

Friends of Lesotho Annual Report 2015



Friends of Lesotho, Inc.

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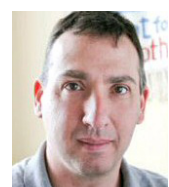
I am happy to state that this has been a very positive year for FOL. I believe that much of our continued success comes from our dedicated board and committee members (both new and continuing) as well as the many individuals who support and partner with FOL. FOL has developed into a stable and thriving NGO for its size. We have continued to make a positive impact on the people of Lesotho, and continue to look for new ways to make an even more meaningful contribution. I think I speak for all of us when I state that FOL is a labor of love, for a people and country that has become part of our lives. This has been a difficult year for the people of Lesotho, as they have suffered from a devastating drought. As former volunteers and others who care about Lesotho looked for ways to help, many turned to FOL for guidance, and trusted FOL to make the most impactful and cost effective use of their donations. I feel that level of trust that has been placed in us, by the community is proof of the hard work that our board members have put in.

We have been fortunate to continue to help children and orphans in Lesotho through our continuing partnerships such as the TAP program that provides scholarships for Basotho students to attend High School (this year 21 students have been able to participate in this program), as well as our continued support of volunteer projects through the Peace Corps Partnership Program. Furthermore, we have been able to help some of the most vulnerable children in Lesotho through donations to Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections, the Wittenberg projects in Lesotho, and helping feed and clothe children in Roma and Ramabanta. In the process of continuing to expand our engagement with Lesotho and the Basotho, FOL was proud to help support the Ba re e ne re Literature Festival held in at Machabeng college this past December as well as supporting the HUB in Morija, which provides computer access and training for interested Basotho. We were also able to help Qabanyane Primary School after they reached out to us asking for assistance in paying for a new roof after a storm blew the old roof off. FOL has also embarked on some new partnerships and projects, which will help FOL further its mission.

In partnership with the Lesotho Embassy and others we have created a website which will help those doing projects in Lesotho work together to maximize their efforts (Lesotho-US. Net). Lastly, I once again have to note the impressive work of the social media committee in helping raise the profile of FOL and helping us all stay connected to Lesotho.

As I finish up my first decade on the board and my second year as president, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank board member Richard Rowan for all of his hard work and willingness to step in where ever he is needed. I would also like to thank Madeline Uranek for all of her hard work on the newsletter and her constant efforts to make FOL a better organization. Furthermore, I am not sure where we would be without John Hollister. Lastly, I would like to thank our members who make it possible for us to do the work we are able to do. I also appreciate the trust that you place in us, and allow us to be your voice in Lesotho.

Sincerely,
Dr. Scott Rosenberg
President, FOL
Honorary Consul, Kingdom of Lesotho





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. 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)



2015 Board of Directors

	Name	Based in	Position	Years of service
	Scott Rosenberg	Oakwood, OH	President	1989-1991
	Bill Moore	Saint Paul, MN	Vice President	1983-1986
	Kevin Caughlan	Kensington, MD	Secretary	1972-1974
	John Hollister	Kensington, MD	Treasurer	1986-1988
	Marisa Ernst	College Station, TX	Director	
	Christina Balch	Brighton, MA	Director	2007-2009
	Kathy Jacquart	Washington, DC	Director	Country Director 2010-2013
	Megan Kelly	Chicago, IL	Director	2008-2011
	Madeline Uранеck	Madison, WI	Director	2006-2009
	Zachary Rosen	Washington, DC	Director	2010-2011
	Richard Rowan	St. Paul, MN	Director	1979-1983
	N'Deye Niang	Summit, NJ	Director	2010-2012
	Andrew Steel	Chicago, IL	Director	2009



2015 Committee and Task Force Members

Committee and Task Forces	Chairs	Members
Annual Meeting	Bill Moore ex officio	Kevin Caughlan
By-Laws	Bill Moore ex officio	N/A
Donations	Scott Rosenberg	Andrew Steel, Kathy Jacquart
Embassy Liason	Scott Rosenberg	N/A
Finance	John Hollister	Zachary Rosen, Bill Dunn, Richard Rowan, David Song, Bob Sos
Fundraising & Store	Marisa Ernst	Bill Moore, Mackenzie
Membership	Richard Rowan	Marty Smith, Marisa Ernst, Aparnya Jayarman, Madeline Uранеck
Database	Richard Rowan	Marty Smith
Newsletter	Madeline Uранеck	Nicole Harbor Potsane, Marissa Ernst, Mary Howard, Kevin Freer, Deena Rowe-Krumdick, Ella Kwisnek, Richard Rowan
Nominations	Scott Rosenberg e	Kathy Jacquart, Richard Rowan
Social Media & Website	Christina Balch	Marty Smith, Madeline Uранеck
Executive Committee	Scott Rosenberg	Bill Moore (Vice President), Kevin Caughlan (Secretary), John Hollister (Treasurer)



Friends of Lesotho Supported Projects

In total, Friends of Lesotho donated over \$30,000 in 2015 to projects that benefited the people of Lesotho, including \$5,000 directly to the Peace Corps Country Fund used for active Volunteer projects.

2015 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

The FOL Tuition Assistance Program for 2015 built off of the success of previous years to reach even more students through its now established selection process! The program allowed PCVs in 4 high schools to award 21 students a full year scholarship. Again the Taipei American School in Taiwan played a huge role in supporting this project, contributing the largest part of the \$10,500 that was donated to student education. Of course thank you to all the other members of FOL who directed resources towards this effort.

This year's PCV committee used the new requirements from 2014 to evaluate candidates submitted by fellow PCVs. Students submitted essays, teacher recommendations, grade reports and PCVs followed student progress throughout the year in order to make selections and track progress.

The commitment by PCVs to hold their students accountable for the scholarship and provide them with support throughout the school year, with regular supporting documentation and reports to the TAP Committee, has been what has made this ongoing projected a continued success.

This year's participating schools included: Fobane High School in Leribe, St. Denis High School in Butha Buthe, Mopeli High School in Quthing and Quthing LEC Secondary School.



The HUB @ Morija Hard Drive

Officially launched in August 2015 after two years of planning and implementation, The Hub is a not-for-profit creative technology lab operating as a subsidiary project or component of Morija Museum and Archives (MMA). The Hub aims to provide the community of Morija and its surrounding areas with affordable access to computers, the internet and digital media training. To date, the establishment of The Hub as a centre for learning has been driven purely by volunteers, chief among them being Meri Hyoky, Leila Hall, Andrew Cooper, Alex Starry, Selebalo Molefe and Thabo Mohloboli.

In 2015, Friends of Lesotho supported The HUB with a hard drive to increase their capacity to implement projects for their community. With the new hard drive, The HUB organized many great initiatives. Though not exhaustive, here's a collection of their work from 2015:

A. Out Loud! LGBTI Conversations - On the 23rd May 2015, The Hub partnered with Matrix Support Group, a Lesotho-based NGO working to advocate for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people in Lesotho, to hold a one-day event at the State Library in Maseru. The event featured six live Skype conversations with LGBTI activists around the world, including acclaimed South African photographer Zanele Muholi and Jamaican gay rights activist Maurice Tomlinson.

B. Conversations @ Morija # 2- On the 26th September 2015, Conversations @ Morija # 2 was held at Maeder House Gallery. The event was a collaboration between Maseru-born curator Lerato Bereng, Morija Museum and Archives and the Morija Arts Centre, with equipment and logistical assistance provided by The Hub. The event featured live interactions between visiting artists from South Africa, Lesotho-based artists and members of the public.



The new hard drive hard at work
Photo Credit: Meri Hyoki



The HUB @ Morija continued...

C. Job-Ready Fridays - On the 13th November 2015, The Hub launched 'Job-Ready-Fridays'. These weekly activities are geared at providing members of The Hub with skills, motivation and inspiration. Skills Sessions cover a wide range of topics, including financial literacy, entrepreneurship, goal setting, preparing for the world of work, money management and presentation and leadership skills. Hub Talks feature invited guest speakers, all of whom are accomplished and up-and-coming artists and professionals working in a variety of fields, ranging from the arts to entrepreneurship.

D. Introduction to filmmaking workshop - On the 2nd - 4th December 2015, Danny Lurie of Hillside Digital conducted a three-day introduction to filmmaking workshop for 12 members of The Hub. Participants were trained in conceptualising, shooting, and editing films for positive social change, and three days produced 6 short films.

E. Hour of Code - From the 7th-13th December, one of our members - Thejane Malakane - facilitated Hour of Code activities for our members. Hour of Code is a global learning event that uses games and activities to introduce people to computer science. 27 members of The Hub successfully earned Hour of Code certificates.



Morija community members utilizing The HUB's services
Photo Credit: Meri Hyoki



Roma and Ramabanta Orphan care

FOL contributed \$2,500 to a feeding project that provides food parcels to over 60 orphans in Roma and Ramabanta. This project was undertaken in partnership with the Springfield Rotary Club.

Qabanyane School Roof Repair

FOL donated \$2,000 to the Qabanyane Primary School to pay for a new roof after a storm blew the old roof off.

Thomas Mofolo Mapping Project

FOL contributed \$800 to the Thomas Mofolo Project which is try to preserve valuable information about one of Lesotho's most famous authors.

Wittenberg University in Lesotho 2015

FOL contributed \$2,500 to the Wittenberg University projects in Lesotho. The money was used to build a house for an orphan headed household in Ramabanta.





Ba re e ne re Literature Festival 2015

The 2015 edition of the Ba re e ne re Literature Festival (Barelitfest) was held on 5 to 6 December 2015 under the theme ‘Reclaim your story’ thanks to contributions from Friends of Lesotho. The festival served as a platform for audience members and guests to engage in educational discourse around literature, creative expression and culture. In its third year running, Barelitfest improved on its efforts to help enrich the lives of Basotho through promoting initiatives that support increased literacy and aid artistic exchange between creatives in Lesotho, Basotho outside of Lesotho and creatives from other cultures. The festival was also a tribute to the work of its late founder, Liepollo Rantekoa.

Project Goals

- Cultivate the next generation of writers and storytellers in Lesotho through literary training and platforms for expression.
- Connect Lesotho’s literary arts community with creatives in other African countries and beyond for creative exchange and improved publishing opportunities.
- Instigate the use of literature as a tool to address pressing socio-economic and political issues within Lesotho.
- Establish an ongoing platform for literary arts activities in Lesotho.



Hlubi Mboya does a story reading
Photo Credit: Meri Hyoki



Sabata-mpho Mokae delivers his keynote speech
Photo Credit: Meri Hyoki



Ba re e ne re Literature Festival continued...



Christie van Zyl speaks about poetry
Photo Credit: Meri Hyoki



Napo Masheane performs her poetry
Photo Credit: Meri Hyoki

The daytime activities of the festival took place at Machabeng College in Maseru and were complemented by an evening of poetry at Victory Arts Centre also in Maseru. The implemented program included: a tribute to the festival's late founder, youth performances, a session with Writivism short story prize winners in partnership with Writivism Uganda, a live reading from Zakes Mda's *The Sculptors of Mapungubwe* by television celebrity Hlubi Mboya, in partnership with #Longstory-SHORT from South Africa and a keynote address about the importance reclaiming our stories by Sabata-mpho Mokae. Both days also featured panel discussions including "The Writer's Hustle" and "Writing for Social Change."

The second and final day targeted active writers and focused on practical techniques for writing and publishing through one to one mentorship sessions with our honoured guests. All of the festival activities were documented through photography and video to demonstrate that there are various mediums for storytelling.

Overall, the turnout was stronger than the year before and audience engagement was solid. There were over 100 people at the sessions on 5 December, over 100 at the poetry night, 15 people participated in mentorship with guests and about 60 people attended the second day's sessions. Those in attendance, largely young people, demonstrated that they are invested in the literary future of Lesotho and the region and they have many beautiful stories to share. What makes this special as a literature festival in Lesotho is that the audience is not an elite intellectual one, rather our audience contains many youth who are excited to grow in their writing and knowledge of social discourse. In this way, the festival and the activities of Ba re e ne re feel especially critical. To see a highlights video from the festival please use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NY0RxzDoiQc>



Ba re e ne re National Spelling Bee

The first edition of the Ba re e ne re National Spelling Bee was held on 6 November 2015 with support from Friends of Lesotho and in collaboration with Peace Corps Lesotho, Alliance Francaise Maseru and Mankabelane Communications. The spelling bee facilitated a platform for 10 students who had won bees at the regional level (in 9 districts excluding the capital) to compete for the national bee champion title. The aim was to engage students in discourse around literature and creative expression as well as encourage proficiency in vocabulary development and a culture of reading. In its third year of operation, Ba re e ne re continues to improve on its efforts to help enrich the lives of Basotho through promoting initiatives that support increased literacy and aid artistic development.

The National Spelling Bee goals:

- Normalize and promote literacy among Basotho
- Motivate youth to embrace the cultures of reading and writing
- Reward and acknowledge outstanding students and socially-driven organisations in Lesotho

The spelling bee took place at Alliance Francaise in Maseru. The implemented programme included; opening remarks, poetry performances and refreshments after the competition. Students competed both in Sesotho and English in order to challenge the students in both official languages of Lesotho. As small as the event was the impact was huge. Each of the contestants felt like a winner and will be source of inspiration at their respective schools and in their communities. The spelling bee was effective in demonstrating how much fun learning is as well as collaboration. Most of the students left the bee having formed new friendships simply from rehearsing together while they were preparing for the competition.



Students compete at the National Spelling Bee
Photo Credit: Meri Hyoki



A champion is crowned at the Spelling Bee
Photo Credit: Meri Hyoki



Lesotho Nutrition Project

Friends of Lesotho contributed \$4,000 to the Lesotho Nutrition Project. The funds went towards the purchasing of materials used to package 60,000 meals for orphans suffering from stunting in Mokhotlong district.

Founded in 2014, the Lesotho Nutrition Project has been working to combat malnutrition and stunting in Lesotho. They have developed a system to provide daily nutrition to 3,000 of the 550,000 children in Lesotho who are faced with hunger.

Packing events are not only beneficial to its target group, but it also helps bring together a community under a just cause. Wittenberg' University's Packing Event in November 2015 rallied together over 200 students, faculty, and Springfield residents!



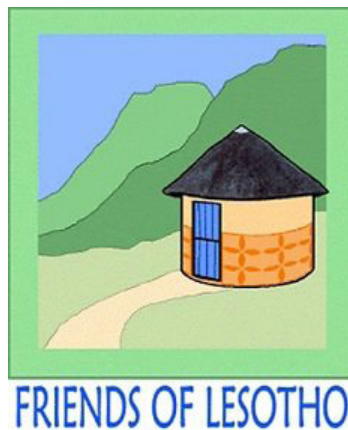
Participants at a Lesotho Nutrition Project packing event



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.

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/project-funding-support/how-to-apply-for-funding/>





Friends of Lesotho News

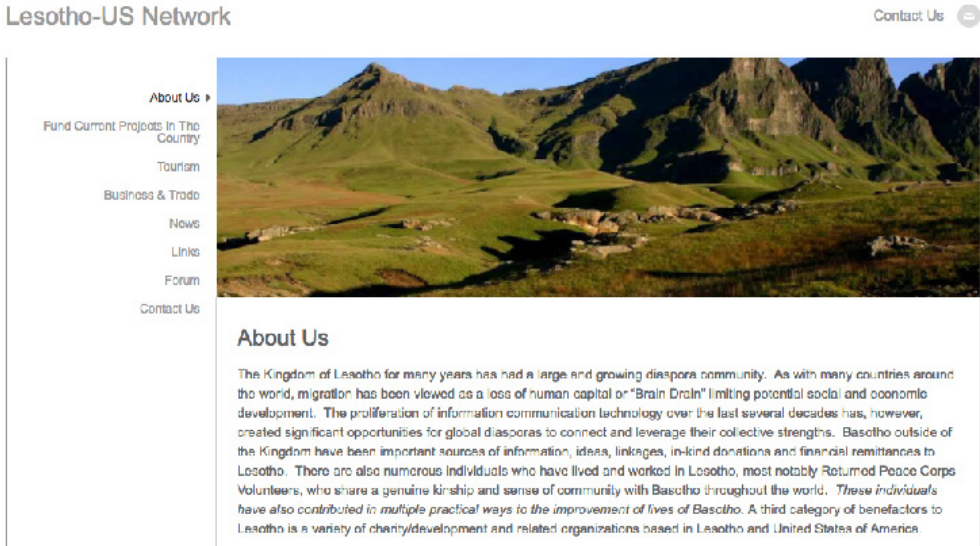
Lesotho-US Network website launches

A new website connects the U.S. and Lesotho. It is called Lesotho-US Network, www.lesotho-us.net/ and its mission is to better utilize the “brain trust” of the Basotho diaspora and others like Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and health and international development professionals with knowledge of Basotho culture.

The electronic social network will serve to:

1. Link individuals, groups and organizations in the United States interested in and concerned about Lesotho;
2. Improve coordination and avoid duplication of efforts among individuals and groups interested in supporting projects in Lesotho;
3. Identify and share ideas, assistance and resources to support activities and projects designed to benefit Lesotho;
4. Serve as an information clearinghouse to track and raise awareness about projects planned or currently underway in Lesotho.

You are welcome to participate on forums, to suggest projects to link, and to improve the reach of the site.



A screenshot of the new website



2015 End of year Financial Summary

OPENING BALANCE OF FUNDS ON HAND –
1/1/15 **\$66,737.39**

REVENUE

Annual Dues Donations	\$1,615.67
Contributions (Projects, life members, fundraisers)	\$34,384.92
NPCA Dues to be Rebated	\$140.00
Interest (ING Account)	\$286.78
In-kind Donated Operating Expenses	\$158.50
Sales of Café Press, CDs and T-shirts	\$888.88

SUBTOTAL REVENUE: **\$37,474.75**

OPERATING EXPENSES (Including In-kind Donations):

Duplicating	\$350.64
Postage	\$416.36
Computer/Internet	\$183.42
NPCA Rebates (Pass thru)	\$140.00
NPCA Annual Dues	\$100.00
Misc. Supplies/Fees	\$369.69
Fundraising Fees (incl. Café Press, Amazon)	\$456.47

SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES **\$2,016.58**

PROJECT EXPENDITURES

Qabanyane ACL Primary School Roof	\$2,000.00
QMC via Lynn Mindermann	\$560.00
QMC 2 via Lynn Mindermann	\$1,250.00
PCPP Funds (TAP and country fund)	\$15,500.00
Ramabanta Orphan Project	\$2,500.00
Mofolo Grant via Morija Museum	\$950.00
Wittenberg Project	\$2,500.00
Wittenberg Project 2	\$1,300.00
Ba re e ne re Projects	\$4,000.00
The Hub @ Morija	\$325.00
Pack away hunger	\$4,000.00

SUBTOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES **\$34,885.00**



2015 Contributors

\$10,000 and above
Taipei American School

\$1,000 - \$9,999
James Conz
Jack & Carla Sue Lansford
Michael Lynch
Peter Neumann
Brad Rea

\$500 - \$999
Annmarie Emmet
Robert & Lina Lehner
George Rohrmann
Ann Shriver
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Karen Schmitz
Kate Swensen
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Russell Cohen
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Gary Cook
Gina Difino
Christine Distasio
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Kim Smith
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Robert Steele
Pamela Stutzman
Robert Synk
Elinor Szekunda
Peggy & Clark Tibbits
Kurt Troutman
Sharon Zeiden



Membership Report

FOL has a strong core membership of over 200 individuals who consistently pay their annual dues. In addition, 91 individuals have taken their commitment to the next level by becoming Lifetime Members. Since 2014, a total of 182 individuals and institutions have made contributions to FOL. Dues and contributions make it possible for FOL to continue to operate and fund the projects you can read about in the other sections of this annual report.

However, FOL has well over 100 names in our database of people whose membership has lapsed. If you happen to be among this group, we invite you to renew your membership and join with the members of FOL in supporting grassroots efforts to help the people of Lesotho.

Member Directory

To access the FOL Membership Directory, you need to be registered with our website database. Go to the Members List page, click on “Register,” then fill in the necessary information. An email will be sent to you with an assigned password. Instructions will be provided in the confirmation email to allow you to personalize your password.



2015 Members

Ronna Abbott	Harold Cary III	Kevin Fleming
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Robert Allen	Kevin Caughlan	Matthew & Cindy Grady
Amazon	Russell Cohen	Jane Hale
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Anonymous	James Conz	Drew Hardgrove
Boudza Aymane	Gary Cook	David Harpman
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Joseph Becker	Larry Cooley	Patrick Hawe
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Shawna Cain	Jessica Faulkner	Connie & Robert Hunter
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2015 Members continued

Noel Jackson	Gregory Mullen	Karen Schmitz
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Karen Lindquist	Richard W. Pollard	Kate Swensen
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William Lockhart	Nancy Lacey Remillard	Elinor Szekunda
Jesse Lofland	Carlaine Reynolds	David & Kathy Tempest
Matt Losak	Sara Riley	Steve & Marsha Templin
Sheila Lyons	Beverly Powell Roberson	Donald Theiler
Patty Mac Donald	Jon Arthur Rodger	Kaye Thompson
Mae Maltin	Adam Rosenberg	Peggy & Clark Tibbits
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David Massey	Scott Rosenberg	Dennis & Sharon Turowski
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Texys Morris	Joshua Russell	Caitlin Vincent
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Anna Mroczek	Jack Samuelian	Priscilla & Allan Walker



2015 Members continued

Kim Ward
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Sheila Woods
Laurie Zastrow
Alfred Zdrazil
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Julie Ziegler
Sara Zizzo

Thank you to all of our lifetime members, annual members and contributors. Please use the Contact Us email feature on our website if your name is missing from this list. We apologize for any missing donors and will correct this on the website immediately and in the next newsletter.



2015 Lifetime Members

Janissa Balcomb	Dana Kenney	Margaret Scruggs
Lorrie Beck	Robert Kerr	Pete Siegenthaler
David Bertocci & Ntoetse Bertocci	Martha Kidd	Robert Sos
Barbara Blum	Gary Klein	Timothy Spanier & Mamoelisi Spanier
Bill Boeddiker	Becki Krieg	Don Spicer & Nthakoana Peko
Stephen Brushett & Refiloe Bam	Ella Kwisnek	Stephanie & Adam Springer
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Jan Kalnbach	Brent Schaeffer	
Kathy Keenan	Willy & Karan Schreiber	



WAYS TO SUPPORT FOL

If you've always wondered how you could give a little more than your annual dues, now is the chance to volunteer your time, special skills, and enthusiasm. The members of the Board of Directors of Friends of Lesotho are elected based on their ability and willingness to contribute to the achievement of the organization's goals and objectives.

Directors are members in good standing who are elected on their ability and willingness to support the purpose of FOL

- Nominations are welcome year round
- Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in October
- Directors serve for two-year terms
- Committees and Task Forces

FOL members who do not wish to make a long-term commitment to the board are encouraged to:

- Join standing committees, or
- Work on special projects which match their skills and interests to the needs of the organization

There are also committees and task forces that help carry out the Board work. These committees include Donation Distribution, Membership, Fundraising and Board Nominations & Development.

Check out the Board Information page. Also, for a summary of the expected level of commitment see the Board and Committee description of work. If you're interested in application or nomination, please complete the Nominating Form and email it to the address shown within the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

Get Connected

Peace Corps Connect <http://community.peacecorpsconnect.org/group/FriendsofLesotho>

Attend FOL Meetings

- Meetings are held at 8pm Eastern on the third Sunday of odd numbered months. Minutes are posted about one week after each meeting.
- Meetings are open to all FOL members, please contact John Hollister for call-in information.

Join FOL – Renew Your Membership

- Encourage others to renew their memberships or join FOL.
- Become a Lifetime Member to help assure the long-term sustainability of the organization.
- Update your contact information



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 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

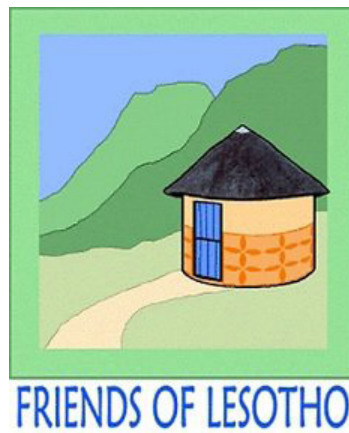
Provide funding for training and development, orphan care and scholarships in Lesotho

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 homepage 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.





Fundraising

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).

Since its inception FOL has sent more than \$300,000 to Lesotho to support needs identified by PCVs and RPCVs. This includes more than \$122,000 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.

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=0ZT8DQV3WDMB1048GZNP>

You can also find this link on our website by visiting friendsoflesotho.org, clicking SHOP and selecting "FOL Amazon".

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/>

Use the search engine <http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/friends-of-lesotho.aspx> 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.

The Fundraising Committee extensively updated our Walkathon Kit. This kit may be used to raise funds for FOL....it can even be used bikeathon, marathon, swimathons! The kit can be found on our website. The link is:

http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/FOL-walkathon_resources_kit.doc

Friends of Lesotho has a 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.

The link is:

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/FOL-Wills-and-Estates-Planning-revised-2012.doc>

The fundraising committee sent out over 100 thank you letters acknowledging generous donations by members and others. We sent by email our quarterly newsletter and thank all those who agree to receive it that way: we save over \$400 each year in postage. That money goes to the projects we fund.

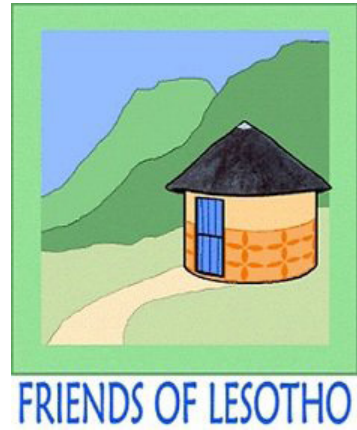
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