

Friends of Lesotho Annual Report 2022



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FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 12, 2023, 4:00 PM EST

(to be held via Zoom video call)

MEETING AGENDA

Playing of Lesotho's National Anthem

Roll Call - Kevin Caughlan

President's Welcome - Scott Rosenberg

Treasurer's Report - Kevin Freer

2023 Board Member Election Results - Kevin Caughlan

Guest Speakers

The Honorable Tumisang Mosotho, Lesotho's Ambassador to the United States

Prof. Setsabi Setsabi, Professor of Geography and Development Studies at National University of Lesotho (NUL)

Mr. Justice Kalebe, Justice Kalebe Photography and Ha Sekantsi Community Project

Wrap up and closing of meeting - Scott Rosenberg.

Persons unable to participate in the meeting may request a link to the recorded event from the FOL Secretary (caughlan@earthlink.net).



President's Message

Lumelang Motsoelle,

I would like to thank our members who continue to support our work and the board members for all the hours they have put in. I am pleased to report that FOL continues to fulfill its mission to promote positive change and to assist the people of Lesotho. Over the years, Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) have been FOL's major partner and conduit to assisting the Basotho people through funding community projects and the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). The PCVs' absence from Lesotho due to the COVID-19 pandemic has posed some significant challenges for FOL to continue its mission and be faithful stewards of your support. Despite these challenges, FOL was able to award 60 TAP scholarships and fund several community development projects. 2022 represented a return to pre-COVID in some ways, as we were able to once again support a number of requests to assist with community development projects. At the same time we adjusted to the current realities and developed new partnerships to help us fulfill our mission. So, I appreciate all the trust and support that you continue to show us.

I have some exciting news to share! On September 29th, 2022, 15 new trainees arrived in Lesotho. 5 are going into health and the other 10 are going to be teachers. They were sworn in on December 14th.

I would also like to provide a brief update regarding TAP. FOL has been providing TAP scholarships for 30 years, and we are committed to keeping this very important program alive. That being said, there are numerous challenges, such as the absence of Peace Corps Volunteers (until this fall). In order to keep the program alive, FOL had to cultivate new relationships and find new partners.

Thankfully, we have been lucky enough to find three such partners in the Rotary Clubs of Maseru, Maloti Club, and the Maseru-Mantsopa Club. These three clubs reached out to principals across Lesotho and helped identify 60 students in need of financial assistance to continue their schooling for the 2022 school year. The clubs not only helped identify students, but also made sure that the scholarships were distributed to as many districts as possible and to try and reach rural learners. The clubs also helped deliver the funds to each of the schools. FOL is lucky to have found such wonderful partners. I hope that we can maintain this new partnerships into the future, but I am also looking forward to getting the current PCVs involved. It is also important that I note that FOL would not be able to continue to maintain our current level of support for the TAP program without the continued and generous support of the Taipei American School, which continues to hold an annual fundraiser in honor of RPCV Sandy Puckett who passed in 2009.

I would also like to make note of the special relationship that FOL has developed with Me Monica Letosha, whose work and dedication never ceases to amaze me. I first met her a few years back when FOL was looking for partners to help with emergency food relief because of COVID. Together, FOL and Mme Monica were able to get food and supplies to hundreds of Basotho families. (We have also worked with her through the African Library Project). She has worked with FOL to get scholarship money through the TAP program to help several deserving Basotho children to continue their education. Monica not only helps these children, but through her reading project on Saturdays in Khubetsoana, hundreds of children have had the chance to improve their reading skills.

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President's Message (continued)

I should also note that this July Lesotho appointed Ambassador Tumisang Mosotho as its new ambassador to the United States. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ambassador Mosotho and am looking forward to having him join us at our Annual Meeting in March. I know that some of our members had the opportunity to meet him at the embassy during its Independence Day celebration and came away very excited about the future.

On a personal note, in 2022 I was able to visit Lesotho twice, once by myself and once with a group of students. I realized how much I missed Lesotho and seeing all of my friends there. I was able to get some interesting research done as well as help build a house, pre-school, and repair a community center and playground with my students and family. I was also lucky enough to have Mel Ruth (RPCV 89-91) and his daughter Olivia join us. It was kind of surreal for us to be there with our children nearly 30 years after our service ended. As part of our continuing effort to keep as many RPCVs engaged in FOL as possible we have continued to keep the FOL membership free, and have increased our efforts to provide our members updates through email and social media.

As I start my sixteenth year on the board and ninth year as president, I would like to take this opportunity to express my extreme gratitude to all the board members for their hard work. I encourage you to read the donations report and see how your contributions are being used to help the people of Lesotho help themselves. I would like to once again thank all of our members for their continued support of the mountain Kingdom during these stressful times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Rosenberg
Professor of African History
Chair, Peace Corps Prep Program
Wittenberg University
scott.rosenberg@wittenberg.edu



President of Friends of Lesotho
RCPV, Lesotho-1989-91
Honorary Consul, Kingdom of Lesotho



Mission, Purpose, Values, History

Mission

Friends of Lesotho (FOL) is a non-profit organization promoting friendship between the peoples 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 U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers serving in Lesotho, as well as with 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.

History

FOL is a registered nonprofit organization formed in 1985 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 US State, and from abroad. The all-volunteer Board of Directors and committee members guide the organizational activities by meeting regularly online or by teleconference.



2022 Board Members

Name	Based in	Position	Years in Lesotho
Scott Rosenberg	Oakwood, OH	President	1989-1991
Bill Moore	Saint Paul, MN	Vice-President	1983-1986
Kevin Caughlan	Sandy Spring, MD	Secretary	1972-1974
Scott Rosenberg	Oakwood, OH	Interim Treasurer	1989-1991
Cayla Anderson	Cincinnati, OH	Director	2018-2020
Marisa Ernst	Reno, NV	Director	1985-1990
Kevin Freer	Albany, NY	Director	1976-1978
Kathryn Larimore	Denver, CO	Director	2017-2019
Ali Kukovich	Columbus, OH	Director	2017-2018
Richard Rowan	St. Paul, MN	Director	1979-1984
Danielle Sharp	Maseru, Lesotho	Director	2015-present
Andrew Steele	Baltimore, MD	Director	2009
Kenneth Tucceri	Tewksbury, MA	Director	2017-2019
Meghan White	Carlsbad, CA	Director	2017-2019



2022 Committee and Task Force Members

Committees and Task Forces	Chairs	Members
Annual Meeting	Bill Moore <i>ex officio</i>	Kevin Caughlan, others appointed by President
By-Laws	Bill Moore <i>ex officio</i>	Appointed by President
Database/Membership Administration	Richard Rowan	
Donations	Scott Rosenberg	Cayla Anderson, Kevin Freer
Embassy Liaison	Scott Rosenberg	
Fundraising	Richard Rowan	Marisa Ernst Bill Moore Andrew Steele
In-Country	Danielle Sharp	
Membership	Richard Rowan	Bill Moore Kathryn Larimore
Newsletter	Kevin Freer	Design: Nicole Harbor Potsane; Editing: Mary Howard & Deena Rowe-Krumdick; News: Ella Kwisnek; Printing/Mailing: Kevin Freer
Nominations	Scott Rosenberg <i>ex officio</i>	
Social Media/ Website	Ali Kukovich	Meghan White



Projects Supported by Friends of Lesotho in 2022

Kick4Life

Kick4Life is a multi-award-winning charity and social enterprise within the Sport for Development sector.

Based at the Lesotho Football for Hope Centre – a hub of social and economic development in the heart of Maseru, the organisation aims to transform the lives of orphans and vulnerable children through sport.

Kick4Life has extensive experience in developing and delivering interventions across an integrated approach to participant well-being.



<https://www.kick4life.org/k4l-centre/centre/>



Restoration of the pergola and restaurant chairs

FOL funding enabled Kick4Life to replace indoor chairs for the No.7 Restaurant – one of the program’s social enterprises.

The primary objective of the Kick4Life Social Enterprises, which includes the No.7 Restaurant, is to generate revenue to support Kick4Life programmatic work. The funding request to FOL was to help rebuild sustainability efforts to be self-sufficient.

To ensure this investment is optimized and sustained for the duration of its economic life, the Kick4Life Social Enterprises will set aside funds for annual maintenance of equipment.

100% of profits from the restaurant are reinvested in Kick4Life Programs.





Molete Reading Club

The Molete Reading Club is sponsored by the Molete Foundation. The project is designed to instill in children a culture of reading by bringing children from different schools together to discuss what is taught or read outside the classroom in order to socialize positively in a team spirit.

The reading club helps children to improve standards of English listening, speaking, and self-actualization. The reading club gives the children an opportunity to discover books of their interest. Through reading the children will think critically, be accountable and responsible citizens.

Staff reads with children from Primary and High Schools from Grade 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 from around Khubetsoana, Mabote and Foso areas every Saturday, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.



The Reading Club uses the classrooms at Mejametalana Primary School. The classrooms only have desks, which are neither enough, nor suitable for reading.

FOL helped purchase chairs and tables. When the foundation has land it will request FOL to help in building a community library.

<https://www.facebook.com/moleteprincess23/>



Maluti Adventist Hospital

Maluti Adventist Hospital located in Mapoteng, Lesotho, is one of two district hospitals in Berea, serving a population of 100,000 people.

Maluti Adventist Hospital has hosted a number of Peace Corps Volunteers over the years. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, funding was provided to the hospital to create a six-patient Intensive Care Unit (ICU).



Maluti Adventist Hospital

<https://malutisdahospital.org.ls/>

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Maluti Adventist Hospital (cont.)

The hospital did not previously have an ICU, so patients requiring ICU care had to be transferred to Maseru, a one-and-a-half-hour drive. When the new ICU was created at Maluti Adventist Hospital, funds were not provided to upgrade the existing hospital beds in the ICU wing. The beds are very basic, lacking electric controls for raising and lowering the bed and positioning the patient based on clinical needs. Lesotho has one of the lowest ratios of nurses to population in the world, so easing their workload is vital.

The goal was to purchase five (5) of the five-function electric beds needed for the ICU at Maluti Adventist Hospital. FOL donated funds for one of these beds.

Barbara Meyer (RPCV Ched 11-13) conducted a crowd funding campaign and raised \$10,000 to fund another four multi-function beds and reached her original goal to provide five beds needed by the hospital. The funds have been sent to the hospital and the beds are on order.



Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

More than sixty scholarships to help High School students in Lesotho through the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) were awarded in 2022. Funding TAP was a challenge since there were no Peace Corps Volunteers serving in Lesotho since 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

FOL was very fortunate to be able to partner with the Rotary Clubs of Maloti, Maseru-Mantsopa, and Maseru to reach out to principals across Lesotho and help identify students for the scholarships. TAP funds were also sent to Monica Letsoha at the Molete Foundation for additional scholarships.

The success of the TAP program has largely been due to the generous contributions from the Taipei American School (\$15,000) contribution this year, as well as from members and friends. Since its inception in 1992, FOL has sent over \$200,000 to Lesotho to support TAP. TAP has been FOL's longest standing and most successful program and is now entering its fourth decade.





Sechaba Community Initiatives Organization

Efforts to diversify produce in Lesotho have begun with initiatives in high-value fruit farming. Funding for the Sechaba Community project supported the construction of a tree nursery with poles and shade nets to raise peaches, apples, and apricots.

The project team will be supervised by agricultural experts of tree production from the Ministry of Forestry. The organisation will create income through the fruits produced by those trees, which will be sold to local businesses and reduce imports from South Africa. As trees produce fruits every year, the organisation will receive income every year. Profits will be used to invest in other income generating projects.



Handpump Borehole Drilling Project

The Ha Malofo community in Botha Buthe does not have access to clean water and requested assistance with a borehole project. The community suffers from lack of clean water and has been drinking river water together with the animals.

A committee of respected community members was formed to oversee the project. FOL funded the project quote of \$3,500 from the Head Cornerstone Construction Company for a digital survey and report, borehole drilling, steel casing supply and installation, handpump supply and installation, and transport of machinery to the project site.



If successful, this project will have an immediate impact on over 400 people in Ha Malofo.



Help Save Lives - Mankoe Foundation

Help Save Lives is based in Pela-Tsoeu in Leribe. FOL funds were used to plant vegetables and legumes to help feed underprivileged children.

The Makoe Foundation is a prior recipient of food donations from the Lesotho Nutrition Initiative. The community will buy maize, beans, cabbage and spinach seeds, fertilizers, and potatoes for a garden to become more self-sufficient and build their capacity to address issues of food insecurity in Pela-Tsoeu.

The community will later submit a proposal for raising broilers and pigs to sell in order to sustain their efforts in food production and for programs to pay for student fees, books, uniforms, and other essentials.



Children's Basic Education - Ha Ramoloi Community Based Organization

FOL funding was used to purchase materials needed to complete a classroom and construct a low cost kitchen shelter for children's meals with corrugated iron in the area of the Thuathe in Berea District. The classroom will accommodate 40 children aged 1 to 6 years old. The project will benefit villages in Tsitsa, Ha Ramoloi, Ha Makujoe, Ha Mohotloane, Ha Motloang, Ha Tumo, and Ha Malei.

The classroom will also be used for outreaches/ health posts for clinical services for villagers. The organization built the walls and was left without roofing, plastering, toilet and other attachments. Most children do not attend school, which is the foundation to primary level, due to limited and distanced schools in Lesotho. The kitchen shelter will be used to prepare a fresh breakfast and lunch for the children.

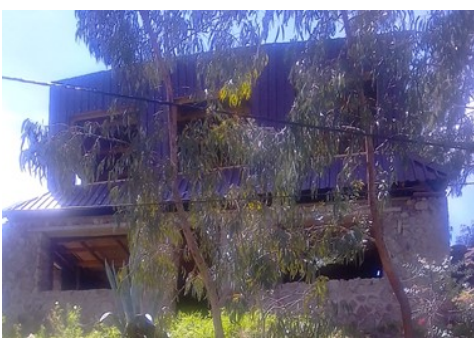
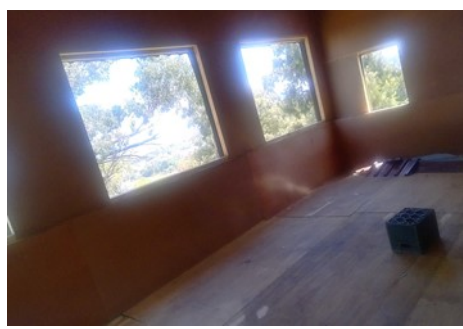




HOLO Motivational and Educational Club (MEC Club)

Heal Our Land Organisation (HOLO) is a registered Non-Government Organisation working to promote and protect education, human dignity, gender equality, and public health through training, advocacy and social mobilization and empowerment strategies, and improve the culture in Lesotho as a whole. HOLO is located in Matsieng in the neighborhood of Morija. The area around Matsieng has been affected by gang fighting.

FOL funds were used to help complete a classroom building used to host a Motivational and Educational Club to help young people (boys and girls who have dropped out of school, orphans, shepherds, people living with HIV) who have social issues like anger, aggression, depression, theft, with Mental Wellbeing Sessions. HOLO is working closely with parents and local schools to receive referrals of students with social issues. HOLO has groups of 40 students coming to sessions on Saturdays and was in great need to have a facility to accommodate these classes.



Wittenberg University Summer Service Trip

FOL funded \$3,000 to the Wittenberg University Summer Service Trip in 2022. Funds were used to build a house with Habitat for Humanity for a family in need. Paint, shelving, and other building supplies were used to build a community center and library for local students in Ramabanta. Repairs to the playground were also made. These projects were done in conjunction with the Lesotho Youth Workcamps.

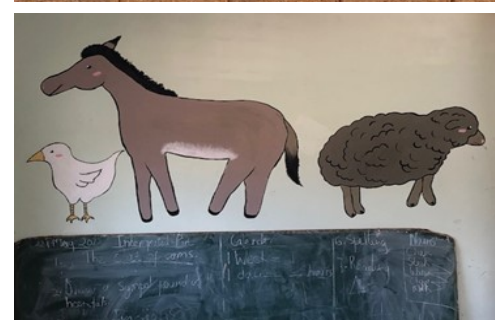
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Wittenberg University Summer Service Trip (cont.)

Students and team members spent a week working with community members to build a new one-room cinderblock building which would serve as the new kindergarten in Setibing. The building was also brightly painted.

The second project was to fulfill a request to renovate a dilapidated building to be used by local weavers and pony trekking. Students repaired and plastered the inside walls, helped install windows and doors and brightly painted the outside with messages to let travelers know what items could be purchased at the location. This was done to help support local entrepreneurs. Three classrooms were painted at the Setibing Primary School.





Social Media Committee Report

2022 was a big year for the Friends of Lesotho website. We switched to SquareSpace website hosting and now have a beautiful new website with up-to-date photos, plus everything else you have come to expect when you visit us on the web: newsletters, annual reports, current projects, and an easy way to contact us. The site will continue to evolve over the course of the year, so stay tuned.

Our next big technical project will be storing decades worth of archives in a new access point that is easy for Board Members to both access and add to. We are excited for this undertaking as it is imperative for record keeping as well as enjoyable to file through these documents and see just how much FOL has accomplished.

Facebook continues to be utilized by the committee as a place to post about current events, but also to go down memory lane with those that hold Lesotho near and dear to their hearts. We often ask readers to share memories they have from their time spent in Lesotho. We are always seeking new ways to interact with followers.

Our web presence: <https://www.friendsoflesotho.org/>

Our Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfLesotho>



Membership Committee Report

Since 2017, basic membership in Friends of Lesotho is free. Interested persons can sign up for membership through our website (www.friendsoflesotho.org), following the prompts under the “Contact Us” tab. Current members may also update changes to their contact information (email or physical address, name changes, etc.) by following the same path. As of end of 2022, FOL has 802 members.

Members automatically receive the quarterly FOL Newsletter by email. The newsletter provides news about Lesotho, as well as updates on the various activities of FOL. Members furthermore receive other information relevant to the organization, such as the Annual Report, board member elections, and the like.

The Membership Committee often gets requests to help people find others that they have lost contact with, for instance RPCVs who are trying to find colleagues they served with. If you are trying to get in touch with someone, you can contact us through the “Contact Us” tab/General Inquiry. If we have information about that person, we’ll contact them to see if it’s okay to share their information.

Thank you to all of our lifetime members, members, and contributors.

Fundraising Committee Report

In 2022 FOL concentrated its fundraising on an end-of-year appeal, with most appeal letters sent by email to all members for whom an email address was available. Later, approximately 450 addressees received a follow-up postcard to remind of the opportunity to support the mission of FOL. While FOL received donations throughout the year, the majority of gifts were received toward the end of 2022.

The Taipei American School in Taipei, Taiwan, remains one of the major pillars of FOL’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). In 2022 the school provided again a whopping \$15,000 toward helping Basotho Secondary School students from poor backgrounds continue their education. A big thank you to any and all of our many generous donors for their support!



2022 FOL Lifetime Members

Janissa Balcomb	Don Hanni	Peter Neumann & Maria Steele
David & Ntoetse Bertocci	Allan Hansee	Martin Nichols
Rebecca Bindbeutel	Peggy Anne Hawkins	Rebecca Nolan
Barbara Blum	Claire Hilger	Ingrid Oakley-Girvan
Bill Boeddiker	Ted Hochstadt	Emily Rand
Susan Bruckner	John Hollister	Brad Rea
Scott Brumburgh	Richard & Mary Howard	Bill Reed
Stephen Brushett & Refiloe Bam	Donna Julian	Sydney Rocklin & John Bigelow
Lonny M. Buss	Jan Kalnbach	George Rohrmann & Louise Meadows
Anne Button	Kathy Keenan	Jennifer Root
Tom Carroll	Dana Kenney	Richard & Tlotlisang Rowan
Kevin Caughlan	Robert Kerr	Deena Rowe-Krumdick
John Clausen	Martha Kidd	Dave Ruch & Tia Heneghan
Sarah & James Coakley	Gary Klein	Brent Schaeffer
Susan Colman	Becki Krieg	Willy & Karan Schreiber
Marissa De Franca	Ella Kwisnek	Margaret Scruggs
Robert Downey	Jack & Carla Sue Lansford	Pete Siegenthaler
Jan Droegkamp	Polly Leukhardt	Robert Sos & Faye Chin
Bill Dunn	Michael Lynch	Timothy & Mamoetsi Spanier
Theresa M. Faix-Williams	Douglas Mayo	Don Spicer & Nthakoana Peko
Faye Farmer & Joel Reynolds	Michael Meador	Stephanie & Adam Springer
Charles Fogelman & Stacey McKeever	Jean Meadowcroft	Leah Tillett
Kevin Freer	Mark Mellbye	Dennis Tracey
Julie Galbraith	Barbara Meyer & Terrence Ellard	Madeline Uraneck
Brad F. Gamble	William Moore & Mary Wagner †	Taipei American School
Jean Greenway	Scott Moreland	Nancy Zook
Jim Gunsolus & Sue Anderson	Bruce Morrison & Joyce Richardson	
Jane Hale	Duane Morse	

† Mary Wagner passed in 2022



2022 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$56,380.76	Closing Balance	\$61,016.96
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REVENUE

<i>Revenue Type</i>	Total Revenue
Donations (Checks, online via PayPal, In-Kind)	\$47,866.36
Interest Savings Account	\$19.79
Amazon Smile Yield	\$279.50
Grand Total Revenue	\$48,165.65

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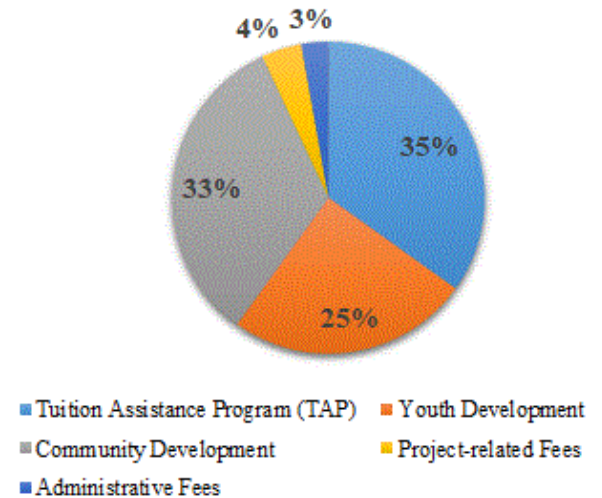
A copy of the current financial statement is available by writing to:

FOL at 115 Monteray Ave.
Oakwood, OH 45419, USA,
or by emailing rosenberg@wittenberg.edu

OPERATING EXPENSES

<i>Expense Type</i>	Total Operating
Bank Fees	\$110.00
Wiring Fees	\$860.00
Fees for Online Donations	\$380.90
Annual Appeal Mailings	\$613.40
Database	\$256.62
Newsletter/Annual Report Paper Mailings	\$312.53
Website	\$252.00
Zoom Fees	\$100.00
Tax & Registration Fees	\$149.00
Grand Total Operating	\$3,034.45

Share of Expenses per Type



PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Project Name</i>	Contribution
Maluti Adventist Hospital	\$2,500.00
Malaleng Community	\$2,000.00
Mohloli Youth Empowerment	\$2,000.00
Monica Letsoha Student Tuition (TAP)	\$2,000.00
Rotary Club of Matsopa (TAP)	\$4,120.00
Rotary Club of Maloti (TAP)	\$3,175.00
Rotary Club of Maseru (TAP)	\$5,900.00
Molete Reading Club	\$1,000.00
Kick4Life	\$3,500.00
Wittenberg Student Project	\$3,000.00
Sechaba Community Project	\$2,200.00
Heal Our Life Organization	\$2,200.00
Ha Malafo Borehole Project	\$3,500.00
Ha Ramoloi Community Organization	\$3,100.00
Mankoe Foundation	\$300.00
Grand Total Contributions	\$40,495.00

Expense Type	Amount
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)	\$15'195.00
Youth Development	\$10'900.00
Community Development	\$14'400.00
Project-related Fees	\$1'815.00
Administrative Fees	\$1'219.00



Our Contributors in 2022

The generosity of our donors makes a real difference in the lives of many Basotho.

In Memoriam Gifts

In 2022, FOL once again received a number of gifts that were made in honor of a special person or event.

Donor	In Honor of
Matthew Kushner	Donation made in memory of Louise Barrett Cobbe. May her memory forever be a blessing. With love, the Kushners.
William Dilley	Donation made in honor of Louise Barrett Cobbe.
Paula Dickerman	This donation is in Memory of Louise Barrett Cobbe. The donation is from the Wednesday Morning Yale Study Group.
William Reed	In Memory of Mary Louise Osweiler Snyder from Lesotho 1, 1967-69 for Memorial Scholarship Fund.
Theodore Hochstadt	In Memory of Mary Louise Osweiler Snyder, Lesotho 1, Memorial Scholarship Fund.
Jackson Charles	Donation on the behalf of Cheryl Creeden!
Courtney McGrew	This donation is made for Marnie Feldman, fellow Lesotho RPCV (1999-2001), who's mom just passed away. Always family.
Kathryn Dunn on behalf of D.Hardgrove	Gift from Drew Hardgrove (Peace Corps 1979-1984). Drew passed in June. This donation to go to the Qalo school in Buthe Butha Lesotho in memory of James Moreboli Makunya whose family has long resided in Buthe Butha, Lesotho.
Kathy Fox	In honor of my late husband, Rod Farrell, RPCV (1975-77) and Headmaster, Seeiso Secondary School, Mokhotlong. From Kathy Fox (RPCV, 1979-81), SehlabaThebe, Qacha's Nek.
The Ulrich Family	In honor of Pierre Ernst.



List of Donors

Below you'll find the list of donors who generously donated to FOL during the 2022 calendar year.

Please know that FOL appreciates any and all donations it receives! Should you notice any errors or omissions in the listings below, please contact richard.rowan@friendsoflesotho.org. (We will publish any corrections in the May 2023 Newsletter.)

FOL sends Thank You letters/tax receipts to acknowledge donations. We send these letters to everyone for whom we have a postal mailing address.

Many online donations come from people for whom we do not have a mailing address. If you would like a letter acknowledging your tax deductible donation, please contact us at the email address listed above. Also, let us know if it is okay to send it by email or if you'd prefer it to be sent by USPS Mail.

\$20,000
Eileen Stein

\$15,000
Taipei American School

\$1,000-\$5,000
Ann Cheng
Annmarie Emmet
Drew Hardgrove
David Massey & Barbara B. Brown
Barbara Meyer & Terrence Ellard
Virginia Meyer
William Moore
Duane Morse
George Rohrmann & Louise Meadows
Peter Titcomb & Laurie Bruce

\$500-\$999
Monica Bomber
Paula Dickerman
Fredric & Victoria Divine
Phillip Drew
Jessica Faulkner
David Harpman
John Kelly
Dick & Pam Nystrom
Jessica Quarles
Kim Smith
Laurie Zastrow



\$250-\$499
Nathan Birhanu
Bill Boeddiker
Charles Fogelman & Stacey McKeever
Claire-Lise Kelly
Douglas Mayo
Gregory Mullen
Martin Nichols
Monique Rubin
The Ulrich Family

\$100-\$249
John & Lauren Aerni-Flessner
Katherine & Matthew Baginski Doar
Michael Beilstein
David & Ntoetse Bertocci
Scott Brumburgh
Mark Carr
Dennis & Cheryl Caspe
James Catalano
Tom & Cheryl Creeden
Cathy Crompton
Dale Davis
James Delong
Marisa Ernst
Larry Frank
Chris Freer
Kevin Freer
Kathy Fox
Brad F. Gamble
Philip Gerard & Gail Sherry Frazer
Katherine Gordon
Janet Gryczan
Jane Hale
Shuko Hashimoto
Kathy & Raif Henry

\$100-\$249 (continued)
Linda Henry
John Hill
Daniel Hogan
John Hollister
Diane & Richard Hope
Kirk Iversen
Dan F. Jacoby
Janet Kalnbach
Eileen Kirkpatrick
Arno & Joy Laesecke
Kaitlin Leaf
Robert & Susan Learmonth
Emily Lefholz
Mary Levander
Nora Moore
Bruce Morrison & Joyce Richardson
Peter Neumann & Maria Steele
Mike Nyquist
Mark Ossenheimer
Bill Reed
Scott Rosenberg
Allison Smith
Marty & Marion Smith
Robert Sos & Faye Chin
Tim & Mamoetsi Spanier
Geneva Stang
Leah Staub-DeLong
Andrew Steele
David & Kathy Tempest
Dennis Tracey
Kurt Troutman
William Tsacoyeanes
David Vancelette
Genevieve Wano
Robert Washington-Allen
Catherine Zandonella



Up to \$100
Cate Abbott
Jeffrey Alterman
Charlene Babcock
Kristan Barry
Dorothy Beling
Heather Brown
Elizabeth Brus
Craig Buscher
Harold Cary III
Jackson Charles
Christopher Conz
William Dilley
Steven DeBroux
Mario Ernst
James Fitton
Amy Goldknopf
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Virginia Humphreys
Martha Kidd
Kevin Koester
Maureen Kostyack
Benjamin Kriebel
Matthew Kushner

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Blake Langdon
Michele Lee
Abbe Levine
Karolina Lobrow
Thomas & Helen Martin
Jeff Mc Donald
Courtney Mc Grew
Jean Meadowcroft
Elizabeth Moniz
Texys Morris
George & Fredi Munger
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Krista M. Rosemary
Zoe Schroeder
Mark Staknis
Sharon Sullivan
Robert Synk
Donald Theiler
Unity Botanicals
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In-kind Donations

Apart from countless volunteer hours, FOL also appreciates the numerous in-kind donations it received. They have been crucial in keeping administrative and operational expenses low. A big thank you in particular to:

Contributors	Type of In-Kind Donation	approx. Value
Richard & Tlotlisang Rowan	Computer software subscriptions and mailing supplies	\$584
Kevin Freer	Printing and mailing costs for newsletters	\$272
Ali Kukovich	Yearly subscription for web-hosting service	\$252
Kevin Caughlan	Yearly Zoom subscription	\$150



Ways to Support FOL

DONATIONS

Make a Donation

FOL gladly accepts donations. Our operating expenses are covered by fundraising activities, so any extra donations are used entirely to support projects in Lesotho. The specific projects funded change over time depending on the requests we receive. FOL supports the following types of projects:

- HIV/AIDS
- Orphanages
- Tuition Assistance, including Memorial Scholarships
- The Morija Museum
- Peace Corps Volunteer Projects
- Community Development Projects
- Other types of projects as new opportunities arise.

The FOL Donations Committee considers requests for funding and makes recommendations to the Board. You may specify that a donation be directed to a particular project or type of project or you can leave it to the discretion of the Donations Committee.

If you would like to make a donation, simply mail your donation to:

Friends of Lesotho
115 Monterey Avenue
Oakwood, OH 45419

Checks should be made out to "Friends of Lesotho."

Online Donation

If you prefer to send donations online, go to <https://www.friendsoflesotho.org/donate> and fill in the needed information.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and acknowledgement for IRS purposes will automatically be made for amounts over \$250, or for any amount upon request.

Corporate Matching Gifts



Many businesses offer corporate matching gift programs that match donations made by their employees to charitable causes such as FOL. Donors are encouraged to request a matching gift from their employer, who then makes their own donation. Companies usually match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match even more.

Leaving a Legacy to Friends of Lesotho Inc.

There are several ways to include Friends of Lesotho Inc. in your estate planning and therefore a lasting legacy to the people of Lesotho. Of course, your gift will depend on your goals, assets, family considerations, and charitable interests. You may:

- Designate a percentage of the residue of your estate.
- Leave a specific dollar amount.
- List Friends of Lesotho Inc. as beneficiary of your IRA, Retirement Plan, or Life Insurance Policy. These do not even have to be addressed in a Will.

Your legacy is an enduring tribute that reflects much thought and advanced planning. For more information about planned giving with Friends of Lesotho Inc., contact Scott Rosenberg, President, at srosenberg@wittenberg.edu.





VOLUNTEER

Attend FOL Board Meetings

Meetings are held at 12:30 Eastern on the third Sunday of odd numbered months. Minutes are available about one week after each meeting. Meetings are open to all FOL members and friends. Please contact Kevin Caughlan, Secretary (for the Zoom call-in information caughlan@earthlink.net).

Share Your Expertise and Time

If you've always wondered how you could give a little more than your financial donations, now is the chance to volunteer your time, special skills, and enthusiasm.

- Directors 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 March
- Directors serve for 2-year terms.

If you are interested or know of someone interested in serving on the Board or one of FOL's Committees, please feel free to complete the Board of Directors and Committee Application Form at

<https://www.friendsoflesotho.org/boardinfo>.

For more information, refer to the Board Information at this same location on our website. You may also contact Scott Rosenberg, President, at srosenberg@wittenberg.edu.



Non-Profit Status

Friends of Lesotho, Inc., is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, registered in Ohio. Information regarding non-profit organizations registered in Ohio can be found on the Ohio Attorney General website:

<https://charitableregistration.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Charities/Research-Charities.aspx>.

Nonprofits in Ohio soliciting donations are subject to Title 17: Corporations - Partnerships Chapter 1716.

A copy of the current financial statement of Friends of Lesotho, Inc., is available in our quarterly newsletters or by contacting FOL <https://www.friendsoflesotho.org/generalinquiry>, or writing to Friends of Lesotho, Inc.





Ways FOL Can Help Lesotho

Contact Us If You Will Be Traveling to Lesotho

FOL often needs someone to make contacts for us in Lesotho, which may involve a short visit to the Peace Corps Office, with PCVs, or projects we are supporting. Use the Contacts page on our website to let us know when you are traveling to Lesotho.

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Sign Up for e-Newsletters

Please join your fellow FOL members and Go Green! Simply log on to the FOL website and sign up for our newsletter using the link at the bottom of the home page.

Submit Newsletter Articles

Submit articles and information that may be of interest to our members to: Kevin Freer (kfreer49@gmail.com).

Send Us Your Photos

FOL would love to showcase your pictures of the people, places, and things of Lesotho and Peace Corps in our various publications, including the Newsletter. Please email your photos to Kevin Freer (kfreer49@gmail.com).

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE

Send us any posts and news you'd like to see on our Facebook page. Current events, nostalgia, development opportunities- share them with us! Visit our website. Contact Meghan White and Ali Kukovich at white.meghan0@gmail.com and ali.kukovich@gmail.com

Apply for Funding

The Donations Committee reviews all applications for funding to the organization 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 complete the Funding Request Form at <https://www.friendsoflesotho.org/apply-for-a-project>. Once finished, email to friendsoflesotho@gmail.org.

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