



The SCHOOL in
ROSE VALLEY
Preschool through 6th Grade

Annual Donor &
Volunteer Report

2022 - 2023

Note from the Head of School



It is often said in progressive education that the adult in the classroom and the other children are the first and second teachers – and importantly, the environment is the third teacher. Children explore their environment and formulate questions and meaning. Educators and parents should focus carefully on creating a child’s environment.

I’ve been thinking about how the history of an area can add another element to how we work and learn.

Rose Valley Borough’s history represents a unique story in American history. It was established as a haven for artists and their crafts. Families living in the area founded a school for their children that reflected their community’s values. We are lucky to have strong, mutually beneficial relationships with the Borough and Rose Valley’s important institutions, such as the Hedgerow Theater and the Rose Valley Museum. I was thrilled when our Oldest Group performed their play at Hedgerow this year! Rose Valley Borough just celebrated its 100th anniversary, and the School is fast approaching its 100th. As we look toward this benchmark, we want to continue tapping into the collective spirit of Rose Valley while expanding our relations into Media and Chester, and globally, so students can develop more expansive perspectives and see themselves as connected to a larger global society.

With support from an anonymous alumni donor, we are doing a fascinating project—building a Mongolian Ger! An increase in enrollment at SRV over the past few years has certainly been

exciting, but it has presented some challenges regarding space. We commandeered the library for the Middle Circle and would like to re-establish it and have a meeting space. The Ger will be almost 800 square feet and house all our library books. It will be an excellent place for children to read, reflect, and play. Because it will need to stand up to the elements, our Ger will be made of wood and have a metal roof. We still wanted our students to understand the importance of these moveable structures and how they figure into the lives of nomadic people in Mongolia and other parts of the world. So, we are purchasing a traditional Ger as well and, with the help of some alum families, will be constructing it with the children.

It’s lovely to be part of a community where we have the freedom and flexibility to come up with creative solutions and where we center all we do on the children’s experiences and their environment. It is essential to care for our beautiful campus – our third teacher – and ensure that we are in harmony with nature. These projects couldn’t be possible without the support of our generous donors. Last year, whether it was adding theater programming, expanding the garden, or funding opportunities for faculty to attend the NAIS People of Color Conference, the SRV community always provided the financial support that allowed us to do our best for our students.

With appreciation,

Rod Stanton
Head of School
The School in Rose Valley

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I'm so impressed by what care you give to each child individually, giving extra help to those who need it. SRV is a special place for my grandson. He has thrived there.

- Current Grandparent

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I love my Rose Valley memories. -
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*Rose Valley [nurtured] my spirit, curiosity,
independence. I strived to be brave like
Grace Rotzel in her workshop, proffering to
us students a bird's nest full of blue eggs
to admire. Thank you deeply SRV.*
- Alumna class of '62

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Dear SRV, thank you for being the foundation of my education and for fostering a love for learning.

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*Thanks for far and above the best
years of my academic life!*

- Alumna Class of '69

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We apologize for any omissions.

The Orchard Society

The members of The Orchard Society have included The School in Rose Valley in their estate plans. We are immeasurably grateful to these members, whose commitment to The School in Rose Valley helps to secure the future of our beloved School.

Francis T. Ashton ('42)

Josephine (Wittmeyer) Harris ('48)

Mary Herzog

Lisa Richardson ('72)

Albert S. Richardson ('65)

Patricia Woodbridge Dunn ('58)

Leadership and Orchard Society Brunch

This spring, SRV celebrated Leadership Donors and members of our bequest society, The Orchard Society, at a brunch in the Grace Rotzel Center. Leadership donors and Orchard Society members provide a critical foundation to sustain SRV's programs and operations year after year and help us plan for a bright future. We are grateful to donors at all levels for their meaningful gifts to SRV. We count on each and every one of you for your generous support.



We were thrilled to present the In Partnership Award to John and Eileen Baker. John & Eileen, parents of three alumni, have been loyal donors to the school and fixtures in our cherished annual traditions. You may recognize John from his place by the apple press on Apple Day or in the "wax kitchen" for candle making week.

Give & Groove 2023

We had a ball at Give & Groove in May, dancing to the sounds of the Bickel Brothers featuring SRV Alum Gusten Rudolph, lounging under the Yellowwood tree in full bloom, bidding on gorgeous student art, and dining with old and new friends. Thank you to the amazing event committee, our generous sponsors, and every person who attended and helped to make the event special.



Thank you to our generous event sponsors:

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Volunteers

Family involvement is what makes SRV magic! Thank you to every single person who helped with the Book Swap, Candle Making, May Fair, Putter Days, specials lunches, and Winter Festival. Thanks to class parents, Strategic Planning Committee members, reunion volunteers, and PCO members. You make The School in Rose Valley special.

Thank you to our community partners at The Hedgerow Theater and the Rose Valley Museum for their generous support that enhances our programming. This year students enjoyed a performance at Hedgerow and were proud to perform their Oldest Group play on the professional stage. We were grateful to the museum for our second annual museum field trip for Kindergarten and for welcoming our alumni for their reunion event.



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We are deeply grateful to our Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donors. Through this effort, some amazing supporters have generated many hundreds of thousands of tuition assistance dollars for eligible SRV students. By enrolling, PA taxpayers can direct 100% of their state taxes to SRV. It takes just a few strokes of the pen, but the impact for our school and our students is incalculable.

Our goal is to enroll every eligible supporter in this program!

If you want to learn more, reach out to **Carrie Miluski** at 610-566-1088 or email her at carrie@theschoolinrosevalley.org.



Wonderful candle making volunteers uphold a cherished tradition.



Alumni and friends enjoyed the beauty of campus at Give & Groove.

Thank You!



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