, sausages, hamburgers, veggie burgers and cheese! Other food and beverages were donated by The Ciampas,

the TenHors, The Saunders, The Clarks, The Busconi-Cambrias, The Campbells and the LoganYakovlev Family. We would like to thank Cami, Zoe, Morgan, Aidan C, Brooke, Callie, and Dan for signing up to help at this fun event.

As with all events, we are indebted to the kind souls who helped to set up and clean up after the event and those who welcomed everyone. We would like to thank Sunny and Patrick, Chantal, Mary Ann and Greg, Cam, Chris Pierce, Kate and Brian and the Murphy family. We had amazing face painting offered

by Yun, Brooke, and Charlene. Nails were painted by Chantal, Nancy, Louise, Jean, Morgan and Cami.

Fall offered us the chance to decorate pumpkins with the help of Laura Carlo, Dan, Morgan and Callie.



## Fall Clean-up

In long standing tradition, a fall day was chosen to spruce up the grounds of Summit. A few brave and hardworking families came out to meet this task.

We would like to thank the Busconi-Cambrias, the McGeehans, the Ciampas, the Hoffmans, theMichelsons,

the Logan-Yakovlevs, and the TenHors for all of their efforts in beautifying the lovely-grounds of Summit.



## Mom's Night Out

Friends, wine and shopping... what more could a mom want on a cool fall evening. We were treated to wonderful appetizers, wine and desserts during the course of this fun evening event. We want to thank all of the guests who shared their culinary talents and offerings from their wine

racks. There were vendors from Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Jockey, Creative Memories, Arbonne, TwoCats Jewelry, Dream Dinners, Partylite, Lia Sophia and some beautiful scarves and purses from Sahiba Anand.

SMPA donated half of the proceeds of this evening to

the Gala. Please plan to join us on October 13, 2011 for another fun filled evening! Many of the same vendors will be joining us as well as some new to Summit.

## Birthday Book Club

Many lovely traditions happen at Summit to celebrate each child's birthday. Each has a birthday walk, shares a snack with their classmates and often donates a book to the school in his/her honor.

We would like to thank the following families for donating books to their children's classrooms:

The Anands, The Bauers, The Busconi-Cambrias, The Campbells, The Capones, The Chius, The Choates, The Ciampas, The Coelhos, The Coscos, The Coudrays, The DiGeronimos, The Elmans, The Gerbers, The Grays, Greenes, The Grillos, The Hancocks, The Herguths, The Hitos, The Hoffmans, The Jacobs, The Kamanitzes, The Kazmis, The Khalids, The Landgrens, The Lowes, The McGeehans, The Michelsons, The Murphys, The Nardones, The Nichols-Dalys, The Novaks, The O'Learys, The Penningtons, The Pierces, The Poitrases, The Raos, The Saunders, The Schlussels, The Scollards, The Shahuls, The Smiths, The Soscias, The Surisetis, the Tarafdars, The TenHors, The Trans, The Varais, The Yakovlev-Logans and the Zschokkes.



## Book Fair Bash

If you ask the children about one of their favorite events at Summit, many will undoubtedly tell you they will name the Book Fair. For several amazing days, the Marino Community Room was transformed into our own book store offering parents and children alike the chance to browse, choose and purchase

books. Our fair was chaired, once again, by Mary Ann Ciampa. She has a passion for this event. In addition to the books families purchased for their own use, many families also bought books for the classrooms. Below you will see a list of families who chose to contribute in this way. We would like to thank Chantal

Coudray, Diane Michelson and Beth Nichols for their invaluable assistance throughout the week. We would like to thank the volunteers who helped with the Family Night at the Book Fair. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Book Fair Donations for the Classrooms were given by the following families:

The Busconi-Cambira Family  
The Chiu Family  
The Choate Family  
The Ciampa Family  
The Coudray Family  
The Grillo Family  
The Herguth Family  
The Hoffman Family  
The Kamanitz Family  
The Kazmi Family

The Khalid Family  
The Lowe Family  
The Michelson Family  
The Murphy Family  
The Nichols-Daly Family  
The Poitras Family  
The Saunders Family  
The TenHoor Family  
The Zschokke Family

Other wonderful books were donated by:

Thom Greenlaw  
Michael and Lee McKenzie  
The Nardone Family



## SMPA- Summit Montessori Parent's Association

We offer a special thanks to the wonderful officers of SMPA. Not only did they work hard to plan and coordinate fun events for the community but they also managed to volunteer repeatedly to see that every other opportunity was staffed and carried out with grace and elegance. Sunny Herguth was the President who, despite working full-time, managed to take on this role, produce numerous marketing pieces and also volunteered to chair the Aloha in April Fundraiser.

Jessica Hoffman was our Vice President, Darcey Dakers our fearless Treasurer, famed flyer maker and gala catalog creator. Our Secretary was Kate Poitras, Mary Ann Ciampa was the Board Liaison from SMPA and Lorraine Busconi-Cambria headed up the Hospitality Committee. Kate Saunders coordinated the Cultural Enrichment programs for Summit this year, much to the delight of the children. Yun Scollard once again chaired the Materials Committee and along with

Chantal, Mary Ann and Diane spent numerous hours making materials for classroom use. The teachers are especially indebted to them for this invaluable work. We would like to thank Chantal Coudray, Communications Chair for keeping us all up to date with messages on the white board.

*We hope that all members of the Summit family will join us for any of the events being sponsored by SMPA !*

## Fun Events Sponsored by SMPA

The Community Picnic  
 Mom's Night Out  
 Dad's Night Out  
 Fall Clean-up  
 The Book Fair  
 Uno's Nights  
 California Pizza Night  
 Margarita's Nights

New England Revolution Games  
 Contributions for the following:  
 New England Aquarium's Tide Pools Alive  
 Mr. G Goes Green  
 Connecticut Museum of Science Geology Program  
 MOS Windmills Program  
 Animals Down Under



## Open House and Family Fun Events at Summit

This year Susie Schainost organized a series of Family Fun events at Summit meant to open our school to our families, friends and neighbors. She and her family were busy welcoming people to Summit and had a few volunteers who helped as well. We would like to thank Alex Garbolevsky and Hannah for

coming to several of the events and sharing their enthusiasm for our school.

We had Sri Lankan dancers and drummers, organized and featuring Luckshi Adikari and her family. In addition we had a fun fall festival, a snowflake day, a teddy bear picnic, Deb Costine and the Gerwick Puppets as well as Alex the Jester.



## Special Presentations

We at Summit are so lucky to have parents who are enthusiastic about sharing their culture and heritage with the children.

This year Lily Cho came and spoke to the Lower Elementary students about daily life in China. They were very excited to hear about this faraway land and especially enjoyed seeing the money.

Seldron Geziben came and celebrated Chinese New Year with the Children's House students. She also donated some lovely books to the classes. Carol Sanchez helped the Lower El students cele-

brate the 100th day of school and volunteered on a regular basis.

Our Luau theme also made its way into the classroom as grandparents Jane and Stet Clarke danced their way into the hearts of the students in CH1 and CH2. Hannah and Brady Smith were very proud to have their grandparents share so much lovely information about Hawaii.

The Jacobs family wanted to share a special book at Monday Morning Meeting and had Elywn carefully turn the pages of the pop-up book, The Wizard of Oz.

On Trustee Visiting Days the children not only got to meet the members of the Board but also had some special treats. Monica Shay shared the story of Twas the Night Before Christmas and gave a candy cane to each of the students.

Matt Cuddy shared some of his fond memories of when his children came to Summit.

Ilyssa Frey shared some special family treasures from Russia with the children.

Sherri Melamut shared the story of Hannukah with the students in December as well.



*Sharing your passions with  
those of the next  
generations is a gift to both*

## Bidding for Good Success

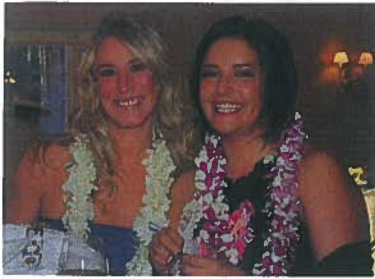
Once again Summit held an on-line auction, but this time it was moved to the fall. Many families excitedly bid on items that they were eager to have or give as holiday gifts, while still supporting our school. We would like to thank Diane Michelson and Jessica Hoffman for chairing this fundraising event, tirelessly soliciting items from our local community and beyond and encouraging Summit families and their friends to bid, bid, bid.

They were joined in their efforts by Mary Ann Ciampa, Darcey Dakers, and Jane and Stet Clarke, Chantal Coudray and Sunny Herguth. We are pleased to announce that they raised over \$7,400 for Summit. We had wonderful feedback from community members that they preferred having the on-line auction before the holidays, so the plan is to do the same for 2011-12. This year the online auction will be held November 21-December 6th. Be sure to tell all of your family and friends that they are welcome to Bid for (our) good!([www.biddingforgood.com](http://www.biddingforgood.com))

Please offer your patronage to these businesses who supported our online auction:

A.C. Moore, Aegean Restaurant, Always Golden Tanning and Nails Salon, AMC Theatre, Aquitaine-Chestnut Hill, BJ's, Bayside Resort, Bella Costa Ristorante, Ben & Jerry's, Best Buy, Bistro 20, The Boston Beer Company, Cabot Vermont, Café Fresh Bagel, Casey's Diner, The Cheesecake Factory, Davis' Farmland, Dolphin Seafood Too, Donelan's Supermarkets,

Sue S. Lee, DMD, DSW Shoes, Duck Soup, Eastern Border, The Elephant Walk, Elizabeth Grady, The Fireplace Restaurant, 5 WITS, Espionage, F1 Boston, Fairways Sports World, Framed in Time, Fresh City, Gem Cleaners, GLOGOLF, Il Forno, IMAX, innuwindow, J&M Diner, J.P.Licks, John Harvard's, KAZ Inc, Kelly's Roast Beef, Kick'ss Cupcakes, Kugels' Deli, Landau, Learning Express, Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Maxwell's, Mel's Café, The Melting Pot, Metrowest Subaru, Mohawk Mt, MOODZ, Nasoba Valley, New England Aquarium, Nordstrom Rack, Not Your Average Joes, Old Sturbridge Village, Olive Garden, Panache Coffee, Papa Gino's, Pashmina Wrap Cart, Pat's Peak Ski Area, Peabody Essex Museum, P.F.Chang's, Piccadilly Pub Restaurant, Plimoth Plantation, Ron's Tire & Service, Russell's Garden Center, Samba Steak & Sushi, Santa's Village, Sheraton Boston Hotel, Signature Nails & Spa, Sleek Natick, Snip-its, Starz Salon, Super Stop and Shop, Tiles Plus More, True Salon and Color Café, Wellesley Booksmith, Wellesley Toy Shop, Wellesley Toyota-Scion, Westport Rivers Vineyard & Winery, Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, Worcester Art Museum, Zebra's Bistro and Wine Bar, Zoo New England.



## *Aloha in April Fundraiser*

On April 9, 2011, families and friends joined together at the Framingham Country Club for this special event. The food was amazing, Hawaiian music was playing and guests had a chance to bid on items in the silent and live auction. We are proud to say that over \$25,000 was raised that evening. We would like to thank Sunny Herguth for chairing this event and her team of amazing committee members, Mary Ann Ciampa, Chantal Coudray, Darcey Dakers, Jessica Hoffman, Diane Michelson, Jane and Stet Clark. We owe a special

thanks to Yun Scollard, Michael Campbell and Jennifer Zschokke for sharing their remarkable artistic talents with the students to create one-of-a-kind treasures. We would also like to offer our thanks to Saima Rao for her photographs that evening and all those who helped set up, who acted as table captains and who helped clean up at the end of the evening. Please join us in thanking Celeste Busconi, Lorraine Cambria, Juliet Capone, Lily Cho, Richard Chiu, Kate Poitras, Anne-Sophie du Halgouet, Beth Nichols, Pat Murphy,

Cathy Richardson and Nga Tran.

Thanks are also due to Louise Carroll, Siobhan Mahaney, and Susie and Scott Schainost for their help at the Gala.

Finally, we would like to thank Jennifer and Peter Zschokke for hosting Summit at their club.



## *Patrons of the Aloha in April Fundraiser*

*Mauna Kea \$1500 +*

*Framingham Cooperative Bank*

*Mt. Ka'ala \$250-\$750*

*Mom's Night Out*

*Sports Fans of Summit*

*Hoaloha-Beloved Friends Up to \$250*

*Evdokia Bandrowski*

*Frank and Christine Ciampa*

*Aidan and Logan Herguth*

*Larry and Evelyn Kamanitz*

*Drs. Kane, Tesini, Soporowski and Associates*

*Gene Novak and Carol Sanchez*

*Chris and Michele Pierce*

*Gail and Mike Gregory*

*Geoff Pierson*

*Diane Poitras*

*Chris and Kursten TenHoor*

## Summit Families and Friends who donated items

The Campbell Family

The Carroll Family

Lily Cho

The Ciampa Family

Jane and Stet Clark

Charlie Collins

The Coudray Family

The Esty Family

Margaret Fitzpatrick

Ellen Harwood

The Herguth Family

The Hoffman Family

The Jacobs Family

The Kamanitz Family

Suzanne Lemack

Siobhan Mahaney

Michelle Marino

The Michelson Family

The Murphy Family

The O'Leary Family

Rita and Ray Parks

The Pennington Family

Tom Roach

Mary Rockett

Yun Scollard

The Yakovlev-Logan Family



We offer our special thanks to the faculty members who donated an outing or gift to the Gala:

Luckshi Adikari

Jean Anderson

Jesse Cohen

Kim Hand

Stefanie Landgren

Edith Loring-Thomas

Elise Mostello

Andrea Pellegrino

Marian Wallace

## Businesses Who Supported our Event

Walt Disney World

Art to Wear

Decoupage Madness

Dr. Gonzo Condiments

Pamela Esty

Macy Robison Photography

New England Revolution

The Boston Bruins

Margarita's Restaurants

Dream Dinners

ClassKnits.com

Creative Memories

James Bede Soccer Academy

Ecotarium

Danforth Museum of Art

KAZ, Inc

Sleek Med Spa

Blue Ginger

Bradshaw International

Leavitt Corporation

Belgrad Hardscapes

Hyline Cruises

Manetto Hill Distributors

Central Rock Climbing

AMF Bowling Center

*We ask the families of Summit to remember the businesses who have so generously donated to our events when they are out in the community.*

Please keep these businesses in mind

## Who supports The Annual Fund?

Last year, dozens of people including current parents and grandparents, alumni, alumni parents and grandparents, current and former trustees, faculty, current Board of Visitors members, friends, corporations, foundations and matching gift programs contributed to

## The Annual Fund

# The Annual Fund 2010-2011

This year's Annual Fund started in October with an Entertaining party at Summit. Guests were treated to lovely appetizers and beverages. On that evening we were proud to announce that all Trustees, Faculty and Staff had pledged to donate to the Annual Fund, even before the official kick-off. In honor of Maria Montessori, the unofficial theme was Gathering the Golden Beads. Each family was asked to decorate a golden circle and return them with their Annual Fund pledge or donation. The circles were then gathered around the

large mirror in the front hall. Miss Louise also added beads to the growing chain on our website as well.

Each family was encouraged to participate in this year's campaign at whatever level they were able. Each gift is important and makes a difference. The Annual Fund allows the school to offer special programs for students at every level, provide professional development for the faculty and staff, and ensure low teacher-student ratios. All members of the Summit community, new and veterans alike, are solicited for this each year. We are very

fortunate to have many alumni families, past board and faculty members and young alumni who donated to this year's Annual Fund.

In the spring the Leadership Level donors were treated to a wonderful evening of amazing appetizers created by our favorite chef, Shawn O'Leary. Once again he dazzled us with his culinary talents.

Please see the list below of all our contributors to the 2010-2011's Annual Fund. Please plan to join us in next year's anniversary Annual Fund.

## 2010-2011 Annual Fund Donors

### Summit Club \$10,000+

Michelle and Roger Marino

Monica and Jim Shay

Teresa and Kurt Melden

### Mount Everest \$5000-\$9999

Darcey Dakers and Bob Kamanitz

An Anonymous Donor

### Mount McKinley \$2500-\$4999

Judit Horak

Jennifer and Peter Zschokke

### Mt. Rainier \$1000-2499

Lily Cho and Richard Chiu

Leslie Lussier and Edward DiGeronimo

Mary Ann and Gregory Ciampa

Patricia and John Murphy

Richard Eyster

Beth Nichols

Gail and Michael Gregory

Michele and Christopher Pierce

Lily and Michael Hancock

Kate and Brian Poitras

Lisa and Judson Potter

### Mt. Washington \$600- \$999

Louise and Kevin Carroll

Diane and Rob Michelson

### Mt. Monadnock \$250- \$599

Maria Ganong and John Bauer

H. Scott Huizenga

Mary Bethoney and Brenndan McGeehan

Tilia and Doug Jacobs

Celeste and Lorraine Busconi-Cambria  
Charlie Collins  
Chantal and Christophe Coudray  
Claudia Davidoff  
Peter Dunn  
Ilyssa and Michael Frey  
Seldron Geziben and Ashis Tarafdar  
Janelle and Chuck Greene  
Thom Greenlaw  
Sunny and Patrick Herguth  
Thomas Hoke

**Mt. Wachusett Up to \$249**

Sue Ackerman  
Luckshi and Swan Adikari  
Jean Anderson  
Jhuma Biswas and Matthew Soccia  
Juliet and Gregg Capone  
Lisa and Michael Campbell  
  
Michael Carfagna  
Susanne and Jonathan Choate  
Andrew Ciampa  
Ninette and Ralph Ciampa  
Jesse Cohen  
Cathy and Matt Cuddy  
Karen and Charles DuPont  
Ginger Esty  
Antoinette Falzone  
Eve and Alex Garbolevsky  
Lisa Giallonardo and Jeff Prince  
Kim Hand  
Charlene Harper  
Mary and Tom Heiser  
Tammy Katzeff

Rasmia Khalid  
Ngalakshmi Kurnella and Anand Surisetti  
Julia Logan and Dmitri Yakovlev  
Lyn Liberty  
Mr. and Mrs. Ian McKay  
Richard and Patricia McKenzie  
Geoffrey and Rosemary Pierson  
Karen Ramsey and Giles Troughton  
Sue and Robert Savage  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shay  
Kurstin and Christopher TenHoor  
Nga and Dinhduy Tran

Stefanie and Michael Landgren  
Sue Lasky  
Edith Loring-Thomas  
Miles Loring-Thomas  
Liz and Andrew Love  
Muriel Lussier  
Siobhan and Gerard Mahaney  
  
Gillian Marino  
Sherri and Jon Melamut  
Kat and Shawn O'Leary  
Nancy and George Pennington  
Harrison Potter  
Mary Rockett  
Larissa Romanova and Igor Elman  
Carol Sanchez and Gene Novak  
Susie and Scott Schainost  
Yun and Dan Scollard  
Arshia Siddiqui and Muneer Kazmi  
Lindsay Tasse  
Marian and Michael Wallace  
Amanda Worcester



## In Memorium

This year several donations were made to the Annual Fund in memory of loved ones.

Lisa Giallonardo and Jeff Prince made their donation in honor of

O.J. Giallonardo and Elaine and Donald Prince.

Muneer Kazmi made his donation in memory of Asma Kazmi.

Lyn Liberty wished to have her mother, Nancy Libert remembered in this special way as well.

Donations were also received in remembrance of Diane Hoke, Trustee Emeritus and Rich's dad, Richard D. Eyster, who passed away last fall.

## Scholarships for 2010-2011

Our school has been very fortunate to have families who are willing to contribute scholarships for students at Summit. For the past three years, The Shay Family has generously donated a scholarship for an Upper Elementary Student. We would like to express our gratitude to them for their generosity.

All of the donations made to scholarship funds at Summit allow us to welcome students to our school that might not otherwise be able to attend. We thank all of the contributors for their donations.

## Lower Elementary Transformation

During the summer of 2010, the Shay family donated the services of a wonderful designer, Liz Roache to help renovate the environment in Lower Elementary. We would like to thank them for this generous gift of time and talent. The Schainost

family also deserves our thanks for the many hours they spent painting the classroom and having it ready to welcome back our students in first, second and third grade.

When the children arrived they were so excited about their new

space.

Throughout the year visitors to our school commented on how warm and welcoming this space had become.

## Board of Trustees 2010-2011

Many thanks to the Board of Trustees for their dedicated work to Summit!

Brian Poitras, President

Monica Shay, Vice President

Pat Murphy, Treasurer

Mary Ann Ciampa, Recording Secretary

Charlie Collins

Matt Cuddy

Peter Dunn

Ilyssa Frey

Gail Gregory

Patrick Herguth

Patrick Herguth

Robert Kamanitz

Michele Pierce

Geoffrey Pierson

Mary Rockett

Jennifer Zschokke



## Board of Visitors

We welcomed back the Board of Visitors with a lovely dinner prepared by Shawn O'Leary.

This evening gave us a chance to reconnect with old friends and introduce some new faces. We were very fortunate to have the support of the following people last year: Michelle and Gillian Marino, Thom Greenlaw, Ginger Esty, Katherine Garrahan, Ellen Harwood, Larry Erickson and Katherine French. Members of this group of special ambassadors in the community contributed to the Annual Fund, attended curriculum and informational nights, made donations to the Aloha in April gala and attended Graduation. We would like to thank them for their first year of service on this special board. They will be welcoming new Board of Visitors beginning on Wednesday, September 21st.

## Video Gift

The Grillo family donated a wonderful gift to Summit last year in the form of a video for our website. They brought an amazing crew to spend a few days at Summit, capturing the magic that happens here. After shoot-

ing nine hours of video, they had the unenviable job of condensing this down to a short video. The beautiful, touching end product has been enjoyed by our current families as well as by numerous prospective families who are consid-

ering Summit as a home for their child's educational journey. We would like to extend our sincere thanks for this most generous gift.

### *Class Gift of 2011*



*Special Thanks to Beth*

*Nichols for funding the*

*assembly of this lovely shed*



## Recycling Efforts at Summit Montessori

### Thanks to all who help us recycle

At Summit Montessori we are serious about recycling. Many current and former parents bring their items to be recycling to the school. Under the guidance of Alum parent, Liz Love, the children are learning about the importance of recycling and also the variety of things we are able to recycle. Stephanie Ciampa and Amanda Michelson interviewed Liz to learn more about this project. They found out that thanks to Mrs. Love, Summit raised over \$1,000 through these efforts. The girls are planning to continue their work with her in the 2011-2012 school year. If you have paper, bottles, cans, ink cartridges, cell phones, GPS systems or DVDs ready to recycle, please consider bringing them to Summit at your next visit.



*Things to recycle at*

*Summit:*

*Paper*

*Bottles and cans*

*Ink cartridges*

*Cell phones & GPS*

*DVDs*

*Box Tops for Education*

## Special Thanks to Michael and Lee McKenzie

Throughout this year we were so fortunate to have two wonderful professionals, Dr. Michael and Lee McKenzie, share their expertise with the Summit community.

Michael is a pediatrician and Lee, his wife is a developmental psychologist. Together, they spent time observing classrooms, sharing their thoughts with us as well as leading workshops with teachers. In the spring, they ran a very successful round table discussion with parents. Many of those in attendance were eager to continue this time with them and we look forward to continuing this valuable collaboration.

# Our Amazing Interns



Last year we were so fortunate to have amazing interns who supported the children in their work at Summit.

Shannon Farrington worked all year in the Children's House program and ran morning care. We were thrilled when she chose to pursue her Montessori Certification. In the 2011-12 school year, she is teaching in Children's House 1 with Ms. Stefanie.



Kris Waldman, who assisted Ms. Edith in the art studio, was wonderful with the children and brought her many talents to Summit. She taught an Explorations class on graphic arts that was very popular. She offered as an auction donation to take a few children to the Southwick Zoo for a day of exploration and drawing.

Although Jill McCauley was only with us the first semester, she was a wonderful addition to our team. The children were thrilled when she brought her new baby to school for a visit.

## Special Luncheons

This year the faculty and staff were treated to TWO appreciation luncheons. This gave them an opportunity to come together to enjoy a meal altogether which is a rare opportunity. We were delighted by the many wonderful dishes that were contributed by members of the parent community! Thank you to all.

In December, Luckshi and Swan Adikari opened their home to welcome faculty, staff and trustees to an amazing Sri Lankan feast. We are so grateful to them for their hospitality. It was an amazing afternoon that we will always remember and cherish

*Our sincere appreciation is sent out to the Adikari family for extending their hospitality to the entire Staff, Faculty and Trustees of Summit Montessori.*