

# Atlanta Montessori International School (AMIS) Education Foundation



## A Message from AMIS Education Foundation's President

On September 26, 2008, the AMIS Education Foundation was incorporated as an independent, non-profit organization to support the AMIS motto of "building a diverse community." Our primary mission is to offer financial assistance to students who may not otherwise be able to attend AMIS. The Foundation also provides educational grants for classroom enrichment and teachers' training. Our board members consist of parents of current and former AMIS students.

During the first year of the Foundation, we have made major accomplishments. We completed our IRS application to be a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and received our 501(c)(3) non-profit status on July 24, 2009. We launched our website.

We initiated a few fundraising campaigns and programs. Our most notable fundraising event was the first annual spring auction, which raised \$15,646.50 to benefit the Foundation's financial aid program. The support and success of the first auction were very encouraging and bode well for this now annual event, as well as for future fundraising events.

In addition to our fundraising efforts, the Foundation received numerous generous donations. AMIS is committed to donating a full scholarship annually to the Foundation. The Vaughn-Westmoreland family has established an annual \$1,000 scholarship to support an African-American boy in the toddler or primary classes.

As a result of the fundraising efforts and donations, the Foundation was able to provide over \$22,000 of

financial assistance to a total of 9 of the 20 prospective and current students who applied for financial aid for the 2009-2010 school year.

I would like to thank you for your support and share with you the success of the Foundation during our first year. Going forward into our second year, the Foundation continues to seek new opportunities for fundraising, promotion, and service. As a young organization, the Foundation is in need of board members and volunteers. Please come join us in our missions. We look forward to working with you in the months and years to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Bartlett". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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## Cirque De La Lune: Annual Spring Auction in 2009

On the evening of March 21, 2009, the AMIS Education Foundation hosted the first auction event – Cirque de la Lune. Cirque de la Lune was about celebrating our community and raising funds for the Foundation's financial aid program at a dinner party at Briarcliff Woods Beach Club.

The generosity and support from the AMIS community were heart-warming. A total of 104 items were donated to the auction, including original artwork, vacation packages, gift certificates, wine, students' classroom projects, electronics, and specific volunteer

services. More than 100 guests attended the auction to support the philanthropic cause and to make a difference. Through the contributions of our volunteers, donors, performers, auction guests, and especially the auction co-chairs,

Atlanta Boeri and Jeri Sims, the auction raised \$15,646.50 for the Foundation's financial aid program.

Please continue to support the Foundation and join us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual auction in April 2010 (date to be announced).



Above: AMIS volunteer students for the auction ticket sale.



Left: Sunflowers (Toddler class) Classroom Project – Hand-Face Washing Station received the highest bid in the auction. \$910.

## Dine out with AMIS Education Foundation and Figo Pasta

A “Dine Out” event took place on the evening of May 13, 2009. It was a fun, creative fundraising event hosted by the AMIS Education Foundation. AMIS families took a break from cooking and dined

out at the Figo Pasta located in the Virginia-Highland area while they enjoyed an informal Italian lesson given by Terrace Assistant Teacher, Atlanta Boeri. Ten percent of the purchases from Figo

Pasta were donated to the Education Foundation’s financial aid program. The dine-out event raised \$100. Special thanks goes to Figo Pasta for their support.



## Foundation goals and activities for 2009-2010

For the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the AMIS Education Foundation has five main activities planned:

- 1) Implement teacher training grants and classroom enrichment grants. The foundation will conduct a yard sale in fall 2009 to raise funds for these activities.
- 2) Increase marketing of the AMIS Education Foundation’s student
- 3) Serve as a consultant to AMIS in participating in the Georgia Private School Tax Credit program to enable students who would be eligible for public pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and elementary school to receive financial aid. This
- 4) Organize a spring auction benefit for student scholarships.
- 5) Develop the board and its policies and procedures.

scholarships to prospective AMIS students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

program enables donors to claim a credit on their Georgia state income taxes up to \$2500 for those married, filing jointly and \$1000 for individual filers and also receive a federal tax deduction.

### Board members:

President: Diana Bartlett  
 Vice-President: Latoicha Phillips-Givens  
 Secretary: Emily Ko  
 Treasurer: Fran Gary  
 Members-At-Large:  
 Adam Goldsmith  
 Jenny Harrison  
 Neelima Reddy  
 Reni Vaughn

### Founding board members:

Andy Abend (2008-2009)  
 Diana Bartlett  
 Genia Cayce (2008-2009)  
 Monica Ellingson (2008-2009)  
 Fran Gary  
 Jen Layton Lyons (2008-2009)  
 Latoicha Phillips-Givens

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## Our Financial Picture

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### AMIS Education Foundation Income Statement For the Year Ended July 31, 2009

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**Revenue:**

Fundraising Income	\$15,646.50	
Unrestricted Donation	\$5,305.00	
Restricted Donation	\$1,000.00	
In-Kind Donation	\$8,671.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$30,622.50</u>

**Expenses:**

Communication	\$119.40	
Fundraising Expense	\$1,913.40	
Incorporating Expense	\$2,390.00	
Office Supplies	\$30.46	
Scholarships/Grant Expense	\$22,551.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$27,004.26</u>

**Net Income**\$3,618.24

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