## In Gratitude

Dear Community Member,

The founding of a Waldorf school is a deeply spiritual impulse, manifesting through human endeavor. In the 23 years of this school's biography, remarkable human beings have generously contributed their inspired ideas, capable hands, and loving support. Countless individuals have grown tremendously as a result of their connection to Three Cedars. In our year-end meetings, the administrative and pedagogical faculty reflected on this as a circle and acknowledged the many ways in which you, our community, have planted the seeds which continue to come to fruition. For these seeds, we are deeply grateful; and for that which is to come, we are filled with hope and inspiration.

Like the actual cedars that are sacred to the natives who first inhabited this area, Three Cedars is sacred to us. In our circle, we recalled with laughter, tears, and reverence the nourishment that allowed this vision to grow. We spoke about the depths of our roots; the light brought to us by your love and guidance; the sweat of your labor and tears of your departures that watered the earth beneath us. All of these elements have made this place a living testament to what can be born from a loving, committed community.

To honor the legacy of this school of which you will always be a part, we have donated three commemorative evergreen trees to be planted in a local forest. These trees will grow as we grow into our new identity as <u>Eastside Community School</u>. They will stand there as a reminder of our history, and as a picture of our future. With the cedar as our guide, we are poised to weather whatever storms may come and we will continue to stand, deeply rooted, as a pillar of Waldorf education serving the Eastside and beyond.

With heartfelt gratitude for sharing in our becoming, we thank you.

Three Cedars Faculty