

# CORALWOOD SHINES ON!



## OUR MISSION

IS TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE  
IN EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSION  
EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE A  
VEHICLE FOR LONG-TERM FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT FOR CORALWOOD SCHOOL.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
FISCAL YEAR 2014



# CORALWOOD SCHOOL

is the only public school in DeKalb County dedicated to serving preschool through kindergarten children in an inclusion model.

Our research-based educational model includes 12 collaborative and co-teaching classrooms in which six to eight children with special needs and ten to fourteen typically developing children are educated together. Research shows that this model results in significant gains for special education students, including higher levels of social play, more appropriate social interactions and greater gains in language, cognitive and motor development.

Additionally, Coralwood has four self-contained classrooms that serve children with more severe disabilities. Children in the self-contained classes engage in multiple learning experiences with typically developing children throughout the school day.

The classrooms at Coralwood are led by highly specialized teachers and para-professionals who teach to a broad set of students with varied needs. The teachers work closely with the following therapists: speech/language, occupational, physical, vision and recreational. Primarily, these therapists provide services to children in the classroom and include both special needs and typical children in various therapies.

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## 2013-2014 CORALWOOD SCHOOL YEAR

# of Students:	243
# of Home Schools Represented:	46

Percentage of students in the following categories:

Disabilities	49%
Free and Reduced Lunch	11%
Minorities	32%

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# WHAT IS THE CORALWOOD FOUNDATION?

Coralwood Foundation, Inc. was incorporated in May 2005 to create a permanent endowment fund, the income of which is used to promote excellence in early childhood inclusion education at Coralwood School, and to provide a vehicle for long-term financial and volunteer support for Coralwood. The Foundation funds the educational innovations of teachers and other professionals at Coralwood, as well as a Director of Development who writes grants and raises funds for specific educational initiatives.

Currently, the efforts of the Foundation's Board of Directors are focused on the following initiatives:

- **Providing learning opportunities, grants for classroom initiatives and professional development for our school staff;**
- **Supporting the financial goals of the Foundation through fundraisers such as our Annual Auction and grant writing activities;**
- **Working with the DeKalb County School System (DCSS) and the Board of Education to fund the Master Plan for Coralwood's campus in order to provide enhanced educational opportunities for our children;**
- **Implementing a marketing and communications plan that will position Coralwood School as the premier inclusion school in Georgia;**
- **Re-launching the website as a central location for comprehensive information about Coralwood, the Foundation, the PTA, related events, and parent resources;**
- **Actively engaging Coralwood alumni, parents and friends in the continued work of the Foundation through community involvement and outreach as part of the "Coralwood Circle of Friends" group.**

The Foundation views these projects as fundamental elements to improve the education of our children now and in the future.

"In addition to an enormous amount of learning, our son finished his Pre-school year at Coralwood with greater patience, acceptance and warmth for others. We look forward to his continued success at Coralwood."

—Jill and Lev Vaysman

**\*In the inclusion education model, students with special needs spend most or all of their time with typically-developing students. The school is structured so that all students learn together and benefit from each other. For more information on Coralwood's inclusion education model, see page 21.**



# 2013 – 2014 CORALWOOD FOUNDATION MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- **Turner Volunteer Day** Coralwood School was chosen as a site for Turner Volunteer Day on Wednesday, October 2, 2013. Nearly 50 Turner employees arrived at Coralwood and worked for hours on various projects around the school including: power washing the playground equipment; painting a new track and basketball backboard; placing tons of mulch, pine straw around our playground area and school's front entrance; staining our tree house, cleaning the nature trail path and cutting back brush and ivy; cleaning out the sandbox and adding new sand; planting winter vegetables; replacing our scarecrow and painting wooden decorative vegetables. Thank you to Marti Hunnicutt and Susan Stembel for all of your hard work and efforts in making this day possible. Also thank you to all of the Turner volunteers and supervisors who worked so very hard in making Coralwood look amazing! It was a busy day and we couldn't be more grateful.
- **Coralwood Homecoming Event** Coralwood Foundation's 2nd Annual Homecoming celebration was held on September 6, 2013. It was a huge success with over 200 current and alumni families attending. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to reunite with old friends, staff and teachers along with meeting new friends. Kid activities were the highlight of homecoming with a parade, playground time and a special guest performance engaging the entire audience including children and parents in songs and stories. Special commemorative cups were given to all attendees to celebrate the occasion. The Coralwood Foundation also kicked off its Coralwood Challenge fundraising drive and encouraged families and the community to pledge donations to support classroom equipment, staff training and development of school-wide programs.
- **Excellence in Teaching Award** Holly Adams and Susan Stembel were recognized at Coralwood's Homecoming Event for their Excellence in Teaching. This Coralwood Foundation award recognizes teachers and paraprofessionals who do an outstanding job in instruction, professional learning, communication, supporting the school and leadership.
- **Coralwood Challenge** The Coralwood Foundation's annual fundraising campaign to support the school, its staff and the goals of inclusion education. This year's goal of \$50,000 was surpassed by more than 10%, raising over \$55,000 through individual, business and corporate contributions. Funds were used for, among other things, mini iPads with Otter boxes for each classroom, risers for our performances, maintenance equipment, preschool curriculum and assessment improvements, funding for our Director of Development, additions to our playground, and furthering the endowment.
- **Coralwood Foundation's 12th Annual Auction** netted \$35,904 in ticket sales, sponsorships and auction proceeds, including \$9,275 for new sensory panels for the Coralwood playground.
- **Summer STEM Camp and A Little Bit of STEM, TOO!** Two 2-week inclusion day camps fostering scientific inquiry in 45 of Coralwood's rising kindergarten and first grade students.
- Founded in 2008, **Higher Opportunities for Teachers (HOT) Committee** funds academic and enrichment opportunities for teachers and staff that are not supported by the school or PTA budget. This year, the HOT Committee awarded numerous professional development proposals (9 people), and hosted Crisis Prevention Institute Training. HOT also hosted Orton Gillingham training, which was offered to our feeder schools as well as Coralwood staff (25 people). Congratulations teachers and staff, and thank you for all you do for Coralwood!

"I count Coralwood as a real blessing in Anna Kathryne's life. She got a boost as those years were critical years in her learning."

—Sally Pate, Coralwood Educator

## GRANTS RECEIVED

- Turner Broadcasting
- Target

## CORPORATE SPONSORS

- Children's Medical Group
- Publix
- Vantage Realty

## FAMILY SPONSORS

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# FUNDRAISING EVENTS

## ● CORALWOOD FOUNDATION ANNUAL AUCTION

The 12th Annual Coralwood Foundation Auction: Coralwood Shines "An Evening of the Arts" was held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center.

More than 200 people, including parents, teachers, friends, and community members enjoyed a tremendous evening offering restaurant tastings provided by local chefs, signature cocktails, and a live DJ. The event raised \$36,000, including over \$9000 for new sensory panels for the Coralwood playground. Event guests bid on everything from dinners to vacations, and took home priceless works of art and amazing items.

## ● CORALWOOD CHALLENGE

The Coralwood Foundation's annual Challenge seeks financial commitment each year from parents and supporters in order to fund the long term goals of the school. Part of that is to ensure a healthy endowment to ensure funding is available for future generations of Coralwood students. Another component is financing the additional specialized training our staff needs to create Coralwood's wonderful results. Each year, the board reviews needs from equipment to curriculum to determine where the Challenge can make the biggest impact.

"Without Coralwood, we would still be doing a lot of things. But we would be tired, and John wouldn't have as much "kid time." We wouldn't have highly educated experts in child development and education leading the way for him, and including us as team members. We are a better family, thanks to the incredibly unique situation that is provided by Coralwood!"

—Allison Delano





# VOLUNTEER!

[volunteer@coralwoodschool.com](mailto:volunteer@coralwoodschool.com)

## 2014 – 2015 CORALWOOD FOUNDATION **COMMITTEES**

- Alumni
- Coralwood Auction
- Coralwood Challenge
- Finance
- HOT (Higher Opportunities for Teachers)
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Master Plan

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### **CORALWOOD FOUNDATION 2014-2015 CALENDAR**

SEPTEMBER 5, 2014: Coralwood School Homecoming

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014: Saturday Parent Academy (SPA)

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 24, 2014: Coralwood Challenge

FEBRUARY 27, 2015: Coralwood Foundation Auction





# AUGUST 2014

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- AUGUST 4
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
    - 9:15 am
  - Welcome Back Teacher Breakfast
- AUGUST 6 • 8 - 11:30 am  
Open House/Registration
- AUGUST 11  
First Day of School
- AUGUST 13 • 8:30 am  
Foundation Executive Meeting
- AUGUST 21 • 6:00 pm  
Foundation Full Board Meeting
- AUGUST 22 • 9:30 am  
New Parent Coffee
- AUGUST 28 • 5:30 pm  
New Parent Reception
  - 6:00 pm PTA Meeting and Curriculum Night



# SHINE ON!



At Coralwood School, all of our children find that bright light that shines inside of them. No matter what their gifts or challenges, we focus on the limitless potential of all our students.

Last year, your efforts helped to support the entire school with iPad minis for every classroom, risers for our fabulous performances, and maintenance equipment to keep our school clean and safe for all our students. The addition of our sensory panels on the playground truly is an inclusive addition where our special needs children, non-ambulatory children, children on the spectrum, and our typical students can all play together without barriers or limitations. Numerous teachers took advantage of the generous professional development opportunities and received special training in Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, Crisis Prevention Institute De-escalation techniques, Orton Gillingham and Lindamood Bell training, Handwriting without Tears, as well as attending STEM Science and Autism conferences.

This year we will continue to enhance our children's educational experience through the development of new programming, school improvements, and staff incentives and trainings. Please know how much we appreciate your financial gifts to the Foundation as we continue to find that blinding light that burns inside all our children at Coralwood School and let it SHINE ON!

*Wendi Berkman*

Wendi Berkman  
2013 - 2014 President of Coralwood Foundation

*Melanie Castelle*

Dr. Melanie Castelle  
Coralwood Principal



"Be the light...in the dark, let it shine on through. When you're searching for your way, find the light inside of you."

—Tiffany Alvord





# SEPTEMBER 2014

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- SEPTEMBER 1  
LABOR DAY School Closed
- SEPTEMBER 3 • 8:30 am  
Foundation Executive Meeting
- SEPTEMBER 5 • 4 - 6:00 pm  
Coralwood Foundation's Homecoming
- SEPTEMBER 8
  - PTA Full Board Meeting
  - Fall "His and Hers" Fundraiser Begins
- SEPTEMBER 18
  - Turner Day
  - Parent Teacher Conferences
- SEPTEMBER 19  
Fall PTA Fundraiser Ends
- SEPTEMBER 20 • 7:00 pm  
Parent Social
- SEPTEMBER 27  
Coralwood Foundation SPA (Saturday Parent Academy)
- SEPTEMBER 29  
Coralwood Challenge Begins

**Please give generously to the Coralwood Challenge!**

# CORALWOOD CHALLENGE

The Coralwood Foundation's annual fundraising effort raised over \$55,000 in 2013 through individual, business, and corporate contributions. Where did that money go? In addition to funding the Director of Development and to further our endowment, funds raised in 2013 were applied to fund...

- Seventeen staff and the principal attending Orton-Gillingham training, a multi-sensory approach to reading and comprehension, from June 2 - 6, 2014.
- Ten staff attending Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training this school year.
- Two staff attending Lindamood Bell training, a process-based instruction to strengthen the sensory-cognitive functions needed for reading and comprehension, in July 2014.
- One staff member attending an Autism conference.
- One staff member attending a Science/STEM conference this school year.
- The purchase of an industrial carpet cleaner and an industrial floor scrubber for the school.
- The purchase of risers for school performances.
- Eighteen iPad Minis, 1 iPad, and Otterboxes for use in our classrooms.
- Stipends granted to staff working this summer to create a phonological awareness curriculum and assessment for our preschool students.
- A privacy screen for the school clinic.
- Contributions toward the purchase and installation of sensory panels for the playground.

"Coralwood uncovered Will's happiness. His goal achievements with the Coralwood team directly correlated to visible confidence and increased happiness. He loved telling each of us at home what a "good job" he did at school and he loved telling all of our neighbors about his "new school". He's very proud and we can't express enough gratitude for Coralwood helping to bring out the real Will for us."

—Laura Mixson





# OCTOBER 2014

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCTOBER 1 • 8:30 am  
Foundation Executive Meeting
- OCTOBER 6
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
  - 9:15 am
  - School Pictures
- OCTOBER 13  
COLUMBUS DAY School Closed
- OCTOBER 23  
Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- OCTOBER 24  
Book Character Parade  
Coralwood Challenge Ends
- OCTOBER 27 - 31  
Book Fair
- OCTOBER 31  
Pumpkin Patch at Coralwood





## A LEARNING ECOSYSTEM

Lauren and I became enthusiastic fans of Coralwood School very soon after our son, Eston, enrolled there in April of 2013 [to fill a seat that had come open unexpectedly]. Eston is a kid who needs a significant adjustment period to any new activity or setting, but Coralwood's loving community and expert teachers helped him transition more smoothly than any other new setting in his life. He is a nicer guy and a better learner because of his experience at Coralwood. He loved his teachers and quickly befriended his classmates. The following school year was even better, and Eston continued to learn rapidly and develop in many ways. We love the education Eston receives as well as the whole ecosystem of students, teachers, and parents, curriculum, and special events. We are already anticipating our younger child following Eston to Coralwood next year!

—Randolph and Lauren McDow



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- NOVEMBER 1-2  
Fall family photo sessions with Lee Patterson
- NOVEMBER 3
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
    - 9:15 am
  - Square 1 Art to go home
- NOVEMBER 5 • 8:30 am  
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting
- NOVEMBER 7  
Pumpkin Patch Rain Date
- NOVEMBER 12 • 10:00 am  
Pre-K and K Fall Performance
- NOVEMBER 13 • 5:30 pm  
Fall Performance
  - PTA meeting
  - Spirit Night after performance
- NOVEMBER 20
  - Thanksgiving Lunch
  - Foundation Full Board Meeting
    - 6:00 pm
- November 24 - 28  
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY  
School Closed



## DEKALB COUNTY'S HIDDEN GEM

We first heard what a wonderful school Coralwood was through some friends. After hearing so many stories, we thought "what a unique inclusion school right around the corner from our house". To say we were thrilled when our then 2 year old daughter's, Emma Kate, name was selected was an understatement. But, the mama bear in me was worried about my little girl going to "big girl" school 5 days a week!

Within the first month, Emma Kate was thriving in her classroom and was even asking to go to school on the weekends! She went from our little 2 year old girl to a vibrant, compassionate, confident 3 year old who was recognizing and writing the letters of the alphabet. Every day we were amazed at what she was learning and the progress socially she was making.

As a parent, to see all of the wonderful programs and parent involvement at Coralwood is amazing. To attend events at the school and see how the children and teachers interact and encourage each other is inspiring.

We are so grateful for the impact that Coralwood has already made on our family and our daughter. We look forward to having our son, Garrett, reap the benefits of Coralwood in a few short years. We will continue to support Coralwood to allow others to experience this "hidden gem" in DeKalb County.

—Katie and Jason Widener





# DECEMBER 2014

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- DECEMBER 1
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
    - 9:15 am
- DECEMBER 2
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- DECEMBER 2 - 5
  - Holiday Shop
- DECEMBER 3 • 8:30 am
  - Foundation Executive Meeting
- DECEMBER 7 • 1 - 3:00 pm
  - Holiday Treats
- DECEMBER 14
  - PTA Executive Holiday Party
- DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 5
  - WINTER BREAK School Closed

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## SO MUCH MORE THAN A SCHOOL BUILDING

As the parents of two recent Kindergarten graduates, we are both happy and sad to see them leave Coralwood. The happiness, of course, stems from the fact that our boys have received an amazing kick-start to their early educational years. One that will, no doubt, propel them forward as they move into elementary school. The sadness, however, comes from the knowledge that they – and we – will no longer be a part of this wonderful institution, and this fosters the inevitable uncertainty that their next steps may not be as fulfilling as the world we've come to know.

Although the start of 1st grade is very exciting for all of us, it's difficult not to feel that there are big shoes to fill. Coralwood is so much more than a school building with classrooms and doors, buses and books. It is a family. It is a house of happiness and acceptance for its children, and comfort and promise for the adults who love them. It is the heart of a community. It is a treasured gem, and one that our family is so glad to have found and prospered from. As with anything, that which is cared for and cultivated will flourish. And it's no accident that the school's logo is a smiling sun. We feel so fortunate that Coralwood has helped our boys to "shine" – each in their own special way.

—Jo Ann & Misha Mask-Helms





# JANUARY 2015

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 5  
WINTER BREAK School Closed
- JANUARY 5  
Teacher Work Day – no school
- JANUARY 6  
First day of second semester
- JANUARY 7 • 8:30 am  
Foundation Executive meeting
- JANUARY 12
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
  - 9:15 am
- JANUARY 19  
MLK, Jr. Day - School Closed
- JANUARY 22
  - PTA meeting • 5:00 pm
  - Summer Camp Expo
  - 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- JANUARY 29  
Parent/Teacher Conferences



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

## CORALWOOD 13TH ANNUAL AUCTION

**Callanwolde Fine Arts Center**

The annual auction is a primary fund-raiser for the Coralwood Foundation which exists to ensure that the children of Coralwood have a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment to address all their special needs. Join us for a fun and important evening Friday, February 27th.

Auction proceeds go to the Foundation's general fund which supports initiatives like teacher professional education, teacher awards and mini-grants, bus driver stipends, stem camp subsidies, curriculum development, and the pursuit of grants by financing the director of development position. The general fund also covers administrative expenses for the foundation such as insurance, marketing and website maintenance.

- Meet Coralwood's staff and parents
- Bid on everything from city venue tickets to vacation home rentals to a wide selection of services and items
- Enjoy a catered buffet and cocktails

[www.coralwoodschool.com/auction](http://www.coralwoodschool.com/auction)



**Super Heroes Day at Coralwood** To celebrate reaching its goal of raising \$50,000 in this year's Coralwood Challenge, the Coralwood Foundation treated the students to a special Super Heroes Day at Coralwood on Friday, November 15, 2013! During the day, the students received a special classroom visit by several Super Heroes from Heroes Alliance of Atlanta. The students were dressed as their favorite Super Hero for the day to welcome these exciting visitors to Coralwood.



# FEBRUARY 2015

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEBRUARY 2
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
  - 9:15 am
- FEBRUARY 4 • 8:30 am  
Foundation Executive Meeting
- FEBRUARY 12 • 6:00 pm  
Foundation Full Board Meeting
- FEBRUARY 13  
Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- FEBRUARY 16  
PRESIDENT'S DAY - School Closed
- FEBRUARY 27  
Coralwood 13th Annual Auction at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center



Inclusive practices are an integral characteristic of schools that achieve strong measures of academic success.

Why? Because:

- Students are educated whenever appropriate in general education classrooms with teachers skilled in the content taught.
- Opportunities to progress in the general education curriculum are greatly facilitated through inclusive practices.
- High expectations for all students are the norm.
- Instruction is differentiated to engage students on the basis of the skill sets, interests, and learning styles.
- Collaboration between general and special education staff results in flexible grouping that includes varied small group instruction, large group, and paired instruction.
- Students are actively engaged in instruction and in their own learning.
- Instructional accommodations and “scaffolding” are used to increase access to learning and academic success.
- Individual education plans identify specific accommodations, modifications and goals for each student.
- Strong parent-school partnerships are the norm.
- Ongoing training and staff development is encouraged and supported.

**Sources:** partially based on a Wikipedia description provided under “Inclusion (education).” Accessed 27 August 2013.



“I think Coralwood has always been a leader in the field of education for very young children. The inclusion model is an example. Coralwood has been initiating progressive programs since as early as 1982.”

—Sally Pate & Meghan Pate  
Coralwood Educators





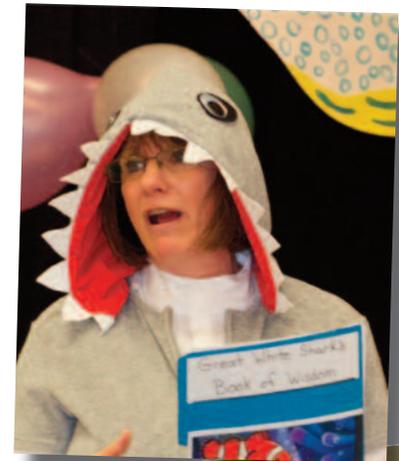
# MARCH 2015



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- MARCH 2
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
    - 9:15 am
- MARCH 4 - 6
  - Spring Book Fair
- March 4 • 8:30 am
  - Foundation Executive meeting
- MARCH 6 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm
  - Family Reading Night
- MARCH 24
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences

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## PTA LIAISONS

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PTA PRESIDENTS ELECT

Laura Mixson and Brittany Mackey



**2013-14 AUCTION  
COMMITTEE**





# APRIL 2015

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 1 • 8:30 am  
Foundation Executive meeting
- APRIL 6 - 10  
Spring Break
- APRIL 13
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
  - 9:15 am
- APRIL 18 - 19  
Spring family photo sessions with Lee Patterson
- APRIL 22  
Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day
- APRIL 23 • 5:30 pm
  - Preschool and PreK Spring Performance
  - PTA Meeting
  - Spirit Night
- APRIL 27 - MAY 1  
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week



## A HUGE RELIEF

Mike & Lisa Martin

Mike and I are so grateful for Coralwood. After 2 frustrating years at a private preschool with a team of therapists coming in and out to support Avery and her teachers, it was a huge relief to have Avery in a school with the resources & staff trained to provide Avery with such a positive educational experience.

We went from her crying before school each day and saying, "no school, no school", to a child who loves going to school. Coralwood has such an amazing environment, from the smiling teachers who greet Avery by name every morning when they take her out of the car—to our fantastic bus driver who brings her safely home each day & clearly cares so much for her and all the kids on her bus.

We feel so fortunate that DeKalb County has such an amazing school for our child.

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—Sally Pate & Meghan Pate  
Coralwood Educators





# MAY 2015

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- APRIL 27 - MAY 1  
Teacher Appreciation Week
- MAY 4
  - PTA Executive Board Meeting
  - 9:15 am
- MAY 7
  - Teacher of the Year Reception
  - Foundation Full Board Meeting
  - 6:00 pm
- MAY 8  
Spring Fling/Run, Walk and Roll
- MAY 14  
Kindergarten Performance
- MAY 15  
Spring Fling/Run, Walk and Roll (Rain Date)
- MAY 17  
PTA Executive Board End of Year Party
- MAY 22  
Last Day of School



# INCOME STATEMENT

CORALWOOD FOUNDATION, INC.  
Statement of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contributions	59,840
Grants	5,770
Special Events Income	
Silent Auction Income, Net of Expenses of \$10,906	28,398
Miscellaneous Income	1,680
Investment Income	
Dividends and Interest	10,497
Gain on Value of Long-Term Investments	<u>39,803</u>
Total Investment Income	50,300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>145,988</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Development Fees and Expenses	20,743
Teacher Continuing Education	9,343
Awards and Grants	6,102
Equipment, Landscaping, School Program Support	6,092
Camp Program Expenses, Net of Revenue of \$9,810	1,280
Administrative Expenses	3,708
Depreciation Expense	7,403
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>54,671</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>91,317</b>





# JUNE 2015

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- JUNE 30  
End of Coralwood  
Foundation Financial Year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				





# BALANCE SHEET

CORALWOOD FOUNDATION, INC.  
Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2014



## ASSETS

Cash	43,0340
Prepaid Expenses	225
Investments	
Capital Improvements Fund	6,324
Endowment Fund	<u>494,194</u>
Total Investment Assets	500,518
Fixed Assets	
Furniture, Equipment and Other Fixed Assets	79,965
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(33,766)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	46,199

**TOTAL ASSETS** **589,976**

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	<u>4,363</u>
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **4,363**

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**NET ASSETS** **585,613**





# JULY 2015

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S CALENDAR:**

- graphic design/production  
Tracy Fernandez  
**Fernandez Design**
- photography by Randy McDow  
**Photography**  
Mike Martin  
**Skylab\*B**
- printing Candy Beam  
**Gwinnett Graphics**

# 2013-2014 CORALWOOD CHALLENGE DONORS

The Coralwood Foundation Coralwood Challenge is vital to our school. It supports our teachers and staff by providing opportunities for workshops and other continuing education programs that help make Coralwood a successful and enriching learning environment. The Coralwood Challenge also funds the Coralwood Foundation endowment, so children who attend Coralwood in the future will benefit from the same exceptional education our students receive today.

## \$1,000 - \$5,000

Jeff & Wendi Berkman  
Mark Cohn & Jill Blackley-Cohn  
Todd & Lila Cooperider  
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Mark Kwan & Emily Leung  
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CORALWOOD CHALLENGE DONORS  
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It's hard to state the impact because I truly think that, without Coralwood, we would be stuck in the "autism cycle" of OT, PT and speech, done a few times a week with very little support in school. Julia would have probably been written off as a "below average" student because she was not reading until the end of Kindergarten. She processes information differently than others but the teachers at Coralwood know how to teach to those students.

At Coralwood, Julia not only picked up extensive vocabulary; she also gained confidence in herself. Coralwood taught her it was okay to have some things to work on and that everyone has struggles. They even worked with us, as parents, to talk to Julia about her diagnosis so it is not "taboo" but is just part of her. It's not ALL of her. Our family desperately needed the calm reassurance that Coralwood gave us.

*"Our family desperately needed the calm reassurance that Coralwood gave us."*

My husband and I feel confident in Julia's future. With the early intervention, we were able to get Julia caught up to grade level on almost all subjects. She is now in the gifted program at Sagamore Hills and is reading at a very high level. We also know we have support at Coralwood if we ever need it, even though Julia is almost 10 years old. The school never lets go of its students. I think Julia will be a more compassionate, understanding adult based on her Coralwood experience. Not only did Coralwood help her learn the skills she needed, it also showed her the diversity of the world.

— Meg and James Sheid



*"The school never lets go of its students."*

## SPECIAL THANKS

The Coralwood family sends its deepest thanks to Mason Barge - our fearless web developer who will be retiring this year. He has provided Coralwood with almost 5 years of service and we are grateful for his contributions to our website at [www.coralwoodschool.com](http://www.coralwoodschool.com). When we met Mason, the neighbor of a former Coralwood Foundation board member, our site was somewhat difficult to navigate and inefficient - information was there but hard to make useful. Mason generously dedicated countless hours to creating an online space that more accurately illustrates both the vibrancy of our school and delight we have engaging with one another - through the school and foundation. We wanted to take a moment to thank Mason for his vision and dedication.

**Mason - thank you for helping us communicate with parents and people interested in the foundation. Our site has become a go-to place to find information on inclusion education and illustrates why Coralwood is such a valuable member of the community.**



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