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Dear FSA Community,

Whether you're a new parent this year or an alum family who can remember building our first playground on Adair Street in 1991, I send love and appreciation on behalf of all of us here at FSA for all the ways you have supported Quaker education and our beloved school community. The 2015-16 school year brought so many of us back together for our alum luncheon, the Beloved Community Dialogue, our school auction and FSA's 25th Anniversary celebration, to name just some of the events throughout this past year.

Our 25th Anniversary Party last May, kicking off our 25th anniversary year, was an amazing time for this Head of School, who, when hired on in March of 1991, was given a gift that would grow more meaningful with each passing year! As founding Head of School, I can remember, along with so many of you, all the magical moments that have comprised our school's history. Our first Thanksgiving Pot Luck (with Bishop Tutu's family), and our most recent one! The first graduation in 1997 (those alums are now in their 30s with children of their own!) and the graduation of the Class of 2016! And on and on.

The Friends School of Atlanta has made its mark on the world and your support and participation has, too! We have each taken our turn at holding tightly to our founders' dreams of bringing Quaker education to Georgia and to building upon the 326-year legacy of Friends education in our country. Each of you is responsible for creating this Friends school, which holds a reverence and love for learning and a dedication to the values of Friends. We have not and will not seek to build a bastion of privilege or exclusivity but instead continue to reach out to a diversity of students and their families, including those most typically marginalized in our larger society. The school today continues to be a model for inclusion and equality, beautifying the educational landscape of Atlanta with our unique mission and commitment to seeing that of goodness in everyone. To those who have joined our school community in the past year or two, know that your belief in the power of a Friends education and your child's presence in our classrooms is what sustains our work and, for 25 years, has fueled our deep commitment to building a better world one student at a time.

I invite you to take a moment to honor our teachers, who are most certainly the reason FSA enjoys a reputation as one of the finest examples of Quaker education in the world today. Our teachers, like the students they inspire, are independent thinkers and creative geniuses. In an educational era that seems satisfied abandoning the ideals of progressive education, our FSA faculty and staff fiercely resist that conformity and standardization. They're sometimes a rowdy lot, loudly defending equity in their classrooms and in our school. They are also the heart and soul of our community.

And of course, there are the students. Over 300 students have graduated from FSA and hundreds more have spent time in our classrooms and been imprinted with the values of a Friends education. Really this is what our celebratory year is all about! We're celebrating all the people and the efforts of the past 25 years that have empowered our students, your children, to be their very best selves in the world, to know their own goodness and seek out that goodness in others. We celebrate the gifts that they bring to the world as they make peace and build community, as they tend to the needs of the earth and to those less fortunate than themselves. For a quarter of a century, you and The Friends School of Atlanta have nurtured these young people as they seek their own truth and live in the world with conscience, conviction and compassion. Thank you for that partnership, and thank you for your support of FSA!

In peace,

Waman French
Head of School

A 25-Year History of Giving

For 25 years, The Friends School of Atlanta has enjoyed enormous support from its parent community, alum families, trustees and other friends. This support has taken many different forms, from folks rolling up their sleeves to build, move or maintain the school to generous contributions to the Annual Appeal and capital campaigns to support for the tax credit scholarship program through Apogee. Every time members of our community contribute time, talent and treasure, we become a stronger, better school for our students.

We are so grateful all the support we received throughout the 2015-16 school year. Here are the highlights:

Annual Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of the FSA community and the work of the volunteer Annual Appeal solicitors, led by Co-Clerks Jason and Laura Bonander, Donald Harvey/Christine Kempton and Alayne and Antonio Hightower, we raised \$101,703 in our Annual Appeal this year, surpassing our \$100,000 goal. Funds raised provided critical support for operations as well as helped to bridge the gap between tuition income and actual expenses.

Constituency support for the Annual Appeal broke down as follows:

Board of Trustees:	100%
Faculty/Staff:	100%
Current Families:	85%

Apogee/Georgia Tax Credit Student Scholarship Program

These state tax credit funds are collected by Apogee on behalf of FSA throughout the calendar year. This year, Apogee allowed folks to pre-register in the fall, which resulted in the state cap of \$58 million being met by January 1! For the 2016 tax credit, 25 individuals, couples and businesses contributed over \$37,335 in tax credit scholarship funding for FSA after the state prorated the tax credits due to demand that far exceeded the \$58 million cap.

25th Anniversary Benefit Auction

Kudos to an amazing FSPATA-led Benefit Auction, co-clerked by Michele Butts, Anna Knipfer and Nina Cunard! The 25th Annual Benefit Auction grossed a record-breaking \$78,346, including \$26,290 in Fund-a-Need support for reimagining our playground/running field spaces. So many parents donated their time and talents to make the auction a smashing success. Thank you to all!

Quaker Education Fund

Thanks to the generosity of a small group of dedicated donors, we were able to raise \$28,965 for the Quaker Education Fund in 2015-16, providing financial aid for the children of members and regular attendees of the Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Legacy of Light Fund

The Legacy of Light Fund is FSA's endowment fund invested through Friends Fiduciary Corporation in Philadelphia, which specializes in providing socially responsible investment services to Quaker organizations. We continued to add to the endowment in 2015-16 with an additional \$2,750, which represents initial funds given to the 25th Anniversary Campaign to raise \$50,000 for the school's endowment. This campaign will continue through 2016-17.

Beloved Community Dialogue

The 2016 Beloved Community Dialogue event was held on January 30, 2016. This year's dialogue focused on the Black Lives Matter movement. State Representative Rahn Mayo moderated the intergenerational dialogue among panelists who included: Black Lives Matter activist Troya Sampson, Georgia WAND Executive Director Becky Rafter and activist/law student Ruby-Beth Buitekant (FSA Class of 2001). The event attracted some 200 highly engaged attendees, who filled every minute allowed for Q&A with thoughtful questions and commentary. Funds raised through ticket sales went toward covering the expense of the event, including the advertising on WABE radio. This event is always a great boost to the marketing efforts of the school.

-- Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement and Admissions

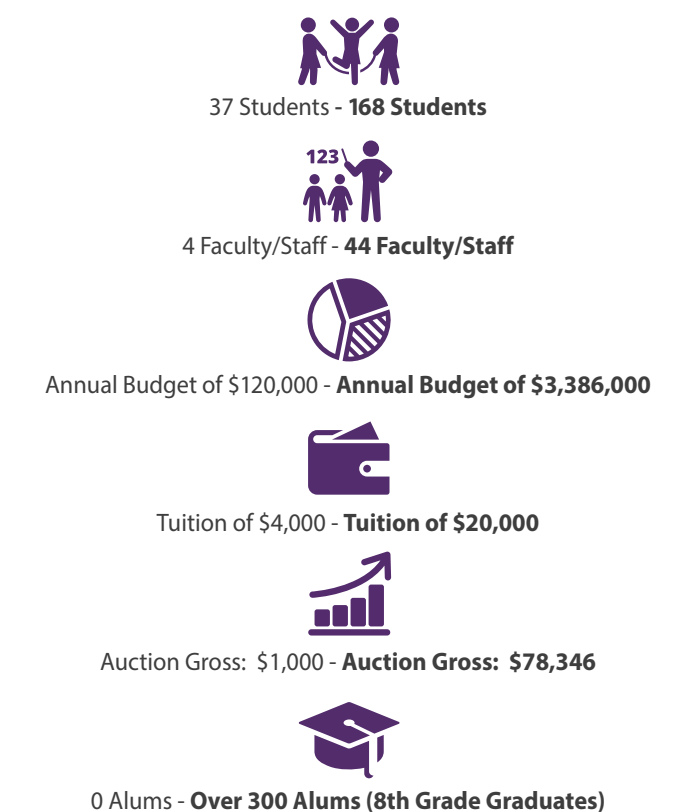
25 Years by the Numbers

What a great financial distance we have traveled over the past 25 years, as revealed in the graphic below. Yet what has always remained the same is the dedication of FSA teachers, staff and parents, as together they have helped The Friends School of Atlanta offer a values-driven education to a growing number of students who go on to success in secondary and higher education and move into the world with the conscience, conviction and compassion to make a real difference. Happy Anniversary, FSA!

-- Elsie Santway, Director of Finance

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