

## The Cedar Circle

*Supporting and Sustaining The Schoolhouse Way  
established 2025*

### Circle Purpose

Since Schoolhouse's founding in 1989, our staff and program participants have gathered in circles to do cedar smudging. This tradition helps to center us, inspire us, support us, and readies us to connect with the natural world and with those in the circle. It's only fitting that our sustaining volunteer group be called **The Cedar Circle**.

Starting in 2025, **The Cedar Circle** will be a group of Schoolhouse supporters dedicated to sustaining [The Schoolhouse Way](#). These volunteers will work closely with Schoolhouse staff to ensure that our traditions are maintained alongside necessary and sustainable growth. These are our story keepers, fundraisers, donors, special program supporters, and friends.

### Circle Benefits

Cedar Circle members will receive quarterly email updates from Schoolhouse leaders including program highlights, photos, special updates, sneak peeks, and a menu of opportunities to engage in the upcoming quarter.

Engagement opportunities could include tabling at [Festival for the Eno](#), [Earth Day](#), Farmers Markets, and other events in the communities in which we work; recording stories & collecting written or video testimonials from alumni; providing docent or behind-the-scenes support for Schoolhouse programs; hosting a porch party at their home, and more!

Annually, Cedar Circle members will be invited to a catered reception, a small-group hike or other outdoor adventure, and a virtual luncheon with the [CEO, COO, Director of Advancement](#), or [Board Chair](#).

If in any given year Cedar Circle members are not available to share their time, they could enjoy Circle benefits for a yearly gift of \$500-\$1,500. For donors sharing treasures above \$1,500, a cocktail reception with Schoolhouse leaders will also be offered, in February.

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