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Dear friends,

Christopherus is twenty years old this month---happy birthday and hurrah for us!

Thank you so much to all of you, loyal customers and friends who have made this journey possible. May Christopherus continue to be of service in a world which is increasingly hostile to childhood.

A few of you sent congratulations for us to print. Here they are, slightly shortened---and thank you so much to those who made these contributions!



Our home has magic in the air, which I attribute to your curriculum. Starting our day with circle time brings reverence wrapped up in movement fun. I think the reverence is the aspect I appreciate the most. What a blessing to raise children who are aware and grateful for simple beauties, whether we are acting like seedlings sprouting or winter wind blowing, there is awe and wonder and acknowledgment of God. I told a friend about the curriculum and how much I adore it and she thought \$400 was a lot. I almost laughed in her face, because she sends her daughter to a waldorf inspired outdoor school for \$1200 a month!! If I had that much money I would donate it to Donna's work and still continue with this curriculum. I am so proud to be raising God-knowing children, sheltered from the pressures of traditional school, thriving and appreciating their beautiful life and time together as a family. This wouldn't be possible without Christopherus--not even close! You offer magic and I am eternally grateful.

Adi



Happy birthday!

Christopherus is more than a curriculum, it is a way to understand your child's development and a path to nourish your child deeply. Of all the Waldorf curricula out there, Christopherus embodies most fully the spirit and true purpose of Waldorf education. It has enriched our lives greatly. I love how it is both specific but also open, encouraging the parents to do the work to make it their own. It is a very holistic education. Thank you Christopherus!

Janis

Christopherus has been kind of life-changing for me. Due to health problems, I have spent many years at home with my two daughters when they were little. Thank God I found Christopherus during those years - slowly changing our lifestyle and my way of parenting has made it all so much easier and often, yes, deeply fulfilling. Now that they are a bit older, also I guess because of what I have learnt from you, the girls are both going to a Waldorf school here in Italy and they love it. Thanks for bringing Waldorf and Steiner into our lives - in a way that we understand (because Steiner's original works can be quite complex).

All the best from Italy,
Lilian



Congratulations on 20 years, Donna! So very happy for you and Christopherus.

It's hard for me to put into words all the thoughts that come to mind when I think of what Christopherus has done for me and my family. The wise words of Donna as well as the thorough and clear explanations of Steiner has helped shape me. I was a somewhat lost and confused young adult, with many children including one with severe physical disabilities, at the time I found Christopherus. Homeschooling was something that just naturally seemed like the right path for our family but we faced lots of pushback from family and outsiders. Just reading through the website and some of the books, and I mean just skimming the surface in those early times, Donna's expertise just gave me such peace that I could do this! Her stability in her own "I" just beamed right out of that website and into my spirit and I knew this was a place I could grow. And here we are, 10 years later, deep into the grades and even high school, and thriving. I'm still learning all the time, everyday I can! The self study course has been, literally, life changing for me. Just wow, what a resource that I didn't know I needed! And not just that, but the Overview, the Kindergarten book...both absolute staples in my parenting and homeschooling. I consider them heirlooms...something that we refer back to often for ideas and forms and advice that shape how our family runs and how we live with each other, how we remain confident in boldly living our faith, how we trust the processes...

Also, so important to mention, how Donna's voice of reason in this unreasonable world is always a breath of fresh air. Just when you think you're all alone, or that the horror of some of the realities out there might consume your efforts, the newsletter reaches your mailbox or the books on your shelf start calling your name and things are put right again. Donna, you give strength to the weary. You have been unwavering in your commitment to the homeschool community, the Anthroposophical community and to my family, very personally. Anyone considering Waldorf education for their family would be absolutely incomplete in their understanding without the contributions of Christopherus. Thank you, thank you. Much, much love!!

KD, Chicagoland

Next month's topic....oh let's see....something that once upon a time was not controversial in the slightest but now is.....'The Reality of Boyhood and Girlhood.'

How's that, eh?

All contributions to that theme welcome!

Til May,
Blessings on your homeschool journey,
Donna