

# Annual Fund FAQ's

## What does the Annual Fund cover?

- Professional development for the guides and staff
- A portion of tuition assistance
- Special projects. This varies year to year based on the needs or interests of the students and staff (ie: the pottery studio, the honey house, the musical instruments on the EC playground, etc.)

## What portion of the budget does the Annual Fund cover?

The Annual Fund covers 2% of the operating budget, while the other 98% is covered by tuition.

## Who donates to the Annual Fund?

Parents, staff, guides, grandparents, extended family, alumni, business associates, and anyone else who is interested donate to the Annual Fund.

## Is donating to the Annual Fund tax-deductible?

Yes! Abintra is a 501-C organization. You will receive a letter from Abintra with the amount you donated for your tax records.

## Why not increase the tuition so 100% of the operating budget is covered by tuition alone?

Participation and engagement of parents is vital to the success of Abintra. Having an Annual Fund allows the community to do just that while also keeping with the culture of giving and modeling such behavior. Donating to the annual fund also makes a part of what would be the tuition tax-deductible.

## How much should I give annually?

This is completely up to you. While we do need to raise a portion of the budget, giving to the annual fund is also about participation. Whether you can donate \$20 or \$1,000, participation is most important. We advise you to give what feels appropriate to you and works within your budget. Whatever you choose, your donation can be in the form of a one-time payment, or it can be spread out quarterly or monthly if that is best for you.

## What happens if we don't reach the goal for the Annual Fund?

All necessary budget items are funded by tuition. The items that could potentially be affected are the available funds for tuition assistance, professional development funds for guides and staff, and special projects that are considered discretionary and not built into the budget.

## How do I donate?

- 1) Hit the [Donate](#) button at the top of the Abintra website.
- 2) When filling out your forms at the beginning of the year, make a pledge and notate how you want your payments broken down. Your donation will then be invoiced to you in that manner.
- 3) Email Molly at [molly.henry@abintra.org](mailto:molly.henry@abintra.org) at any time and make a one-time pledge or a recurring pledge.
- 4) Write a check and mail it in (914 Davidson Dr., Nashville, TN 37205) or drop it by the office.