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### **Tucson Waldorf School Receives \$2,000,000 Donation for New 10 Acre School Site**

**March 2, 2009, Tucson, AZ**--Waldorf education remains a top priority for an anonymous donor group here in Tucson. "Plans for this new school site weave together an ideal environment for delivering a top-notch Waldorf education, with an opportunity to reach beyond the physical boundaries by offering additional programs to the surrounding community," says Margery Bates, Director of the Tucson Waldorf School.

"Green" construction of classrooms and community facilities with a focus on the nature and history of the land are all part of the vision for developing this new school off of River and Sutton Road, recently coined "River Bend." "Being that the new campus will occupy a portion of the Binghampton Rural Historic Landscape District which is heavily rooted in agriculture, we formed a strategic alliance with River Road Gardens, LLC to utilize a portion of the land for a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program," commented Bates. Already, the available CSA shares for the first session have been sold out as excitement for this biodynamic agricultural initiative has taken hold within the community. "Our mission is to provide locally grown organic vegetables to the Tucson community," states Jon McNamara, Founding Partner of River Road Gardens, LLC. "We will reduce the carbon footprint of agriculture by eliminating shipments of produce, while utilizing sustainable farming practices that will enhance the earth."

The CSA initiative is the first of many programs that the Tucson Waldorf School will support as plans for workshops and other community oriented programs unfold. "Of course everything we offer and support will have at its core the characteristics of Waldorf Education," says Bates. "We want to align ourselves with those groups and organizations that share our philosophy of sustainability, social responsibility and reverence for the earth."

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