

Dear TQS Parents and other Community Members,

Hello! My name is Tricie DeAngelis and my son Matthew is beginning his third year at The Quaker School at Horsham. Some of you may know me from the Parent Café breakfast programs where we have an opportunity to network and hear informative presentations by professional staff.

I know for our family, The Quaker School at Horsham has been a wonderful educational haven for our son. Matthew left the public school with significant academic and emotional deficits that were not properly addressed. Through a willingness of the staff at TQS to truly accommodate and think outside the box, Matthew has made documented progress in his reading and math skills. In addition, he has made lasting friendships, and finally knows what it is like to be really included in a school community.

I am writing to ask for your support for the TQS Annual Fund. The TQS staff is continually working to keep the school updated in the most effective programs and equipment, and the Annual Fund is an important component to fund these efforts. Aside from the Wilson Reading Program, teachers are also trained in, and use, the Lindamood-Bell system and the RAVE-O system. Both of these are research-based programs that add to the techniques used by the staff to support our children struggling with reading, comprehension and memory skills. Also, many of our children benefit from the acquisition and use of assistive technology at TQS. It is difficult to acquire funds for technology for elementary level students, so it is important that we help provide funding for vital equipment that some of our children depend on to access their daily education.

I ask you to consider what TQS has meant to your child's future. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and will make a real difference.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

Tricie DeAngelis

Dear TQS families and other supporters,

When I asked Tricie if she would be willing to be our parent spokesperson for the Annual Fund, I felt I made a good choice. She is dedicated to her child's happiness, growth and future ability to succeed. She is an avid supporter of our school. She is an active advocate for her son. She is a well-informed parent of a child who learns differently and she is also an advocate for any other parent who reaches out to her with questions or a need for information. To me, she personifies one of the most important reasons for a parent to decide to send their child to TQS – the parents here are dedicated and caring, like no others.

Now, especially in this period of economic uncertainty, it is important that we support programs that reflect our mission. As with most independent schools, tuition alone does not cover all of the expenses of operating the school. Annual Giving, together with other fund raising activities and grants, helps TQS balance the budget and is absolutely vital to the continued financial health of our school. Your financial support is very important in helping provide the quality education, nurturing and social interaction our students experience every day. Annual Giving provides necessary dollars for salaries, financial aid, teaching supplies and maintenance.

TQS's needs are based on thorough strategic thinking and assessment, and must be addressed in order to advance the school's vision, mission and services needed by our students. Our Annual Giving goal this year is \$59,000, with a parallel goal of 100% participation. I am happy to tell you that our Board has taken an unprecedented step and pledged not only 100% participation, but to increase their previous donation levels as well. Please join me today and make whatever donation you can to support TQS.

To quote one (or more) of our students, "I can really be me at this school!"

Thank you for your warm support of TQS!

Ruth Joray
Head of School