

Dear SMNS Community Member,

For 56 years, Saint Mary's Nursery School (SMNS) has been working with children and families, fostering community. At SMNS, children learn skills and build relationships that bridge their time from infancy to toddlerhood, to preschool, and onward. As the year draws to a close, please consider donating to our **annual fund** and help us continue to support a dynamic community.

This year, we were honored to receive the 2019 Arts and PreK Excellence Award from the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance. Thanks to ongoing support from our community, we've been exploring ways to make our cultural stories more visible to one another using the arts. In doing this, we've built a foundation together that invites community and allows for difference. This is critical work in the world today.

Your support has been integral in making so many exciting milestones possible. This year, SMNS reached Keystone Stars 4, the highest quality rating for our state. We rewrote our Mission Statement, engaged with Congressman Dwight Evans and State Representative James R. Roebuck and began work as a part of a research study centered on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS), an evidence based social emotional curriculum.

Can we count on your support so we can continue to bring our best to the families and children we serve? Please visit us at stmarysnursery.org to find out the many ways you can support us.

A gift of \$150 will subsidize a month of high-quality art supplies

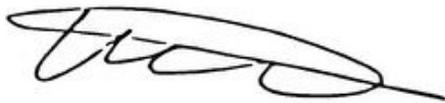
A gift of \$500 will send a teacher to a national early childhood conference

A gift of any amount will help ensure our scholarship fund remains available

Consider being a **sponsor or donor** to our annual Spring For Our School fundraiser

Every day our work impacts young children and builds community. We are grateful for your support.

Warmly,



Traci Childress
Executive Director

Our new mission statement:

Saint Mary's Nursery School is dedicated to the development of young children and to cultivating meaningful relationships with our community.



2019 Arts & Pre-K Excellence Award Ceremony. *Photo: Gudmund Iversen*



SMNS - Keystone Stars 4 - welcomes Congressman Dwight Evans *Photo: Will Abbot*