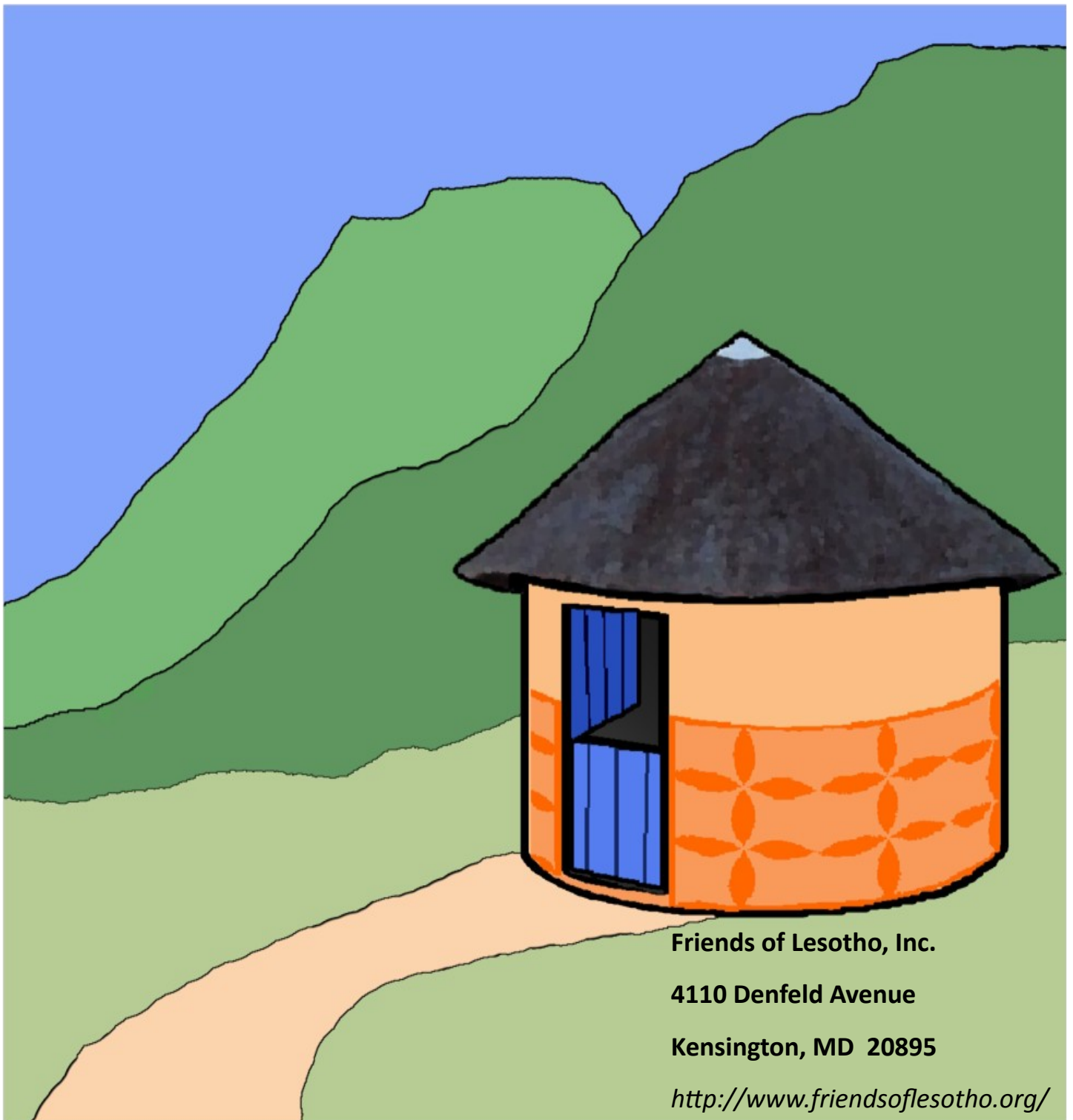


# Friends of Lesotho

## 2012 Annual Report

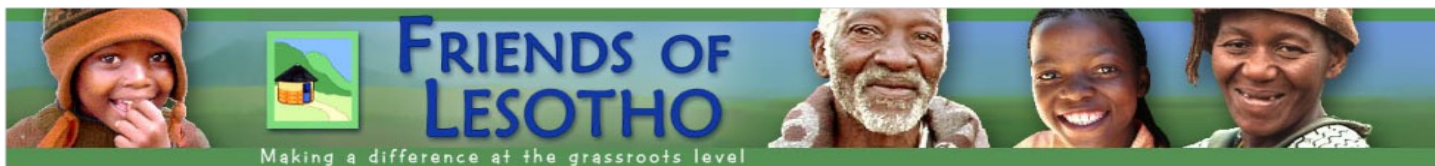


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## **Lumelang Metsoalle ea Lesotho,**

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Lesotho (FOL) is pleased to present this Annual Report for the 2012 program year. This report to the membership includes our organizational mission and values, the members of the board and committee volunteers who served last year, highlights of funded projects, our 2012 financial statement, fundraising information, and recognition of donors and members. We can all take great pride in what we were able to accomplish in 2012 through the generous contributions of time and money from many individuals.

FOL has been a good steward of member donations, has processes in place to ensure adequate oversight of funded projects, and has been responsive to the needs in Lesotho. The Donations Committee continues to review applications for funding, work with the Peace Corps Partnership Program and others who request support for their projects. The Board approved funding in 2012 for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Little Angels Orphanage, publication of a Sesotho Counting Book, Lesotho Childcare Counseling Unit (LCCU), Laptops to Lesotho, Phelisanong Scholarship Fund, Mokhotlong Library Project, Wittenberg University Project, and Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections. We donated \$1,500 in 2012 which went to help support a special needs orphan student who entered medical school as a result of our support. This is a new type of scholarship administered solely by a group in Lesotho.

FOL will continue to work on our organizational growth by concentrating on our capacity building efforts and responsiveness to all our stakeholders. The ballot for new board members demonstrates our ability to continue to recruit new leadership to the board. Members not serving on the board are encouraged to join one of our committees that matches member interests and skills with the needs of the committees.

FOL will under-go several transitions of board and committee leadership roles. We will have a new President and Vice President and several new committee chairs. Many thanks to Julie Galbraith, Janice Stapleton and Dyann Van Dusen who will be leaving the board this year after their terms of service. I will serve as the Board Past President to provide continuity to the new officers and board. As in the last twenty-six years, FOL will depend on the energy, talents, and commitment to continue to serve by RPCVs from Lesotho and “take their turn” in serving the organization and sustaining the organization for the future.

Visit us on Facebook and on our website for news and information.

Please contact us with your comments and suggestions throughout the coming year.

**Kevin Freer, President**  
RPCV-Lesotho 1976-1978





## Mission

The Friends of Lesotho (FOL) is a non-profit organization promoting friendship between the people of Lesotho and the U.S.



## Purpose

The purpose of FOL is to serve as a point of contact and funding source for scholarships and grants to small development projects in Lesotho.

FOL accomplishes its mission and purpose by:

- Ensuring good governance of the organization with fiscal responsibility
- Keeping members and friends up to date on news about Lesotho via a quarterly newsletter, website and other social media resources
- Providing members and friends with information on the needs of the people of Lesotho and opportunities for support
- Conducting annual appeals for donations along with a variety of fundraising activities
- Providing direct assistance to worthy projects (i.e. orphan care, HIV/AIDS education, life skills training and education, business development, school repair and construction, scholarships and other needs as identified)
- Providing oversight and accountability of funds sent to Lesotho
- Reporting to members and friends on the performance of the organization and accomplishments through an Annual Report.

## Values

FOL values the friendship between the people of Lesotho and the U.S. FOL is comprised of both former Peace Corps Volunteers and others who have an interest in Lesotho. FOL partners with the U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers serving in Lesotho as well as other individuals and NGOs who seek our assistance and wish to cooperate on joint ventures.

FOL strives to “make a difference at the grassroots level”, funding projects considered too small by major donor organizations. Project funding decisions are reviewed by the Board of Directors, following recommendations from the Donations Committee to ensure projects are worthy of funding and are adequately monitored.

FOL is affiliated with the National Peace Corps Association and has agreements to work through the U.S. Peace Corps Partnership Program in Lesotho. FOL also enters into Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with individuals and groups sponsoring education and development projects in Lesotho.

**Friends of Lesotho Inc. is a registered 501 (c )(3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. A copy of the current financial statement of Friends of Lesotho is available by writing to FOL at 4110 Denfeld Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895 USA, or by emailing [treas@friendsoflesotho.org](mailto:treas@friendsoflesotho.org) . Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitations Act are also available for the cost of postage and copies from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401 USA (410-974-5534)**



## 2012 Board of Directors

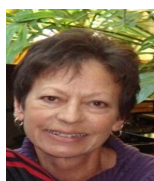


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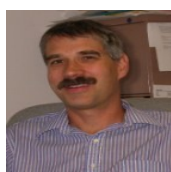
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**Picture yourself here  
next year!**



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## 2012 Committee and Task Force Members

Committee & Task Forces	Chairs	Members
<b>Membership</b>	Dyann Van Dusen	Victor Cuevas, Bill Dunn, Charles Fogelman, Adam Rosenberg, Marty Smith, Janice Stapleton
<b>Donations</b>	Dyann Van Dusen, Richard Rowan	Ronna Abbott, Lynn Mindermann, Dick Nystrom, Scott Rosenberg, David Ruch, Janice Stapleton
<b>Fundraising</b>	Peter Neumann	Victor Cuevas, Julie Galbraith, Jan Kalnbach, Bill Moore
<b>Newsletter</b>	Faye Farmer	Nicole Harbor, Allison Pranger, Janissa Balcomb, Deena Rowe-Krumkick, Dyann Van Dusen
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<b>Database</b>		Bill Dunn
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<b>Memorial Scholarships</b>	Bill Reed	



## A Very Big Year for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Established in 1999, Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is the oldest FOL initiative. TAP provides partial scholarships for pre-school, secondary and vocational education students.

FOL's Tuition Assistance Program awarded the highest number of partial scholarships in 2012 since its inception in 1999. A total of 260 partial scholarships were awarded to 110 boys and 150 girls, as compared to 161 in 2011.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our members and donors FOL was able to send \$18,235 to support these needy students. Thanks also to the 28 PCVs who made the time to get to know the students in greatest need and most likely to succeed academically.



Kevin Koryto, PCV Lesotho

Qholaqhoe High School TAP Recipients

## 2012 TAP Recipients

PCV Names	School Name
Caitlin Fisher	Rehauhetsoe High School
Delia Helie	Nohana High School
Hannah Campbell	Mahloenyeng High School
Jess Wilhelm	Sekameng High School
Nicholas Mast	Sekonyela High School
Nancy De Lucia	Renekeng High School
Tara Hughes	Thaba-Tseka
Amanda Lawrence	Bokong Secondary School
Andrea Holmen	Linkong High School
Anne Brewer	Botha-Bothe High School
Aparna Jayaraman	Qhalasi High School
Ashley Wilson	Masenate High School
Barbara Meyer	Dahon High School
Caitlin Vincent	Mabuleng Secondary School
Heather Mengan	Lerotholo Secondary School
Janelle Leza	Tsoelike Secondary School
Jasemine Smith	St. Dennis High School
Jennifer Cain	Ha-Makoae
Jessalynne Howard	Qoqolosing High School
Katie Buechel	Malefiloane High School
Kevin Koryto	Qholaqhoe High School
Lauren Parks	Lepekola High School
Margaret Day	St. Dennis High School
Peggy Kang	Rankakala ECCD
Teresa Severson	Tsikoane ECCD
Terence Ellard	Malithuso High School
Tishina Okegbe	Moyeni High School
Sadie Nelson	Tiping Secondary School



## National Health Training College

### Ronna Abbot

FRIENDS OF LESOTHO launched an aid project for nursing students in Lesotho in 2010. Ronna Abbot, an RPCV and past board member of FOL, was visiting Lesotho and happened to be in the Peace Corps office when Craig Anderson, from the American Embassy, was there. He requested FOL's assistance in helping to make sure that there were enough nurses in Lesotho. With the current HIV/AIDS pandemic, Lesotho is currently importing nurses.



The United States Government, working through the Millennium Challenge Corporation has a large amount of money to assist Lesotho in its fight against HIV/AIDS. Some of that money is for new clinics. MCC plans include the renovation of 138 clinics and 14 District Out Patient sites. If there are not enough nurses to staff the clinics, the project will be cancelled.

Ronna met with Dr. Shahida Tarr, Director of the National Health Training College, and Mrs. Veronica Lehana, Director of Academics, who both suggested that FOL support needy off-campus students. Manpower currently gives tertiary students enough money to cover their expenses if they are living in a dormitory. At that time, NHTC could accommodate only 156 students in its dorms. It was a very difficult hardship, both financially and physically for those students who lived off-campus and often traveled great distances to attend college.

Mrs. Lehana, with then Peace Corps Volunteer at NHTC, Janice Stapleton, and several other members of the nursing school staff developed a questionnaire to determine the most needy and academically promising students, who would qualify for FOL's help.

In an effort to provide some assistance in combating the horrible HIV/AIDS pandemic in Lesotho, Friends of Lesotho has been providing scholarships to needy nursing students at NHTC since 2010. In 2012, \$6,000 was given to twenty-eight non-boarder, most needy and academically qualified nursing students. FOL's goal has been to support as many as possible needy students so that they could continue their education and eventually provide the necessary nursing manpower needed in Lesotho.

Part of Millennium Challenge Corporation's commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Lesotho was the building of much needed student dormitories on the NHTC campus. Ms Dana Binnendijk, Program Officer for Lesotho in MCC's Department of Compact Operations has informed FOL that the dorms will be completed in the first quarter of 2013. The new dormitories will be handed over to the Government of Lesotho in the same quarter. The buildings will then be ready to be occupied by students.



## Qholaqhoe Mountains Connections

Lynn Minderman

When I am asked what made the greatest impression on me while serving as a Peace Corp Volunteer in Lesotho, my response is always the constant exposure to the realities of hunger. Whether it was the children who would gather around my hut when I was cooking, or the young high school student who took handfuls of dried corn from his pocket and when asked if he was hungry, said, "Yes Me Lynn, but I eat the corn, drink some water, and the hunger goes away." Or it was watching a group of orphans share a plate of papa, never once complaining or taking more than they should, or watching an eight year old feed a smaller child sitting next to him. My experience there has taught me that there is an ongoing daily struggle to find sufficient nutritious food sources, especially for the orphans and the grandmothers who care for them.

Qholaqhoe Mountains Connections is a response to my experiences there. A 501c3 organization founded in 2009 by myself and two family members, it is, quite simply, an effort to improve the lives of children orphaned by the ravages of AIDS and to help lift young people out of abject poverty through educational opportunities.

Our mission is to benefit the people of Qholaqhoe, Buta-Buthe by providing financial grants to fund education, cultivate sustainable farming practices, and to alleviate hunger.



We have two major projects, the Likoting Village Orphans and the Qholaqhoe High School Scholarship Program.

Likoting Village, remote and high in the mountains, has had a vegetable garden for orphans for over 10 years. The villagers tend this garden so that the orphans can survive within their community rather than being sent away to far off orphanages. The children are actively involved in the care, maintenance and harvesting of the crops that stave off the hunger they face on a daily basis. The number of orphans has grown from 18 six years ago to over 120 today. Two grandmothers, Me. Mampho Mokuinihi and Me Mamotloang Mokuinihi, manage the garden with help from the local chief and men and women in neighboring villages. Maintenance and produce is shared by those involved in the garden work.



To date QMC has provided funds for the following sustainable projects:

A gravity fed water storage tank that has allowed the garden to flourish in dry seasons.

One hundred laying hens, as well as feed, medicine and cages.

A Jersey dairy cow that has now given birth to a heifer.

A small cement barn for the chickens and a kraal for the cow.





## Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections continued

### Lynn Minderman

Qholaqhoe High School, a small, rural school with 420 students is at the base of Qholaqhoe Mountain. It now has 43 students who receive a QMC scholarship, each with an individual sponsor in the United States. Ntate Lebohong Khakhane, Deputy Principal of QHS, oversees the program and makes sure the students write to their sponsor four times a year, including sending their grades and exam scores. They and their parent/guardian sign a pledge stating that they will attend school regularly and will do their best work. The school also makes sure that the students get the help they need to stay on scholarship. Sponsors pay \$250 a year which covers tuition and exam fees.

The most important and successful aspect of the program is the relationship that is formed between the sponsor and student. One sponsor said, "Through pictures and letters we have watched Keketso grow. He has become part of our family and we want him to succeed." Now, many letters later, Rebecca will be supported through college by her sponsor. I return to Qholaqhoe yearly, at my own expense, to meet with the students and parents, visit the homes of students, and meet with teachers. Sponsors are provided with pictures of their student as well as their families, home, and village.

Student performance, based on government exams, has improved and the Board of Education for QHS feels that the scholarship program has encouraged children to stay in school and work harder.

QMC is currently researching and raising funds for two new projects: a cooking and gathering building in the orphan garden and a drinking water supply for the high school. Our proposed reliable water system will allow the students to receive a meal at school and have a consistent source of clean drinking water as well as allow neighboring villagers to have access to water when school is not in session.



Qholaqhoe Chief, Thabo Matela, and the Principal of Qholaqhoe High School, Me Mamare Mosaase, have secured engineering expertise and quotes from the Lesotho Department of Rural Water Supply, but local funds for implementation are not available.

All of our work with QMC is geared to sustainable self-sufficiency and these villagers and the chief have been very responsible in handling every financial gift they have received. QMC could not be more proud or more trustful of these beautiful people and looks forward to continuing our relationship with them.

**More information and pictures are available at [www.qmconnect.org](http://www.qmconnect.org)**



## Laptops to Lesotho

**Janissa Balcomb**

FOL has continued its support of the Laptops to Lesotho Project: This project distributes laptops to primary school children in rural Lesotho, along with solar power to run them, and provides training for children and their teachers, in an effort to improve the overall quality of education in isolated communities.

FOL funds have been used to help build the infrastructure required for this project, including solar panels and other hardware. The project uses OLPC XO laptops. These laptops are inexpensive notebook computers designed specifically for use by children in developing countries.

The Laptops to Lesotho project was founded by RPCV and FOL member Janissa Balcomb. Janissa recently traveled to Lesotho for 7 weeks, along with 8 other volunteers. They completed a deployment of 50 laptops and solar power at a second school in the Ketane region. A big new development this year was the installation of network servers and routers at both schools. These servers have a special learning system and educational content that teachers now use to compliment the official Lesotho curriculum. It allows faster students to work at their own pace and frees up the teacher to work with students who need more help. The server also provides other resources students can explore on their own.

Visit the Laptops to Lesotho website for more information and learn how you can support this program.



Photo gallery at <http://www.laptopstolesotho.org/>



## A Sesotho Counting Book by and for Basotho Children

**Jane Hale and David Ruch**

FOL has partnered with Family Literacy Lesotho to produce a Sesotho counting book written by and for Basotho Children. Family Literacy Lesotho was founded by Professor Jane Hale of Brandeis University. FOL member David Ruch is also involved with this project. The funds provided by FOL are being used on book production costs at the Morija Press. FOL funds ensure that some of the books will be distributed to Basotho families at no cost.



## Wittenberg University Projects

### Scott Rosenberg

From December 14<sup>th</sup> thru January 5<sup>th</sup>, 31 students from Wittenberg University went to Lesotho to participate in a number of service projects. Working alongside Basotho counterparts, we spent a week near Matsieng to work with Habitat for Humanity to help build two houses for orphan headed households. One of the families consisted of an 11 and 13 year old girls and the other was an 8 and a 3 year old. While we were there, a teenager orphan was found who could act as caretaker for the younger two orphans (a trust was also set up with the chief to help purchase food and clothing). The houses were nearly complete by the time we left and the families have already moved in. At a nearby school where RPCV Hannah Campbell had been located we built a playground and planted 50 fruit trees.

We traveled to another PCV's site, doing projects at Heather Mangan's school, that included building bookshelves, painting the library and 3 classrooms, painting two large maps and planting 20 fruit trees. We spent a few days in Ramabanta where we renovated an abandoned home and turned it into a preschool (we painted the walls inside and out, concreted the floor, put in windows and a door, built a verandah, and repaired the roof), as well as building a piggery nearby to help support local orphans. We also worked with PHCL in Ha Abia, a group which helps care for over 100 orphans by building them a greenhouse and chicken-coop. We built a playground and planted 50 fruit trees at a girl's orphanage in Mazenod.

Lastly, we organized a carnival at the Baylor Pediatric AIDS Clinic in Maseru and did some small projects with KICK4LIFE. We raised the funds for all of these projects, and wanted to thank FOL for their support. We hope to return in 2014 with another group.





## Manyeloi A Manyane...

...aka Little Angels Orphan Day Care Center/Pre-School

## Rose Paradise



Manyeloi A Manyane is the registered name of the CBO established by former PCV (03-05) Rose Paradise along with help from a local minister, Ntate Ntsasa. He and his family agreed to donate the building with the understanding that it would be used for the benefit of orphan and other vulnerable children in the Thaba Bosiu community. Manyeloi A Manyane is registered with the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Education of Lesotho.

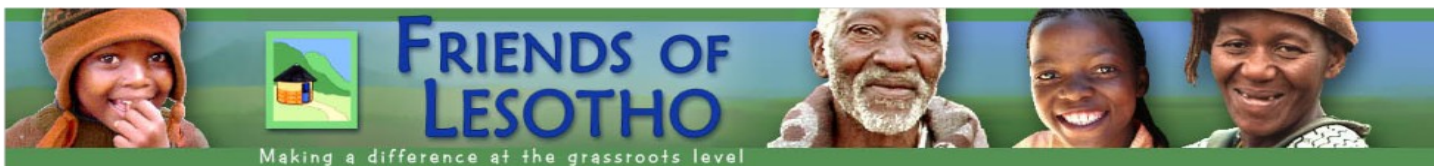
Like many small, grassroots projects, Little Angels originally relied on the generosity of family and personal friends, including Paul and Cindy Trollinger of Colorado who paid for furniture, equipment and portions of the building renovation. US based Firelight Foundation also provided funds for renovation and supplies as well as the first two years of operation in 2008 and 2009. The US Embassy in Lesotho and the Netherlands Embassy provided funds for a bore hole, water pump and solar panels for pumping the water. Operating costs in 2010 were provided once again by personal friends as well as the Queenstreet Baptist Church in Hampton, VA.

Thanks to the generous donations of our members and donors, in collaboration with BLOOM Africa, Wittenberg University, and the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Ohio, FOL was able to help fund operating costs (which average about \$700/month) starting in 2011 and continuing in 2012. The center employs 2 teachers and one cook and gets much needed help from volunteer grannies and aunts in the village.

Since the center opened in 2008, 92 children have “graduated” from the pre-school and countless orphan children have been provided with 2 daily meals and medical care, when needed. Approximately 45 children have received these services on a daily basis. In a recent communication from Rose, we learned that 19 new children have been added already this year.

The reason we have provided so much detail about this one project is to give you a more in-depth idea of just how difficult it is for orphan support projects to get off the ground and then survive from year to year. While local sustainability is the ultimate goal, this is not always possible. On behalf of Little Angels, FOL thanks you for your past donations dedicated to orphan projects.





## Mokhotlong Library Project

### Clare Mortimore

FOL provided funds for the Mokhotlong Community Library at St. Michael's Primary. Clare Mortimore, a volunteer with the Louis Gregory Foundation, organized this project with extensive involvement from the local community.

The funds provided by FOL were used to buy building materials, and labor was provided by the community. The project used an existing building but financial assistance we needed to repair and finish the ceiling, walls and windows. FOL funds were also used to pay a local builder to build shelves for the library. The library is now being run by teachers from St. Michaels Primary.

More pictures available at <http://bit.ly/TWEshZ>.

## How to Apply for Funding From FOL

The Donations Committee reviews all applications for funding to the organization. The Committee meets the third Sunday of every even numbered month (February, April, June, etc.) and makes recommendations at the following month's meeting of the FOL Board for action. If you are interested in obtaining funding for your project please review the **guidelines**, complete the funding **application** and return it to the **Donations Committee**. Go to our website under Project Funding and Support for more information.



**OPENING BALANCE OF FUNDS ON HAND –  
01/01/2012**

**\$61,588.66**



**REVENUE**

Annual Dues Donations	\$2,140.02
Extra Contributions (Projects, Future Dues, fundraiser exp.)	\$31,030.47
NPCA Dues to be Rebated	\$560.00
Interest (ING Account)	\$194.36
In-kind Donated Operating Expenses	\$269.69
Sales of Café Press, CDs and T-shirts	\$962.97

**SUBTOTAL REVENUE: \$35,157.51**

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

**(Including In-kind Donations):**

Duplicating	\$752.93
Postage	\$742.32
Computer/Internet	\$22.00
NPCA Rebates (Pass thru)	\$560.00
NPCA Annual Dues	\$100.00
Misc. Supplies/Fees	\$163.51
Fundraising Fees/ Initiative (incl. Café Press, Amazon)	\$351.45
Membership Fees/Initiative 2008+	\$25.00
Other	\$0.00
Telephone	\$0.00
Annual Mtg / Mokete Expenses	\$0.00
Life Membership Fund (Endowment - TBD)	\$69.68

**SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$2,786.89**

**PROJECT EXPENDITURES:**

Lesotho Project Fund	\$9,075.34
Scholarship Fund	\$20,305.31
Village Hope Project (PCV) - to Little Angels	\$0.00
Little Angels	\$8,157.73
Sesotho Counting Book	\$29.00
LCCU - to other projects	\$0.00
Laptops to Lesotho	\$476.82
Wittenberg Projects (S.Rosenberg)	\$3,265.00
Qholaqhole Mountain Connections (QMC Mindermann)	\$2,828.25

**SUBTOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES \$44,137.45**

**ENDING 2012 BALANCE**

**\$49,821.83**



## 2012 Contributors

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Ta'pei American School

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Janissa Balcomb	Scott Brumburgh &	Leslie Connors
Ruth & Bob Balcomb	Carolyn Long	Susan Conrad
Bob Barnes	Elizabeth Brus	Christopher Conz
Miguel Barrera	John Bryant	Joel Cook
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Joseph Becker	Craig Buscher	George & Julie Cromer
John Becnel	Ella Jean Buss	Victor Cuevas
Michael Beilstein	Dale Butler	Wade Dallagrana
Steve Belasco	Lindsey Campbell	Larry Delrae
Beth Bellinder	Sharon Canadine	Gina Difino
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Mary Levander	Kenneth Montague	Melvis Pender
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Sarah Locke	Amy Mortimer	Kristen Perry
William Lockhart	Kristine Movalli	Cindy Petrie
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Leigh Marrero	Martin Nichols	Sara Riley
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Courtney Mc Grew	Rebecca Nolan	Shirley Roper &
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Keo Rubbright Lukefahr	Pamela Stutzman	Kim Ward
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Joshua Russell	Meg Sullivan	Adam Weimer
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Beth Snyder	Todd Vetter	
David Song	Gerard Vigneault	





## 2012 Lifetime Members

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lorrie Beck              | Gary Klein              | Timothy Spanier           |
| David Bertocci           | Becki Krieg             | Don Spicer &              |
| Barbara Blum             | Ella Kwisnek            | Nthakoana Peko            |
| Bill Boeddiker           | Douglas Mayo            | Stephanie & Adam Springer |
| Susan Bruckner           | Michael Meador          | Leah Tillett              |
| Stephen Brushett &       | Mark Mellbye            | Dennis Tracey             |
| Refiloe Bam              | William Moore &         | Nancy Zook                |
| Lonny M. Buss            | Mary Wagner             |                           |
| Anne Button              | Scott Moreland          |                           |
| Tom Carroll              | Bruce Morrison &        |                           |
| John Clausen             | Joyce Richardson        |                           |
| Marissa De Franca        | Duane Morse             |                           |
| Jan Droegkamp            | Martha Munson           |                           |
| Bill Dunn                | Peter Neumann           |                           |
| Joan Eckberg             | Ingrid Oakley-Girvan    |                           |
| Theresa M. Faix-Williams | Brad Rea                |                           |
| Kevin Freer              | Bill Reed               |                           |
| Julie Galbraith          | Joel Reynolds           |                           |
| Brad F. Gamble           | Sydney Rocklin &        |                           |
| Steve Goertz             | John Bigelow            |                           |
| Lloyd & Jean Greenway    | Jennifer Root           |                           |
| Don Hanni                | Richard Rowan &         |                           |
| Peggy Anne Hawkins       | Tlotlisang Sekese       |                           |
| Claire Hilger            | Deena Rowe-Krumdick     |                           |
| Ted Hochstadt            | Dave Ruch               |                           |
| Richard & Mary Howard    | Brent Schaeffer         |                           |
| Donna Julian             | Willy & Karan Schreiber |                           |
| Kathy Keenan             | Margaret Scruggs        |                           |
| Dana Kenney              | Robert Sos              |                           |
| Robert Kerr              |                         |                           |





## RPCV MEMORIALS

Service Descriptions at: <http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/donate/>

1967-1969	Leslie Johnson Kilham	1979-1981	Florence Brooks
1967-1969	Gary Buchfink	1980-1982	Chip Henry
1967-1969	Ian Duncan	1980-1982	Carl Malmberg
1967-1969	Patricia Eaton	1980-1982	Delton Allen
1967-1969	Agnes & Frank Herriott	1980-1983	Carole Kimball
1967-1969	Brian Long	1980-1983	Leland Jinks
1967-1969	Nancy Ness	1981-1983	Mike D'Adamo
1967-1970	Jennifer Griffin	1982-1985	Edna A. Boorady
1967-1970	Dorothy Hudson	1983	Terry Strong
1971-1972	John Butts	1984-1985	Ruth Dunn
1972-1978	Shirley McGuire	1984-1986	Mimi Austin
1972-1974	Sandy Puckett	1984-1985	Ruth Dunn
1973-1975	Richard Dehmel	1984-1986	Lesa Sanftleben
1973-1977	Andrew Berky	1986-1988	Julia Jawoisz
1975-1977	Anthony DiSiena	1988	Bob Roane
1975-1978	Earl Ambre	1988	Alys White
1975-1978	Barbara Hardy	1988-1990	Scott & Barbara Kloeck- Jenson
1976-1978	Patricia Howes	1996-1997	Jeremy Rolf
1977-1979	Linda Bogard	2000	Judith Pasmore
1977-1981	Florence Brooks	2001-2003	Phyllis Gloden
1978-1980	Rodney Farrell	2006-2008	Theresa Bongert
1978-1980	Tom Leseur	2009-2010	Thomas Maresco
1978-1980	Jo Ann Roberts		Herman Branson
1978-1980	Evelyn Carter		Jerry Derr
1979-1981	Tim Stanley		Maynard Smith



## FOL History

Friends of Lesotho (FOL) is a registered nonprofit formed in 1986 by a small group of Washington, D.C. RPCVs, most of whom served in Lesotho in the 1960s and 70s. FOL now has nearly 400 members from almost every state and from abroad. The volunteer board of directors and committee members guide the organization's activities by meeting regularly via teleconference. An annual meeting is also conducted in March via teleconference.

## FOL Goals

- Provide a forum for Peace Corps Trainees (PCTs), Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs), Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and others with an interest in Lesotho to connect, share and learn from each other's experiences
- Provide funding for training and development, orphan care and scholarships in Lesotho
- Promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of Lesotho and North America

## Reasons to Join FOL

Your membership dues and involvement make a difference in the lives of Basotho; current PCVs need and appreciate FOL's support of their projects; and FOL's newsletters and website keep you abreast of news about Lesotho to help keep your Peace Corps experience alive for years to come.

It is easy to join online by credit card. Go to: [www.friendsoflesotho.org](http://www.friendsoflesotho.org) home page and click on "Join FOL" or mail your check payable to Friends of Lesotho. Dues are only \$15/year per person with less than 4% of that amount used for operating costs.

## Other Ways You Can Support FOL

- Make a donation by mailing a check payable to Friends of Lesotho or by credit card via our website (click on Donate and chose JustGive or Razoo).
- If you already shop at Amazon.com, remember to do it from the SHOP link on the FOL website and 6% of your purchase will be donated to FOL.
- Use the search engine <http://www.goodsearch.com/estimate.aspx?charityname+friends-of-lesotho> and a donation will be made to FOL for each search. You can also shop over 1,000 stores by clicking "GoodShop" from this site.
- Purchase products that will continually remind you of Lesotho from our online store at [www.cafepress.com/lesotho](http://www.cafepress.com/lesotho).
- Conduct a fundraiser with our easy-to-use Walk-a-Thon kit, available from our website
- Volunteer your time as a Board, Committee or Task Force member

[www.friendsoflesotho.org](http://www.friendsoflesotho.org)



## Where Your Dues and Donations Go

Since its inception FOL has sent more than \$274,000 to Lesotho to support needs identified by PCVs and RPCVs. This includes more than \$112,000 in partial scholarships through the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grants to pre-school, primary and secondary students identified by PCVs. In recent years FOL has also provided tuition support for nurse training.

**Total Tuition Support: \$112,450**

### Orphan Care Projects Supported:

- Lesotho Save the Children
- Lesotho Child Counseling Unit
- Little Angels Day Care/Pre-School
- Village Hope
- Qholaque Mountain Connection Orphan Gardens

### School Related Projects Supported:

- African Library Project
- Laptops to Lesotho
- Peka Classroom Construction
- Pachela School Construction
- Desks for Mountain Schools
- Mokhotlong Library Project.

## Membership Affiliation

FOL is affiliated with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). You can join NPCA through FOL by indicating this selection on the membership form available on our website.

## Nonprofit Status

FOL is an IRS registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation in the State of Maryland. Dues and contributions are tax deductible, to the extent permitted by law. Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitations Act are available for the cost of postage and copying from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis MD 21401. (410) 974-5534.



## NPCA



The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) has renewed efforts to connect with all 250,000 former volunteers and staff and have instituted a “Find the 250K Campaign”. As part of this initiative the NPCA held a series of Expos around the country in 2012. One expo was held in Minneapolis in conjunction with the NPCA Annual Conference. FOL participated in the Annual Conference and the Expo in Minneapolis, and in the Los Angeles Expo.

At the meeting in Minneapolis, FOL staffed a Friends of Lesotho table that included brochures and slideshows about FOL supported projects. We also had a display about Lesotho and FOL membership information. The FOL members who staffed the table had an opportunity to talk with RPCVs and prospective volunteers, and exchanged information about FOL with other RPCV groups.

At the Minneapolis event FOL members attended informational meetings about how to connect groups like FOL with the larger RPCV community and participated in discussions on fundraising and advocating for issues that are important to Lesotho and other Peace Corps Countries.

Victor Cuevas, FOL Board Director, represented FOL at the September 29, 2012 NPCA gathering in Los Angeles. Victor proudly represented Lesotho along with FOL, providing information to curious and inquisitive attendees. This expo was a success not just to welcome interested folk to learn more about Peace Corps, but it was also a gathering of fellow individuals to share and explore more of our experiences we RPCV’s had during our service.



Clockwise from left to right: Roberta Ebbers, Lebohang Moore, Bill Moore, Richard Rowan, Neo Rowan, Tlotlisang Rowan, and Gail Hughes.

Those who participated in these events felt it was productive and helpful for FOL. The next NPCA Annual Meeting will be held in Boston in June, 2013, and we are planning to participate in that conference. Anyone in the Boston area who would like to be involved on behalf of FOL can contact FOL Board Member Pete Neumann. Pete’s contact information is available on the FOL website.





## Fundraising

### Friends of Lesotho Walkathon Kit

The Fundraising Committee extensively updated our Walkathon Kit. This kit may be used to raise funds for FOL....it can even be used for bikeathons, marathons, swimathons! The kit can be found on our website. [http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/FOL-walkathon\\_resources\\_kit.doc](http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/FOL-walkathon_resources_kit.doc)

### Walk-a- Thon Project Overview



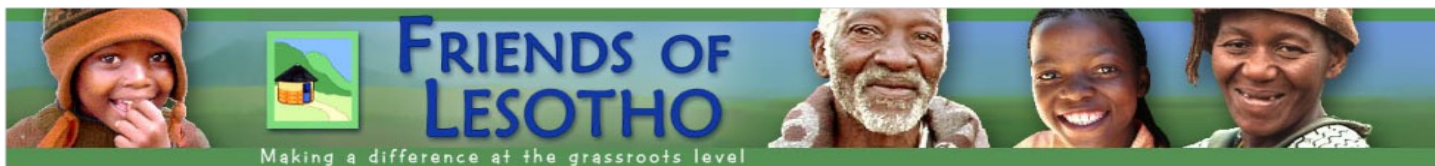
### FOL Help Wanted

The Committee developed a help wanted email that we sent out to all members. We had 19 gracious responders....these folks will help us in keep our organization vibrant and forward thinking. More important, they will help in getting more projects funded in Lesotho.

We can still use your help! Send Pete an email at [pneumann1947@yahoo.com](mailto:pneumann1947@yahoo.com) and we'll get you started.

### Annual Appeal Letter and Thank You Letters

We completed our 2012 Annual Appeal Letter that went as individualized letters to 425 people, 13 of which are in foreign countries. For every donation we receive, we send out a thank you letter serving as a receipt for tax deductions – over 100 in the past year. Friends of Lesotho, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



## Fundraising

### Wills and Estate Planning Guide

The Fundraising Committee updated our wills and estate planning guide. This kit provides information on establishing Friends of Lesotho, Inc. as a beneficiary in wills or estates. The kit can be found on our website. <http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/FOL-Wills-and-Estates-Planning-revised-2012.doc>



### Shopping-raise funds for FOL by doing what you like

Like Amazon? We have a great relationship with them. If you use the following link, they will donate a part of what you paid to FOL....no extra cost to you! <http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=frieofleso-20&camp=15309&creative=331473&linkCode=st1&adid=OZT8DQV3WDMB1048GZNP>

Want to help just by internet searching? You can use this link and designate Friends of Lesotho as the organization you want to support: [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

If half our members made just one internet search a day, we could raise over \$700/year.



### Remember our online store....CafePress.

It has wonderful items imprinted with scenes, flags, and logos that bring back our memories of Lesotho. A portion of your purchase goes to FOL. All profits from this shop, up to twenty percent of the cost of each item, go to scholarships for deserving students, orphanages, AIDS/HIV programs, and a variety of small education and development projects in Lesotho.

<http://www.cafepress.com/lesotho/>





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