



GOLDEN VALLEY
CHARTER SCHOOLS



2016 Annual Report

Executive Director's Message

Golden Valley Charter Schools is now a charter management organization that operates two K-8 schools in Sacramento County. Through this model we will be able to grow and support a larger network of Public Waldorf Charter Schools in Sacramento and adjacent counties. In 2016, the Orchard School's charter was renewed for another five years by the San Juan Unified School District. The River School is graduating its doubled tracked middle school over the next two years as Orchard enrollment grows. 2016 also saw the establishment of a central office off site in Folsom and the expansion of the role of Executive Director to oversee business operations, pedagogy, and administration of the schools

Establishing the new tradition of publishing an annual report marks a new phase in transparency. Parents and community members give generously to provide 4% of the funding for our schools and average daily attendance remains the key ingredient to running our program. Unlike a traditional school district, charters must pay rent and we offer programs above and beyond the California Standards. Golden Valley will spend \$310,000 on special programs after main lesson. We continue to have an outstanding educational support program and assessment strategy that helps us to focus on every child.



Golden Valley stands in two worlds: we have Waldorf trained teachers who inspire the imagination and cultivate the capacities of our students, and we are able to meet the demands of public education in California with Local Accountability Plans, charter renewals, annual district oversight, and memoranda of understanding with outside agencies. We hope that you too are inspired by our work and become a part of the community by giving a gift, attending a festival, or enrolling your child — or all three. Our organization is a 501c3 with a board of parents and teachers from both of the schools while the educational foundation (GVEF) has its own 501c3 to supplement the growth of our programs.

I look forward to serving you for years to come and please enjoy these highlights of our work from 2016.

Sincerely,
Caleb J. Buckley, EdD.
Executive Director

Board of Trustees

Our schools are governed collaboratively by our Board of Trustees, which is made up of parents and teachers. The Board of Trustees gives final approval to all personnel, budget, and policy decisions and ensures that the schools' practices are consistent with our vision and mission of the schools. Regular monthly board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm. The location of the meetings alternate between both schools. All board meetings are governed by the Brown Act and are open to the public. Golden Valley parents are encouraged to attend.



2016-2017 Board Members

John Hanafee, *Chair, Parent*

Allyson Jakubicka, *Vice-Chair, Parent*

Joanne Ahola, *Board Member, Parent*

Jodi Begley, *Board Member, Parent*

G'anna Burke, *Board Member, Parent*

Becky Page, *Board Member, Faculty*

Zachary Phillips, *Board Member, Faculty*

Sarah Sullivan, *Board Member, Faculty*

Ryan Sutton, *Board Member, Faculty*

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Parent Engagement

Community engagement is an important component of our continued success at Golden Valley. Our dynamic parent body provides strength in leadership via the Board of Trustees, the Golden Valley Educational Foundation, Parent Circle, and a variety of committees. The time families spend in the classroom, on field trips, with festivals, aiding with a project or extracurricular activity enriches the children's experience and helps teachers and staff. Golden Valley recognizes the value in their contribution and offers a further understanding of the education and our school with: workshops, lectures, community town hall meetings, and Parent Circle activities. By providing Golden Valley families with opportunities for learning and enrichment, we strive to build a strong community of parents, teachers, and staff. We hope that through deeper insight and knowledge of the vital task of parenting and in creating a shared vision and understanding of our goals, we may support the children together.



In 2015, Golden Valley Charter School became a Charter Management Organization (CMO) overseeing two schools: Golden Valley Orchard School and Golden Valley River School. Our central office provides the full range of business and educational support services. This structure will support the growth of additional schools in the greater Sacramento area.

Our Mission We prepare our students to consciously engage with our evolving world by inspiring a lifelong passion for learning.

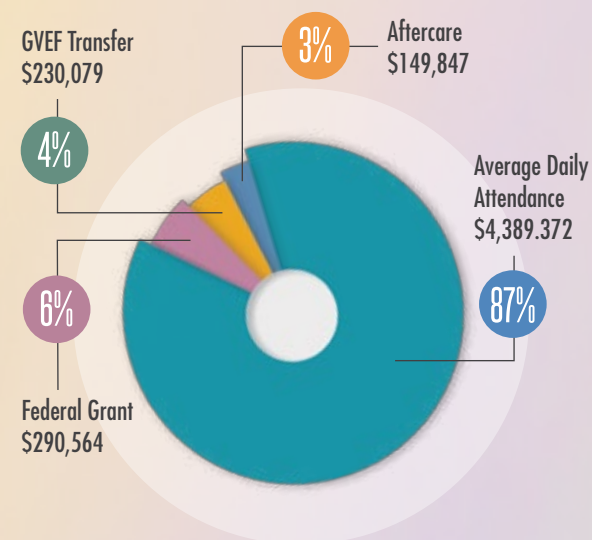
Our Vision We are a leading network of Waldorf inspired public charter schools.

GVCS Finances 2015-2016

Revenue

Average Daily Attendance	\$4,389,372
Federal Grant	\$290,564
GVEF Transfer	\$230,079
Aftercare	\$149,847

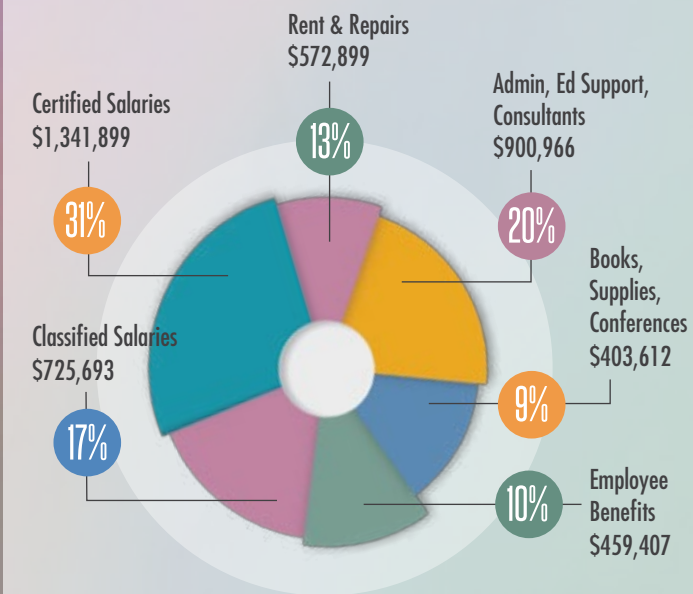
TOTAL \$5,059,862



Expenses

Certificated Salaries	\$1,341,899
Classified Salaries	\$725,693
Employee Benefits	\$459,407
Books, Supplies, Conferences	\$403,612
Admin, Ed Support, Consultants	\$900,966
Rent & Repairs	\$572,899

TOTAL \$4,404,476



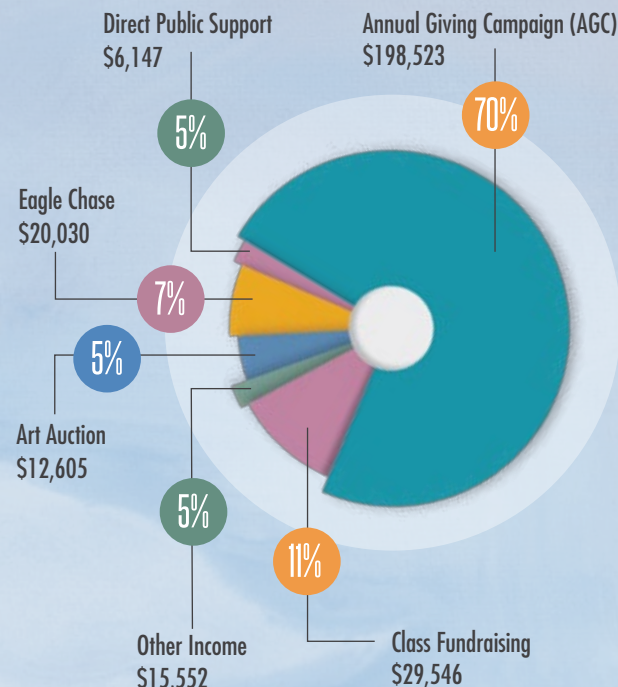
Golden Valley Educational Foundation

The Golden Valley Educational Foundation (GVEF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit created to raise money for Golden Valley Charter Schools. Our mission is to nourish and strengthen the curriculum inspired by Waldorf education in Golden Valley Charter Schools by raising funds that directly supplement the GVCS budget. GVEF grants money collected directly to GVCS and the Board of Trustees determines how the money is allocated.

GVEF's fundraising supports specialty programs, operating costs, and professional development. It also provides valuable quality items for our classrooms such as instruments, main lesson books, and practical art supplies. To find out more about getting involved or making a gift, please contact gvef@gvcharter.org

Board Members

Chris Aguirre, <i>President</i>	Lisa Menconi, <i>Director of AGC</i>	Lacey Coleman, <i>Board Member</i>
Monica Eisel, <i>Vice-President</i>	Michelle Guinan, <i>Secretary</i>	Tracey Ikemire, <i>Board Member</i>
Lee Scott, <i>Treasurer</i>	Annie Bosque, <i>Faculty Liaison</i>	Sarah Sullivan, <i>Faculty Liaison</i>
	Michelle Campbell, <i>Board Member</i>	



GVEF Gross Funds Raised: \$282,403

Thank You

At the end of the 2015-2016 school year, Golden Valley Charter Schools extended our best wishes to Debi Lenny, Andy Silvert, and Lee Pope.

Debi Lenny

is the Founding Principal of Golden Valley and over the past 16 years has led Golden Valley from our grassroots beginnings to standing out as a leader in the movement to bring Waldorf Education to the public sector.



Andy Silvert

was our Chief Operating Officer and has been with Golden Valley Charter Schools since 2007. He has been instrumental in building our vision and guiding our growth from a single school to a two schools model under a charter management organization. Andy leaves us in excellent financial health and with a strong central office staff.



Lee Pope

has served as the Golden Valley Curriculum Specialist since 2007. Her commitment and insightful presence have inspired our community and left a deep imprint on us. Lee's mentorship and wisdom will be greatly missed by teachers and students alike.





Important Dates

Feb 1: Parent Enrichment

Feb 8: Town Hall Meeting

Feb 20-24: Winter Break

April 10-17: Spring Break

May 6: May Day Festival

May 8: In-service, No school

May 29: Memorial Day, No School

June 9: Last Day of School

Aug 17: First Day of School

Oct 14: Harvest Festival



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