

Emerson Waldorf School

Established in 1984, the Emerson Waldorf School is a full member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA) and is in the process of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS.)

Waldorf schools provide a creative, supportive learning environment based on the philosophy and pedagogy of Dr. Rudolf Steiner. Waldorf is the largest independent educational movement in the world, with over 900 schools in 32 countries.

EWS serves 250 students from nursery through twelfth grade, and employs fifty full- and part-time faculty and staff.



EWS is celebrating 25 years of inspired learning in Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Mission Statement

The Emerson Waldorf School provides an integrated Waldorf curriculum and environment which encourage and promote independent thinking and social responsibility, as well as academic and artistic excellence. The unique gifts and contributions of each child are honored through a developmentally appropriate awakening of thinking, feeling and willing. Further, the Emerson Waldorf School understands children as beings of body, soul, and spirit, and guides them to develop compassion and reverence for themselves and the world community.

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Founders Circle

A unique opportunity to join EWS Founders in investing in the school's 25th year and beyond





25th Anniversary **FOUNDERS CIRCLE** *Honor EWS Founders and be a Founder yourself!*

The Emerson Waldorf School is pleased to introduce the **Founders Circle**, a new giving circle established in honor of the five individuals, Barbara Shell, Suzanne and Robert Mays, Eve Olive and Olga Wierbicki, whose vision and dedication has provided an inspired education to students in the Chapel Hill area over the last 25 years.

Through a special gift to the **2009-2010 Annual Fund Campaign**, you can honor the school's Founders while becoming a Founder yourself—a charter member of the **Founders Circle**.

Your participation in the **Founders Circle** will be recognized as an investment unlike any other that will help sustain Emerson Waldorf School this year — and through the next 25 years!



Barbara Shell, founder of EWS, was a beloved teacher and friend whose passion for learning and love of children nurtured the development of EWS.

EWS founders at our 20th anniversary celebration in 2004. (left to right) Suzanne Mays, Olga Wierbicki, Eve Olive, and Robert Mays



Thank You for investing in our students.

As a charter member of the **Founders Circle**, your generosity will be celebrated by:

- A plaque listing each charter member of the **Founders Circle**, located on the Emerson Waldorf School campus, will acknowledge your participation in establishing this giving circle and honoring the founders.
- An invitation to special **Founders Circle** events held in conjunction with 25th Anniversary celebrations this school year and events held in conjunction with Annual Fund events in future years.
- A complimentary copy of *A Year in the Life of a Waldorf School*. This hardback book features artful photographs and descriptive texts by EWS parent, Kristin Oguntoyinbo.
- The planting of twenty-five daffodil bulbs in your honor on our 54-acre campus. Each spring, when the flowers emerge and bring beauty to our campus, your founding gift will be recognized anew for the beauty it brings to the education of our children.

Your gift helps provide education rooted in **Truth, Beauty and Goodness.**

To become a charter member of the **Founders Circle** a gift in the amount of \$2500 or above is welcomed.

The **Founders Circle**, established through your generosity, will serve to inspire others to invest in EWS in this and future Annual Fund campaigns.