



THE UNQUOWA SCHOOL

Fairfield, Connecticut

“The mission of The Unquowa School is to develop, educate and prepare our family of children with an unafraid spirit to achieve their personal best in a changing world.”

Dear Friends,

As a father of two recent Unquowa alums, I am more convinced than ever of the tremendous impact the early years of our children's education have on who they become as people and as learners. Partnering with Unquowa was one of the best "parenting decisions" my wife Sara and I ever made.

While this past year was momentous in many ways at The Unquowa School, one milestone was particularly significant - the completion of our ten year re-accreditation by the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools. After their three day visit, the accreditation team noted that "it became clear to us that the renaissance at Unquowa that has occurred over the last five years is not at all a matter of a new Unquowa emerging but of the school becoming more itself." The renaissance they refer to is very real and the result of the hard work of Unquowa's Head of School, faculty, Board of Governors, parents, children, alumni and friends. I could not have been prouder of our hard working faculty and staff and the entire Unquowa community.

Last year we announced some exciting plans for our school and launched The Campaign for Unquowa. Through the generosity of early donors we have made nice progress in our first year of the campaign. This past summer, in addition to renovating the school's playing field, we installed a much needed new roof over a large portion of the school. With the support of our community we hope to move forward with additional campus improvement projects through the campaign in the coming summer while continuing to strengthen Unquowa's endowment.

It is clear that the Unquowa community believes deeply in the school's mission to "prepare our family of children with an unafraid spirit to achieve their personal best in a changing world," and that Unquowa is only limited by our dreams. While Sharon Lauer, the Board of Governors and I agree that The Unquowa School should always remain small in size, if there are no objections, we will continue to dream big for our school. With your help, the children at Unquowa now and in the future will be the beneficiaries.

See you around our ever changing and improving campus.



Mark Greenawalt
President, Board of Governors

from the Head of School



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The 2010-11 school year was definitely a watershed year for our school. It began with our ten year re-accreditation through The Connecticut Association of Independent Schools. After a year of self-examination, analysis and reflection, we eagerly awaited this review by a team of colleagues from other independent schools. Responding to the critical eye of one's peers makes every school stronger, and we looked forward to such a visit. The accreditation team's report was glowing – "Our sense has been of a harmony of purpose and a collective momentum that has led Unquowa to demonstrate that benchmark of a fine institution in full stride."

This evaluation allowed us to spend the rest of last year energized and poised to articulate the next round of work in our efforts to maintain a robust progressive learning environment for our children. Of course, the ongoing responsibility of those of us who lead and teach in schools is to be focused on the daily lives of our children, making sure that each of their days is filled with authentic learning. We must, however, balance that responsibility, with work outside the classroom to insure that we are always moving forward as an institution, and always working together to craft a twenty-first century version of the progressive vision of our founding families.

As we all know, it takes resources to accomplish such work, and that is why I offer my sincere thanks to each of the parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and foundations who have made it possible this past year for us to do great things for our children and to work together as professionals to constantly improve our practice as educators. Whether it has been for the purpose of broadening our museum collaboration, putting in place the foundation for our burgeoning Mandarin program or simply supporting the classroom materials and experiences which allow our faculty to provide their students with meaningful intellectual opportunities day in and day out, it is your generosity that has helped us to move ahead as a robust, forward-thinking learning community.

We could not continue to do it without you.

Sharon Lauer

Head of School

from the Treasurer

I am pleased to report that The Unquowa School had another financially strong year. For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2011, the school's net assets increased \$172,870 from operations. Excellent attention to keeping expenses within budgeted ranges was evident across all units of the administration.

The Unquowa community's generous support of the Annual Fund helped to close the gap between tuition and what it actually costs the school to educate our students. In addition, the UPA's successful fund raising activities provided vital support to the innovative programs our students enjoy throughout the year.

Significant progress was made to raise capital to fund strategic campus improvements and additional endowment for the school through The Campaign for Unquowa.

Our endowment increased over the past year to \$306,724 through a combination of modest investment results and additional contributions. The continued growth of Unquowa's endowment in the years to come will provide vital support to the school's programs and will serve as a cushion to keep Unquowa secure.

The monthly debt payments made during the year reduced our outstanding long-term debt to \$802,125, originally issued for \$1.3 million.



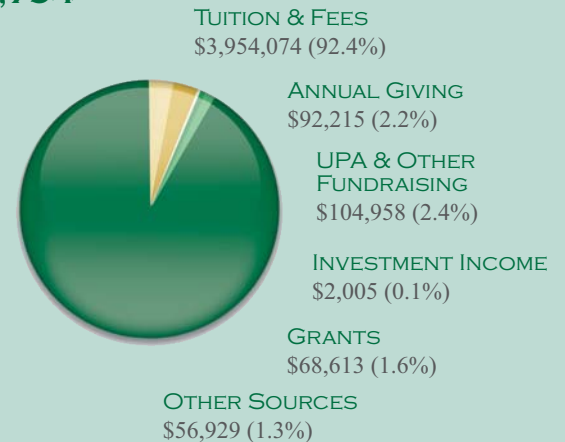
Your continued support of Unquowa's fund raising efforts and the ongoing careful oversight of our school administration and Board of Governors will help us to do all that can be done to benefit our students while being realistic about the limitations our budget requires. I want to thank everyone within the Unquowa community for generously supporting the school through your gifts of time, talent and donations.

Karl Martone
Treasurer, Board of Governors

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES:

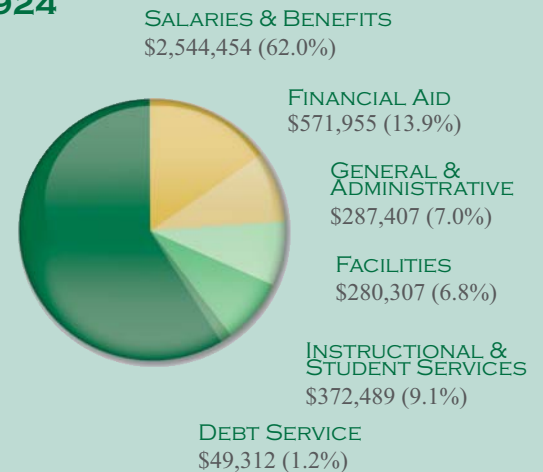
\$4,278,794



YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:

\$4,105,924



Annual Giving

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LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

(\$15,000 or more)

Newman's Own Foundation
William Pitt Foundation

THE WINTERFEST

SOCIETY (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Deirdre & Shane Fitzsimons
Howard L. Green Foundation
Sara & Mark Greenawalt
Sally & Patrick McNeela
Ciara & Joel Whidden

THE BROOK SOCIETY

(\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Anonymous
Gaby & Gerry Burdo
Daneen & Doug Grabe
Lisa & Fred Knopf
Joan & Steven Panagos

THE GARDEN CIRCLE

(\$1,250 - \$2,499)

Mindee & Paul Blanco
The Camp Younts Foundation
(in memory of Harry Walker '35)
Fairfield County Community
Foundation
Marilynn & Stephen Halas
Kate & Sandy Haviland
Sharon Lauer & Jerome Joseph
Stella & John Katsetos
Marcie Lapido & Alton Kremer
Krystyna & Daniel Leszczynski
The Bruce G. Lockhart Fund '48
Andrea & Chip Register
Anne & David Tetenbaum
Alla & Serge Vash

THE MAYPOLE

SOCIETY (\$750 - \$1,249)

Eleanor & Scott Arnold
Laura & Scott Balkan
Carol & Lawrence Baytos
Betsey Brew Boyd '70
Susan & Steven Calzone
Elise & Gerard Girasole
Amy Greenberg '10
Ellen & Paul Greenberg
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gulden
Gina & Stephen Jones
Marci & David Klein
Joann & Ade Omisore
Mary McGoldrick & James Reilly
Ann & Michael Riffice
Pamela & Edwin Roland

Julianne & Scott Seymour
Jennifer & Peter Walsh
Maureen & Scott Watson
Julie & James Whamond

THE GATOR SOCIETY

(\$350 - \$749)

Kimberly Stevens & Thomas Abate
Janice & Richard Cerone
Anna Panagos Chandler
Heather & Joseph DeGregorio
Reiko & Patrick Fitzsimonds
Lilly & Ralph Giacobbe
Genevieve & Stephen Halloran
Donna & Kristopher Hansen
Guy Hatfield
Maria & Randall Hughes
Marianna & Malcolm Inston
Kathryn & Brendan Kehoe
Ellen Knepper
Jamie & John Miller
Mona Mulvey
Amber & David O'Connell
Kathy Tate & Beth Padian
Michelle Cruz-Garcia & Santiago
Garcia-Pinales
Andrea & Paul Pinto
Jessica & Donald Ryan
Elizabeth Eaton Shaw '30
Claudia & Alan Sheketoff
Mary Jean Basileo & Dan Solaz
Laura Baytos & Val Stalowir
Kevin Taylor
Bradley Topar '99
June & Stanley Topar
Elin Cohen & Scott Weiss

FRIENDS OF

UNQUOWA (Up to \$349)

Ruth & Frank Abate
Patricia & William Abbott
Ann & Philip Adriani
Lisa & Brian Albenze
Christopher Anderheggen '70
Gina & Andrew Arnold
Judy Kessler & Lee Arthurs
T. Brooks Barrett '47
Patricia & Bryan Barry
Marshall Bassick '53
Joanne & Glenn Blanchette
John & Patricia Blessington
Irene & Timothy Brennan
Dwight Brew '67
Joan Brew
Johnathan Brew '72
Janet & Christopher Brogan
Marjorie & David Brown
Patricia Bruno
Kenya & Shawn Byrd
Lynne & Geoff Chapin
Jessica & Martin Chasin

Edward Christie '74
Judith & Martin Cohen
Christina Corso '89
Elizabeth & Wales Craven '50
Katherine & Hew Crooks
Mary & John Curran
Eric Dawson '76
Jennifer & David DeGirolomo
Annette Anzalone Demattio
Mary Lou DeRosa
Suzy & Neal DeYoung
Mary & Frank D'Ostilio
Helene & David Dworski
Richard Eastman
Helene Epifano '67 *(In memory of
Elizabeth Eaton Shaw '30 and
Ellen Read Leeds Sturgis '53)*
Marianna & Ryan Erenhouse
Robert Erler '48
Mary & Alfred Faulkner
Caroline & Thomas Feroletto
Gwynne & Edward Fitzgerald
Laurent Firlotte '07
Marlene Firlotte
Tamika & Kenneth Franklin
Jeanette & Robert Gantt
Jennifer Giannino & Marty Gibson
Chriss & George Gombos
Linda & David Gordon
Peter Gorman
Jennifer & David Gruen
Lisa & William Haseltine
Charlie Haviland '10
Frances & Sam Haviland
Joyce & Robert Hobbie
Kristin duBay Horton & Carl Horton
Karlene & Donald Hylton
Mary & Leighton Jordan
Jill, '45 & Henry Kelly
Sarrah Kennedy
Joshua Knopf '09
Leslie Miller & Barry Kresch
Ali Hokin & Glenn Levin
Deborah & Ray Lietuvninkas
Kristin Lucas '00
David MacAllaster '73
Sharon & David Mack
JoAn Sabatini & Ronnie Magnusson
Lynn & Karl Martone
Max Martone '09
Bette Sue & Robert McNeilly, Jr.
Sharon & Brian Miles
Jennifer & Stephen Morse
Julie & Imran Mughal
Ruth Munson
Rosemarie Sullivan & Tim Murphy
Mackenzie Murray '10
Monica & Michael Murray
Karen Block Nichols '93
Linda & Louis Novitsky
Colleen & Christopher Phelan
Ruth Powell

Annual Giving *cont.*

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FRIENDS OF UNQUOWA (CONT.)

(Up to \$349)

Anne & Michael Proctor
Kim & Michael Proto
Lynn & Jeffrey Rider
Kenneth Savin '64
Rita Kleinman & Paul Schietinger
William Shelton '55
Madonna & Brian Smith
Jacqueline & Richard Solaz
Amany & Abdalla Soliman
Peternelly Speer
H. Noyes Spelman '36
Valentina & Victor Stalowir
Stephanie & Harald Stavnes
Jessica & Jonathan Stein
Lee & Byron Stookey
Cecily Stoddard Stranahan '47
Regina Flaherty & Peter Stumpf
Mary & Terrance Sullivan
Maria & James Thomas
Harry Tompkins
James Van Valkenburgh '44
Nancy & Alan Vare
Jill & Edward Vergara
Nancy & Joseph Weiss
Joan & Alpheus Winter
Marion Winter
Jean Carpenter Winton '34
Feven Isaak & Tewodros Yohannes

William Shelton '55
H. Noyes Spelman '36
Cecily Stoddard Stranahan '47
Bradley Topar '99
James Van Valkenburgh '44
Jean Carpenter Winton '34

GRANDPARENTS..... IN HONOR OF

Ruth & Frank Abate
Patricia & William Abbott
Patricia & Bryan Barry
Carol & Lawrence Baytos
Marjorie & David Brown
Anna Panagos Chandler
Judith & Martin Cohen
Richard Eastman
Linda & David Gordon
Frances & Sam Haviland
Jill '45 & Henry Kelly
Ellen Knepper
Bette Sue & Robert McNeilly, Jr.
Mona Mulvey
Ruth Munson
Jacqueline & Richard Solaz
Peternelly Speer
Valentina & Victor Stalowir
Lee & Byron Stookey
Nancy & Joseph Weiss
Marion Winter

Claire Abate
Elyse & Stephen Cadoux '10
William & Morgan Hansen '11
Ella, Jackson & Winston Stalowir '11
Douglas Brown '08
Lily, Lola & Lucille Panagos
Jack Weiss '11
Jack Rider '11
Alexander, Christopher & Rebecca Ryan
Grace & Charlie Haviland '10
Maeve Kelly
Daniel DiGirolomo
Eliza Arnold '11
Katherine Viteretto '10
Blake & Walter Erenhouse
Carson & Spencer Solaz
Jessica Speer Holmes '86
Ella, Jackson & Winston Stalowir '11
Grace & Charlie Haviland '10
Jack Weiss '11
Abigail Winter '11

ALUMNI

Christopher Anderheggen '70
T. Brooks Barrett '47
Marshall Bassick '53
Dwight Brew '67
Johnathan Brew '72
Betsey Brew Boyd '70
The Camp Younts Foundation
(Harry Walker '35)
Edward Christie '74
Christina Corso '89
Wales Craven '50
Eric Dawson '76
Helene Epifano '67
Robert Erler '48
Laurent Firlotte '07
Amy Greenberg '10
Charlie Haviland '10
Jill Kelly '45
Joshua Knopf '09
The Bruce G. Lockhart Fund '48
Kristin Lucas '00
David MacAllaster '73
Max Martone '09
Mackenzie Murray '10
Karen Block Nichols '93
Kenneth Savin '64
Elizabeth Eaton Shaw '30

IN KIND DONATIONS

Abby Tent & Party Rental
Catherine & Robert Avery
Bassett Furniture
Mindee & Paul Blanco
Lynne & Geoff Chapin
The Farmer's Cow
Lilly & Ralph Giacobbe
Maria & Randall Hughes
Sharon Lauer & Jerome Joseph
Kim & Michael Proto
Mary McGoldrick & James Reilly
Mary Jean Basileo & Daniel Solaz
Joan & Alpheus Winter

FOUNDATION GIFTS

Fairfield County Community Foundation
Howard L. Green Foundation
Bruce G. Lockhart Fund
Newman's Own Foundation
William Pitt Foundation

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MATCHING GIFTS

BAE Systems
Covidien
Crane Co.
Fidelity Investments
General Electric
Pepsico

In Memory of:

OWEN MELVILLE

American Irish Musicians Society
Maria Dibiasi
David Goldberg
Marilynn & Stephen Halas
Donna & Kris Hansen
Kate & Sandy Haviland
Marianna & Malcolm Inston
Sharon Lauter
Rita & Frank Lener
Krystyna & Daniel Leszczynski
Jacqueline Mattei
Colleen Miller
John O'Hare
Kim & Michael Proto
Joan & Alpheus Winter
Christine Wood

FLORENCE CORSO

Paul Coudert
Estate of Marguerite Findlay

The Future is in Our Care

The Campaign for Unquowa

After launching The Campaign for Unquowa at the 2010 Annual Meeting, we have gained significant momentum towards reaching our goal of raising \$3 million over three years to support the school's endowment and campus improvement projects.

On behalf of the children, Sharon Lauer, the faculty and the Unquowa Board of Governors, I want to thank all of you who have joined us and played a part in helping the campaign get off to such a strong start. To date we have over \$850,000 in commitments!

It has been an exciting year of meeting with many of our current families and reconnecting with alumni and former families to talk about the school and the goals of the campaign. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. It is clear that, although each of us may have been at Unquowa during different times in the school's ninety-four year history, there is a strong bond between Unquowa families.

The campaign's early momentum allowed the school to finish the first phase of campus improvement projects this past summer - a complete renovation of the playing field and a new roof. A less visible, but equally important, accomplishment has been the addition of over \$100,000 in commitments to the school's endowment so far, evidence that our community understands the importance of securing Unquowa's long term financial security.

During the coming year we will continue to reach out to everyone in the Unquowa community, including our new families. As we to work together to increase the school's endowment and to plan for the next phase of exciting campus improvement projects, I ask each of you who has not yet made a commitment to the campaign to consider doing so.



I would like to especially thank the members of the campaign steering committee and the parent volunteers for all their hard work on behalf of the school. Their generous commitment shows that they fully embrace The Unquowa School motto, *The Future is in Our Care*, and we are so grateful.

Joan K. Panagos
Chair, The Campaign for Unquowa

The Campaign for Unquowa

As Of June 30, 2011

\$250,000 AND ABOVE

\$100,000 - \$249,999

Ellen and Paul Greenberg
Joan and Steven Panagos

\$75,000 - \$99,999

\$50,000 - \$74,999

Deirdre and Shane Fitzsimons
Sally and Patrick McNeela
Ann and Sidney Weiner

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Daneen and Doug Grabe
Sara and Mark Greenawalt
Marilynn and Stephen Halas
Unquowa Parents Association
Ciara and Joel Whidden

\$15,000 - \$24,999

Judy Kessler and Lee Arthurs
Catherine and Robert Avery
Mindee and Paul Blanco
Irene and Tim Brennan
Don and Lisa Callahan
Marianna and Malcolm Inston
Betsy and William Johnston
Stella and John Katsetos
Lisa and Fred Knopf

\$10,000 - \$14,999

Millette Alexander
Kate and Sandy Haviland
Marcie Lapido and Alton Kremer
Estate of Georgianna Brewer Beach '26
Debbie and Alan Steckler
Jean Carpenter Winton '34

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Tammy and Steve Barry
Rudy Bruno
Donna and Kristopher Hansen
Sharon Lauer and Jerome Joseph
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Robert Fuller
Michelle and Santiago Garcia
Kristin and Carl Horton
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Krystyna and Dan Leszczynski
Andrea and Chip Register
Brandon Stoddard '50
Anne and David Tetenbaum
Julie and James Whamond
David Winton

UP TO \$999

Andres Ayala
Carol and Lawrence Baytos
Deborah and Donald Cooke
Mary Lou DeRosa
Helene and David Dworski
Katheryn and Brendan Kehoe
Sarrah Kennedy
Deborah and Gary Meno
Lee and Byron Stookey
Rose Bird Waterman '35

CORPORATE SUPPORT

Crane Company
GE Foundation

ENDOWED FAMILY FUNDS ESTABLISHED

The Brewer Beach Library Fund
The Russo Family Endowment Fund
The Maria Taylor Fund
The Jean Carpenter Winton Endowment Fund

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES TAKEN

Deirdre and Shane Fitzsimons:
The Music Room
Joan and Steven Panagos:
The Upper School Science Lab

We have carefully reviewed the names listed in this report but recognize that errors may still occur. Please accept our sincere apology if your name has been omitted, misspelled or incorrectly listed. So we may correct our records, please notify Kate Haviland, Director of Development at kate.haviland@unquowa.org.