Dear Friends,

What an amazing year we had! Your support made it possible for Living Classroom’s small, but mighty, staff to teach 1600 lessons to 12,100 students in 29 schools last year! Our new schools in Campbell Union surpassed their goal of 300 lessons - we delivered more than 330 lessons at six schools in our first year. Living Classroom also added a pilot program with great success at St. Simon School in Los Altos, that will continue into 2019-20. With your support, we not only achieved the ambitious goals we set for Living Classroom in 2018-19, we exceeded them—thanks to you.

We are humbled and appreciative of the generous support from many funders, especially El Camino Healthcare District, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority for generous funding to launch the Campbell Union School District Program in 2018-19, Mountain View Educational Foundation for ongoing support, and to our Spring Event sponsor, Google. A very special thanks to Whole Foods for exceeding our most optimistic expectations through their Nickels for NonProfits campaign last spring!

In 2019-2020: we will welcome new Vargas School in Mountain View Whisman, a new after school program, starting in October, with Santa Clara City Parks and Recreation and a robust Kindergarten - 8th grade program at St. Simon. We are also excited to see our returning students in Palo Alto Unified, Mountain View Whisman, and Campbell Union school districts.

Living Classroom would not be the wonderful organization it is without the support of our loyal and generous donors and hard working and creative staff and volunteers. Our appreciation is immeasurable—thank you!

Gloria Higgens, Principal, Monta Loma School

"Connecting our students to healthy and delicious foods through growing and harvesting fruits and vegetables at their school campus gardens leads to healthy eating. We hope they will carry this forward into their adult years. Healthy students mean better learners too! Living Classroom’s garden-based lessons make that connection and provide a multi-year continuum that reinforces healthy eating experiences year after year."

Margot Harrigan   Vicki Moore
Executive Director   Board Chair and Founder
**You Helped Us Make a Difference**

- Successful launch of Living Classroom’s Campbell Union School District program (6 schools; TK/K–3rd grades)
- A segment of NBC Bay Area’s program *Open Road* highlighted Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority’s Measure Q grantees, with Living Classroom’s Campbell Union School District program as one of only four featured
- Living Classroom’s pilot program at St. Simon School in Los Altos
- Living Classroom’s *Food to Lunch* program provided more than 2,200 delicious “tastings” to MVWSD students

**Highlights**

**PAUSD**
- 166 lessons in 4 schools; Kindergarten–5th grades
- New school this year: Hoover Elementary
- Ecology Programs provided through a watershed awareness grant program of the Santa Clara Valley Water District

**MVWSD**
- 646 lessons in 10 schools; Transitional Kindergarten–6th grades
- Ancient Civilization lessons piloted in middle school 6th grades
- New gardens installed at Castro, Mistral, Bubb (native garden) and Stevenson schools. Rebuilt gardens at Bubb and Huff schools

**CUSD**
- 338 lessons in 6 schools; Transitional Kindergarten–3rd grades
- Over 2,000 students, many for the first time, planted a plant in their school garden.
- Special Day Classes at Lynhaven School joined their corresponding grade classrooms as part of Living Classroom’s Inclusion Program
- New gardens installed at Capri, Rosemary, Lynhaven and Sherman Oaks schools

**St. Simon School**
- Piloted 12 lessons in 6 grades in Spring 2019
- 10 beds installed for student use by school and parish community

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*A Totals schools served and lessons taught include Los Altos elementary schools grades K–6th*
"I conferenced with a parent yesterday who shared that now his son is branching out to try new things after enjoying and eating vegetable soup we made from our garden! I knew you would want to hear the good news!

Thank you for all you do!"

Judy McGettigan
First Grade Teacher
Castlemont Elementary School
“As educators, we understand that children learn best by doing and that learning that takes place outdoors has significant benefits to childrens’ mental and physical well-being in addition to enthusiasm toward learning. Living Classroom provides this to our students and in doing so, helps our District serve the whole child and instill healthier habits and environmental awareness.”

Ellen Wheeler
Trustee,
MVWSD Board of Trustees