

Care Relationship between Concord Quarter and Delaware Valley Friends School

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The Care Relationship of Concord Quarter for Delaware Valley Friends School (DVFS) is intended to provide a vibrant, active, and meaningful connection between the Quarter and the School, with a focus on spiritual life and nurture of the Quaker identity of the School. Likewise, the School is an outreach of Friends faith and practice to the greater world with a particular focus on students who learn differently and their families. DVFS's operations are financially non-reliant on the Quarter and its governing Board of Trustees is independent and self-perpetuating.

The Quarter and the School have jointly established a Care Committee that consists of six members, three of which are appointed by the Quarter and three are appointed by the School. The committee meets a minimum of three times per school year, with meetings open to all members of the School and Quarter communities. The School and Committee report annually to the Quarter. A Clerk of the committee is selected by the Quarter in consultation with the senior administration of the School. The focus of the meetings are to plan for events and other means of maintaining an active connection between the Quarter and the School, such as:

- Encouraging members of the Quarter to attend School events such as Founders Day, the annual school play/musical, Arts Night, and occasional School-sponsored speakers.
- Inviting DVFS to one or more hosted Meetings for Worship at a monthly meeting of the Quarter.
- Inviting members of the Quarter to the School's weekly Meeting for Worship.
- Members of the Quarter presenting to DVFS students on issues of concern to Friends.
- Coordinating community service work/projects for the Quarter by students.
- Schedule trips for students to visit and tour historic Meetings of the Quarter.
- The School providing educational presentations to members of the Quarter on learning differences, Quaker education, and related topics.
- Include members of the Quarter to participate in Grandparents and Special Friends Day at the School.
- Share community-wide announcements and newsletters between the Quarter and the School.
- Foster relationships with Quarter members which may lead to Board or Board committee membership.