

Montessori Seeds of Education *Deepens Its Roots in Moorestown*



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Supporters of Montessori Seeds of Education (MSOE), a nonprofit established by Matthew Simberg in 2014, celebrated the first Seeds of Spring Gala at the school's new Moorestown location, on the site of the former estate of Dr. S. Emlen Stokes and his wife Lydia, on Chester Avenue. It was the perfect setting for the event which featured live music and a DJ, a silent auction, food from noted local area chefs and cocktails with local spirits, craft beers and wines.

MSOE opened its doors in spare classrooms of a church in 2014 with 16 children, one staff member and a parent volunteer. Four years later, the school has over 50 students enrolled and the rare distinction of being recognized by the Association Montessori International (AMI) for meeting the highest standards of excellence and criteria for a Montessori school.

Simberg, an experienced and certified AMI Elementary Guide with a Master's Degree in Education and a concentration in Montessori, started the school with a vision for an inclusive, affordable, comprehensive educational program that would foster the needs of the whole person, serving toddlers through high school students with a strong Montessori classroom experience, while extending learning beyond the school day with initiatives like book clubs, Model United Nations conferences, STEM scouts, drama, yoga, nutrition and a working farm. He has been working tirelessly toward that dream ever since, with the support of an incredible team of administrators, faculty and school community.

"We are excited about the move to our permanent home in Moorestown. We look forward to continuing to grow and the opportunity to collaborate with the Moorestown community and beyond, partnering with local organizations and neighborhood community members is imperative, to create a symbiotic relationship, enhance the experiences of our students and families. Our mission is to create a mindful, collaborative and authentic Montessori experience for families," said Simberg.

For more information about MSOE visit www.montessoriseeds.org or call 609-832-2546.

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