

“If salvation and help are to come, it is from the child, for the child is the constructor of man and so of society. The child is endowed with an inner power which can guide us to a more enlightened future.”

– Maria Montessori

Each year our students have the opportunity to raise pledges for our two [Service Learning Projects](#):

1) [The Children of Ethiopia Education Fund \(COEEF\)](#)

Specifically, the COEEF program will give vital financial support so that the six girls our MCS students sponsor can attend school in Ethiopia. The Children of Ethiopia Education Fund exists to empower young girls from Ethiopia who are living in impoverished circumstances to have a quality, private education through generous sponsors and donors. Without this assistance many of these girls would not have the opportunity to attend any school. We feel that supporting girls in this way will have such a far reaching effect: “To educate a girl is to educate a village (nation).”

2) [Adopt-a-Native Elder Program](#)

For more than 20 years our school has been involved in the Adopt a Native Elder program. The Adopt-A-Native-Elder Program exists to create a Bridge of Hope between Native Americans and other cultures. It allows us to reach out to one another, share our gifts, and mend the broken circle of our relationship with the Land and the Native Americans who hold it in sacred trust.

We originally adopted three grandmothers - Grandmother Roseline Jackson who died two years ago. Grandmother Emma Bahe who died this year and Grandmother Elivira Horseherder to whom we are still committed. Recently we chose to adopt another grandmother whose name is Grandmother Anita Jackson, a relative of Grandmother Roseline. We are delighted to have this opportunity to become part of the life of Grandmother Anita. We anticipate having regular communication with her as we do with Grandmother Elvira.

**The money raised by our students** will be used to provide our adopted Navajo grandmothers with much-needed items, such as food, firewood, clothing, and gardening tools as well as yarn to weave the beautiful rugs they sell to earn a living and also to our support our girls in Ethiopia.

**Service Learning** is an important component of our Montessori program, and teaches students about the joy and value of contributing to their community, society, and world. We encourage you to **join with us** in supporting your child in service learning. You can do this by:

- **Helping your child to set a goal** to raise a certain amount.

- **Helping your child tell family and friends about the Fun Run.** You would be surprised how many friends, neighbors and grandparents are eager to support such a worthwhile event.
- **Helping your child actively participate.** (For example, earning money by doing extra chores at home. Then, in turn making a payment on Youcaring.com and seeing how your donation helps us meet our goals.)
- **Attending the event** (see the upcoming schedule for when your child's class will be running) and join with them as they run or cheer them on from the sidelines.
- **Volunteering to help at the event.** Please email [psa@mcssl.com](mailto:psa@mcssl.com) for details.

**Please make your pledge via Youcaring.com and share with family and friends.**

**Our goal this year is to raise at least \$7,000 total,  
with 80% family participation.**

We look forward to this exciting Service Learning experience and hope all of our families will participate with enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

MCS Parent School Alliance



Montessori  
Community  
School Est. 1985  
Salt Lake City, Utah

# Montessori Community School 11th Annual FUN RUN



Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

*I will be participating in our Fun Run to raise money for my school Service Projects:  
Children of Ethiopia Education Fund (COEEF), and Navajo Adopt an Elder Program.*

*100% of proceeds will be divided between these two valuable & locally run programs. There are no associated administrative costs.*

*Please sponsor me for a dollar amount per lap, or donate a flat amount & I will run, run, run!*

**Please make checks payable to Montessori Education Foundation.** Receipts for tax purposes will be available at the MCS front desk. Tax ID#74-2523832. Thank you for your support!

MCS Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name	Phone #	Address	Pledge Amt \$ per lap (e.g., \$.50, 1.00)	Flat Donation (e.g., \$20, \$30)	Total Laps	Pledge Total

Total Pledges Raised \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*All donations must be collected and turned in to the MCS office by Friday, September 29th.**

