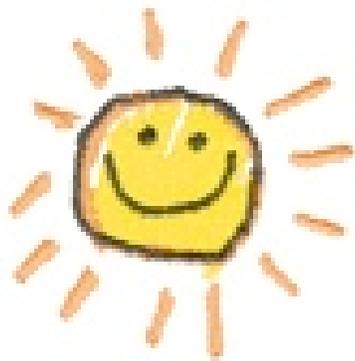




CORALWOOD FOUNDATION



Fiscal Year 2007
Annual Report





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THE CORALWOOD SCHOOL

Coralwood School and Diagnostic Center is the only public school in DeKalb County dedicated to serving children with special needs between 3-6 years of age. Our research-based educational model includes 11 collaborative and co-teaching classrooms in which 6-8 children with special needs and 10 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 five self-contained classrooms that serve children with more severe disabilities. The children in the self-contained classes attend motor therapy and the media center with typically developing students.

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

2006 – 2007 Coralwood School	
# of Students	230
Disabilities	54%
Free and Reduced Lunch	27%
Minorities	39%
# of Home Schools	48



WHAT IS THE CORALWOOD FOUNDATION?

Coralwood Foundation, Inc. was incorporated in May 2005 to create a permanent endowment fund, the income of which will be used to promote excellence in early childhood special education at Coralwood, and to provide a vehicle for long-term financial and volunteer support for the School. The Foundation funds the educational innovations of teachers and other professionals at Coralwood to support the education of special needs children and funds a Director of Development who spearheads grant writing and fundraising efforts for specific educational initiatives.

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

- Providing learning opportunities and professional development for our staff;
- Supporting the financial goals of the Foundation through fundraisers such as our Silent Auction and Wine Tasting Dinner, as well as grant writing activities;
- Developing and funding the Master Plan for the School's campus in order to provide enhanced educational opportunities for our children;
- Researching theme school and charter school options; and
- Enlisting additional community support for the School through dynamic public relations.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



“YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD.”

Mohandas Gandhi

The progress of the Coralwood Foundation since last year has been remarkable. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our parents, donors and volunteers. Together we are building an innovative school with technologically advanced facilities designed to support an individualized, inclusive education for children. Our vision is becoming a reality.

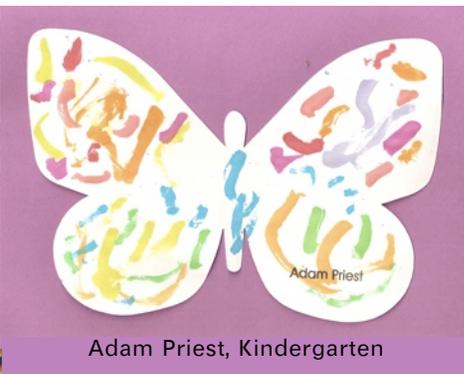
During the fiscal year 2007, our Board of Directors, comprised of parents, grandparents, educators and community volunteers, has accomplished the following:

- Produced a Master Plan to fully utilize Coralwood’s 14 acre campus;
- Led a capital campaign which raised over \$65,000;
- Developed charter school options;
- Created an outdoor classroom; and
- Secured thousands of dollars in grants to benefit our children.

Even more members of the community are learning about Coralwood School and are actively supporting our mission of educating children with special needs in an inclusive setting. For example, five engineers and architects from our community volunteered hundreds of man hours toward the development of the Master Plan. The resulting product was so thorough and well planned that it was enthusiastically endorsed by Dr. Crawford Lewis, the Superintendent of the DeKalb County School System, who is now helping our Board of Directors secure funding for the project through SPLOST 3. The newly designed facilities will enhance significantly the school’s services and improve the education of children for years to come.

The Foundation’s Board of Directors, teachers, therapists and administrators of the Coralwood School are united in our efforts to continue to make a difference for the students of this school. I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the countless hours of service by our directors, staff, parents and our many volunteers. Many of these same people are also among the generous donors who have helped us come so far in such a short period of time. Together, we are effecting positive change to benefit the children of the Coralwood School now and in the future.

Janet E. Haury, President



“The Verizon Foundation Grant allowed every child in self-contained classrooms to have their own self inking name stamps. The ability to write/sign your name is a power that every individual should have, regardless of physical ability.”

-Holly Adams,



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It is a privilege to thank the Coralwood Family for its incredible devotion and generosity! Our parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, board members and friends have stepped forward in stellar support of this school. It is difficult, if not impossible, to express adequately and fully my gratitude for what you do to nurture the substance and spirit of our educational program. The commitment of this community to our school, faculty, staff and students is inspiring and humbling.

The 2006-07 Capital Campaign is an important indicator of the degree to which the members of this community care about this special place but it does not tell the entire story. The 2005-2006 Endowment Campaign provided a firm commitment to Coralwood's future. The giving of the community has supported the faculty and staff in continuing education that benefits the school population.

We are fortunate to be part of Coralwood at this exciting time. Our students are leaving Coralwood equipped to learn, continuing their success in their new schools-- both public and private and are confident in their abilities. Families of our students remain connected and supportive of the school after leaving Coralwood. They are committed to ensuring that future Coralwood students have similar educational experiences. The school's future has numerous opportunities and challenges that will result in the ongoing strengthening of the school.



Chloe Hacpille, Pre-K

Thank you for what you do for our school! I look forward to the coming years with great anticipation.

Rebecca Blanton, Principal



“New speech and language technology was purchased through the Verizon Foundation Grant to use with our students. This equipment is providing many of our students opportunities to communicate in their classrooms and with their peers. They can be a real part of their class and the results are seen on their faces as they talk to their classmates and teachers!”

-Susan Garrett
Speech and Language Pathologist



FISCAL YEAR 2007 PROGRESS REPORT

During the Fiscal Year 2007, the Coralwood Foundation successfully accomplished the following objectives:

- Awarded 7 grants totaling \$33,500 in cash and \$2400 in in-kind programmatic support;
- Completed the Master Plan, a prioritized plan for upgrading and expanding the facilities to fully utilize the 14 acre campus;
- Raised \$65,988 for immediate capital improvements;
- 28 teachers and staff attended 18 conferences and educational opportunities;
- Financially supported in-house professional development programming; and
- Received nearly \$30,000 in in-kind contributions including office supplies, plane tickets, a laptop, Outdoor Classroom equipment and plants, and annual report design and printing.

FISCAL YEAR 2007 GRANTS AND IN-KIND GIFTS

GRANTS

Associated Credit Union - \$850
Fernbank School Master Gardener Program - \$2400 (in-kind)
Georgia Council for the Arts
- Teacher Professional Learning Grant - \$4600
- Parent Teacher Artist Grant - \$2650
Lowe's Toolbox for Education - \$5000
National Gardening Association Yourh Garden Grant - \$250 (gift card)
Verizon Foundation - \$20,000

IN-KIND GIFTS

ACCO Brands, Inc.
Advanced Nurseries
The Curry Family
Dimosol
Fisher-Phillips
Home Depot
Becky Kidd
Kodak Dental Systems
Morris Manning and Martin
Elizabeth Rockholm



“The Verizon Foundation Grant has afforded us so many new ways to use technology in the classroom. The new digital camera, video camera and printer are already making an impact, allowing students new creative outlets for learning. The students are having so much fun!

- Carolyn Eingurt, Kindergarten Teacher



FISCAL YEAR 2007 PROGRESS REPORT (CONT.)

CORALWOOD FOUNDATION, INC. Fiscal Year July 2006-June 2007

Last Update: 10/8/07

Income:	Amount
Seed Grants from Parent Council	\$ 12,600
Donations for Administration	\$ 180
Teacher Training Grant from Parent Council	\$ 9,015
Special Events	\$ 5,199
Silent Auction	\$ 25,490
External Grants (Lowe's, Verizon, GCA, ACU)	\$ 29,990
Interest Income	\$ 111
Total	\$ 82,585

Expenses:	Amount
Administration & Insurance	\$ (2,692)
Director of Development	\$ (9,448)
Prize "Classroom Challenge" Winners	\$ (500)
Teacher/Staff Professional Development	\$ (6,737)
External Grant Expenditures (Lowe's, Verizon, GCA, ACU)	\$ (21,503)
Master Plan Expenditures	\$ (510)
Restricted Grants Carryover	\$ (8,487)
Total	\$ (49,877)

Retained Earnings	Amount
Reserve DOD	\$ (12,500)
Reserve Teacher Professional Development	\$ (20,000)
Other Funds	\$ (208)
	\$ (32,708)

Restricted Income:	Amount
"Classroom Challenge FY 06" Income for Endowment Fund•	\$ 78,466
"Classroom Challenge FY 07" Income for Capital Expenditure*	\$ 67,738

•All pledges were made during FY 06. Some funds were received/confirmed after June 2006.

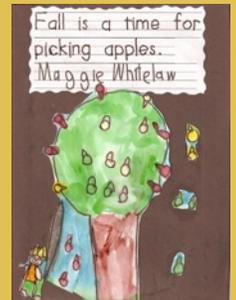
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Itzel Valenzuela, Kindergarten

2006-2007 Coralwood Foundation Classroom Challenge Detail of Gifts

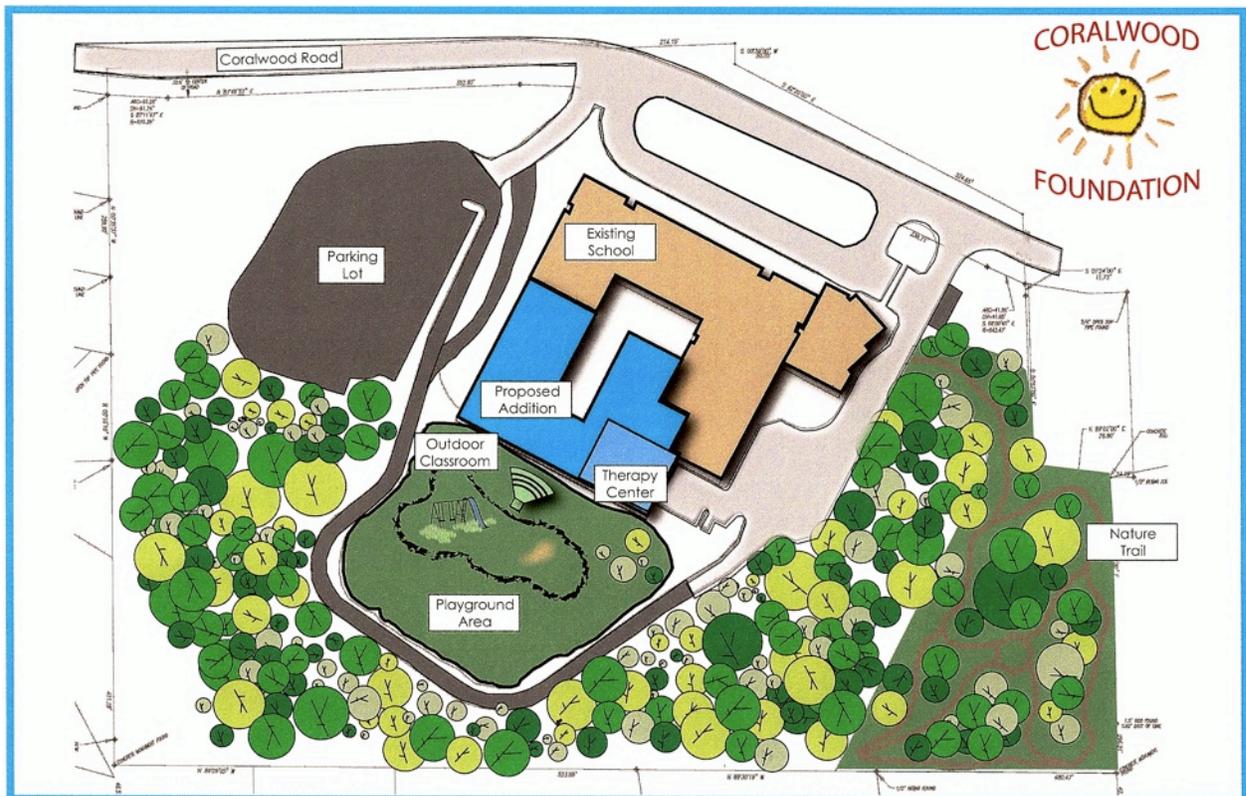
Donor Group	Number of Gifts	% Participation	Contribution
Faculty/Staff	45	56%	\$ 2,865
Friends	21		\$ 2,874
Grandparents	12		\$ 2,550
Matching Gifts	13		\$ 5,296
Parents	104	59%	\$ 54,153
Total	195		\$ 67,738



Maggie Whitelaw, Kindergarten

FISCAL YEAR 2008 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Secure funding for the Master Plan and finalize the Outdoor Trail and Classroom (see schematic below);
- Pursue funding for the educational innovations of our teachers through corporate and foundation support and grants;
- Support the professional development of teachers and staff through the Higher Opportunities for Teachers Committee;
- Continue to build the Endowment Fund;
- Enlist additional community support for the School through dynamic public relations;
- Research theme school and charter school options; and
- Support the financial goals of the Foundation through the Silent Auction and Wine Tasting dinner.



“The Georgia Council for the Arts Parent Teacher Artist Grant brought together parents and students to participate in modern dance instruction. The program was not only exciting and truly a success, it gave me more insight into possibilities for using simple modern dance techniques in the early childhood music classroom.

- Louise Betsch, Music Teacher



“The Georgia Council for the Arts Teacher Professional Learning Grant allowed me to see storytelling in a new way. I felt very comfortable with the simple yet innovative ways shown to engage children of all abilities in the performing arts. It showed me that everyone can be an artist.

- Susan Stembel, Para-professional

2006-2007 CORALWOOD FOUNDATION CLASSROOM CHALLENGE

Vision Circle (\$5,000+)

Tim & Catherine Buckley
Kevin & Jessica Bandy

Dedication Circle (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Frank & Rebecca Blanton
Mark & Kimberlee Collins
Doug & Lee Ann Connell
Cassie Dillon
George Emmert & Cindy Patrick
Mike & Joanie Gross
Rick & Janet Haury
Don & Wendy Hensel
Bill & Lucy Hitt
Richard & Jessica Inskeep
Brian & Becky Kidd
Holly Kilgore
Kirk & Linda Lanier
Charlie & Yvonne McGinty
Anne & Kevin Moore
David & Gretchen Pawloski
Lee & Andrea Priest
Steve & Sandee Rogers
Phil & Jennifer Sedlack
Tim & Alexi Smith
Robert & Alison Solomon
Jim & Jennifer Vaughan
Alejandro Walters & Katrina Kretsinger
Fariborz Zolali & Saba Ashraf

Pride Circle (\$500-\$999)

David & Jennifer Bell
Larry & Kathryn Chambliss
Bill & Susan Garrett
Jack & Laura Hall
Robert & Allison Holley
Rhett & Lindsey Maughon
Doug & Jayashree Morrison
Mike & Lucy Reid
Julia Roberts
Dennis & Elizabeth Rokholm
Peter & Alexa Ross
David & Marcie-Jo Sedacca
Steve & Becky Smith
Barry & Laura Snyder
John & Susan Stembel
Kevin Sullivan & Clotilde Perez-Espinoza
Richard & Maria Thomas
Michael & Susan Vanous
Phillip & Sawapha Verduci
Barry & Stacey Wolf

Spirit Circle (\$250-\$499)

Rick & Angel Breitenbach
Bruno Cardot & Bonnie Buell
Jim & Tanya Curry
Benjamin Druss & Michele Fahey
Kurt & Katrina Fanstill
Andy Fleming & Claire Lee
Matt & LeAnn Freeman
Laura Gallagher
Andre & Sarah Guzman
Stephen & Valerie Harrison
Dick & Mary Anne Haury .
John & Mava Huth
Barbara Inskeep
Gregory & Jan Jay
Denis & Jenn Kler
Jim & Joanne McClelland
John & Jill Mills
Chuck Stowe & Belle Wilmer
Antony & Jennifer Tiberia

Supporter Circle (Up to \$249)

Jan & Holly Adams
Florecindo & Soledad Albino
Neil & Diane Altman
Martin & Emily Armfield
Darlene Barr
Elaine Barton
T. E. & Mary Louise Betsch
Deborah Brown
Bruce & Cynthia Bugg
Rob & Clay Calhoun
Kristen Carney
George & Sally Clarke
Marsha Clay
Allen & Laura Clinton
Donna Coffield
Erich & Teresa Daub
Cheryl Debrosse
Scott & Elise Douglass
Diane Dowling
Thomas & Elizabeth Drewicz
Robert & Maribeth Driskell
Logan & Betsy Driskell
William & Mary Driskell
Bruce & Pat Egsieker
Carolyn Eingurt
Mark & Mary Evarts
Robert Fritzen
Bucky & Ann Marie Geer
Elizabeth Godwin
W. Terry & Sylvia Goggin
Nathan & Jamise Goodman
Scott & Jill Goodman
Nancy Gore
Rebecca Grijalva
Walter Grosh & Robin Armenia

Eugene & Mary Jane Gross
Stephane Hacpille & Ashley Blackwood
Jeremy & Katy Halberg
Alfred & Nancy Harrison
Lloyd Harrison & Amoreena Shenefelt
Russell & Dianne Harty
Michael Hoffer & Aimee Gannon
Laurie Hudson
Christopher & Marty Hunnicutt
Marilyn Hunter
Martin & Phyllis Isenberg
Mark & Kim Jeffrey
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John & Shellie Johnson
Alyn & Beth Kellerman
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Paula Swartzberg
Stan & Robin Thomas
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Sherrie Warsaw
Arthur & Loretta Watts
Lynda Weaver
Benton & Elaine Weisberg
Daniel Whitaker & Page Anderson
Thomas Wilburn
Dana Woodburn
Troy & Mary Yarbrough
Nigel & Randi Zelcer
Stefanie Zuber



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BellSouth
Best for Less, Inc.
Southeastern Marketing Group, Inc.
Chambliss International, Inc.
The Coca-Cola Foundation
The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
Hodges Ward Elliott
Intuit Foundation
Kimberly-Clark Foundation
McCamish Systems LLC
Minor Services, Inc.
Oracle Corporation
Scientific-Atlanta Foundation, Inc.
TimeWarner