

# Friends of Lesotho Annual Report 2023



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# **FRIENDS OF LESOTHO ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**All are welcome to join by Zoom**

**MARCH 11TH 2024 At 4:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) via Zoom**

**(see Zoom details on next page)**

## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

Playing of Lesotho's National Anthem

Roll Call - Kevin Caughlan

President's Welcome - Meghan White

2024 Election Results - Kevin Caughlan

Guest Speakers:

The First Secretary, Embassy of the Kingdom of Lesotho

Mme Mamoitheri Hanese

Abby Johnson from SolarSPELL

Wrap up and closing of meeting - Meghan White

**There is still time to vote for Board of Directors Candidates**



**[Click Here to Vote](#)**



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+1 564 217 2000 US

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

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## President's Message

Lumelang Motsoelle,

As we reflect on the strides made in 2023, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our members, both longstanding and newly joined. Your dedication to Friends of Lesotho (FOL) continues to fuel our mission of fostering positive change and assisting the people of Lesotho. Through initiatives like the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), contributions to Peace Corps Partnership Program grants, and grassroots support, we've been able to make a meaningful difference in communities across the country.

In December, we welcomed the 91st cohort of volunteers, with 36 individuals dedicating themselves to supporting the Education & Health projects. It's exciting to know that there are now multiple cohorts, with the in-country total at 47 volunteers.

Reflecting on my almost one year as president, I am humbled by the dedication of our board members, some of whom have served for decades. Their passion for maintaining connections and making a difference in Lesotho is truly commendable. For me, Friends of Lesotho embodies the spirit of friendship and purposeful action, fueled by the bonds formed in this remarkable country. I would like to thank Scott Rosenberg and Kevin Freer for supporting both Kenneth & I over this past year as we transitioned to lead the organization. Kevin in particular has done so much to ensure that the FOL maintains all historical documents pertinent to the organization, and that we are poised to build on the momentum FOL has built over the past decade.

Looking ahead to 2024, our focus remains on growing our membership and strengthening our partnership with the Peace Corps to support their initiatives. Our organization, now 38 years strong, is poised to continue its legacy of impact and service.

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to each of you for your ongoing support and commitment to Friends of Lesotho. Together, we will continue to have a positive impact in Lesotho.



Sincerely,

*Meaghan White*

President FOL



## **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.



## Board Members and Newsletter Team

### Board of Directors

**Meghan White**  
 President  
 Years in Lesotho: 2017-2019  
 Based in: Carlsbad, CA

**Kenneth Tucceri**  
 Vice-President  
 Years in Lesotho: 2017-2019  
 Based in: Tewksbury, MA

**Kevin Caughlan**  
 Secretary  
 Years in Lesotho: 1972-1974  
 Based in: Sandy Spring, MD

**Teresa Straffin**  
 Treasurer  
 Years in Lesotho: 1987-1992  
 Based in: Eagleville, PA

**David Stevenson**  
 Treasurer  
 Years in Lesotho: 1989-1992  
 Based in: Eagleville, PA

**Scott Rosenberg**  
 Past President  
 Years in Lesotho: 1989-1991  
 Based in: Oakwood, OH

### Board Members-at-Large

**Cayla Anderson**  
 Years in Lesotho: 2018-2020  
 Based in: Cincinnati, OH

**Marisa Ernst**  
 Years in Lesotho: 1985-1990  
 Based in: Reno, NV

**Kevin Freer**  
 Years in Lesotho: 1976-1978  
 Based in: Albany, NY

**Justice Kalebe**  
 Mosotho  
 Based in: Maseru, Lesotho

**Ali Kukovich**  
 Years in Lesotho: 2017-2018  
 Based in: Columbus, OH

**Kathryn Larimore**  
 Years in Lesotho: 2017-2019  
 Based in: New York, NY

**Bill Moore**  
 Years in Lesotho: 1983-1986  
 Based in: Staint Paul, MN

**Richard Rowan**  
 Years in Lesotho: 1974-1984  
 Based in: Roseville, MN

**Danielle Sharp**  
 Years in Lesotho: 2015-present  
 Based in: Maseru, Lesotho

**Cassie Sheridan**  
 Years in Lesotho: 2017-2019  
 Based in: Girdwood, AK

### Newsletter Team

**Cassie Sheridan**  
 Editor  
 Years in Lesotho: 2017-2019  
 Based in Girdwood, AK

**Nicole Potsane**  
 Graphic Designer  
 Years in Lesotho: 2003-2005  
 Based in Denver, CA

**Mary Howard**  
 Copy Editor  
 Years in Lesotho: 1975-1979  
 Based in: Carmichael, CA

**Deena Lawrence**  
 Copy Editor  
 Years in Lesotho: 1987-1989  
 Based in: Aurora, CO

**Ella Kwisnek**  
 Compiles News from Lesotho  
 Years in Lesotho: 1991-1993  
 Based in: Pittsburgh, PA



## 2023 Committee and Task Force Members

Committees and Task Forces	Chairs	Members
<b>Membership</b>	Marisa Ernst	Bill Moore Richard Rowan
<b>Database/Membership Administration</b>	Richard Rowan Meghan White	
<b>Donations</b>	Danielle Sharp	Cayla Anderson Justice Kalebe Scott Rosenberg
<b>Fundraising</b>	Kevin Freer	Kathryn Larimore
<b>Newsletter</b>	Cassie Sheridan	Design: Nicole Harbor Potsane; Editing: Mary Howard & Deena Lawrence; News: Ella Kwisnek
<b>Finance</b>	David Stevenson Teresa Straffin	Richard Rowan
<b>By-Laws</b>	Kenneth Tucceri	Ali Kukovich
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	Kenneth Tucceri	Kevin Caughlan, <i>others to be appointed by President</i>
<b>Nominations</b>	Kenneth Tucceri, <i>ex officio</i>	Scott Rosenberg
<b>Social Media/Website</b>	Ali Kukovich	Meghan White
<b>In-Country</b>	Danielle Sharp	Justice Kalebe
<b>Embassy Liaison</b>	Scott Rosenberg	
<b>National Peace Corps Association Liaison</b>	Richard Rowan	



## Projects Supported by Friends of Lesotho in 2023

### Education and Literacy related projects

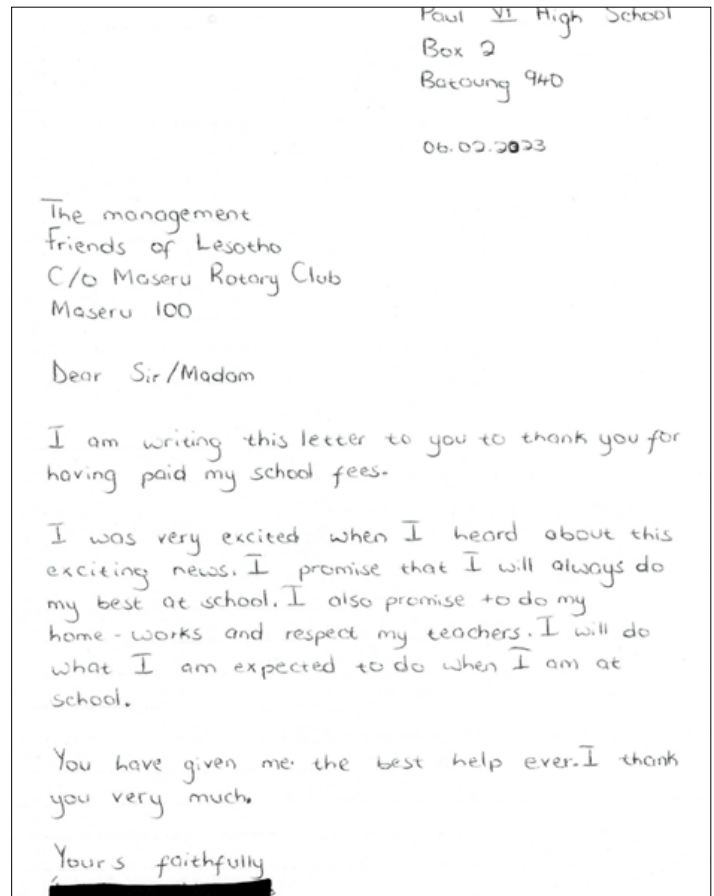
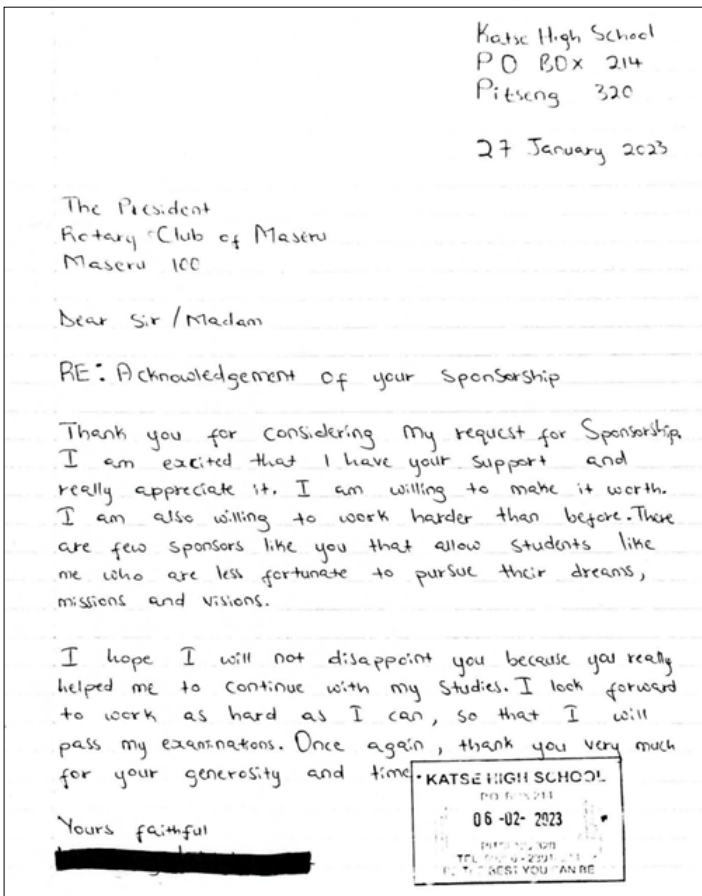


#### Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Special thanks to the Taipei American School for their donation of \$12,561.80 last year and member contributions over \$1,000. This generous support enabled FOL to fund over 60 students this school year.

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

FOL received numerous Thank You letters from students who received TAP funding this year.







### Paleng Place of Stories

An MOU was approved by the board to send a \$3,000 donation to Paleng Place of Stories. Paleng is a children’s library in Malealea Valley, Lesotho.

At Paleng they create bilingual picture storybooks specifically for children in rural communities. All of their books are written, illustrated, translated, and produced by the Paleng team. The books in both Sesotho and English are given out to children for free. Have a look at the organization’s colorful and informative website at: <https://palengplaceofstories.org/>

### Support for Molete Foundation

FOL served as Fiscal Agent on behalf of Jan Brabham and Keefe Kalil for a project to collect and distribute funds for the Molete Foundation to buy land and build a literacy center directed by Monica Letsoha.



*Many children are eager for enrichment in a supportive, safe environment*



*Mt. Tabor Seniors hamming it up for the camera.*

### Mount Tabor School

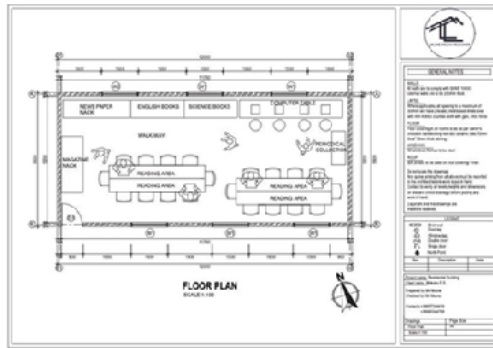
FOL wired a \$4,000 donation made by William Stafford Noble (PCV 1991-1993 at Mt. Tabor in Mafeteng) for the building of new dormitories at the school. The high school currently educates 900 students.





## Library for Mokoko Primary School

FOL facilitated fundraising led by Kenneth Tucceri for the construction of a new library. The \$25,000 project benefits the students at the Mokoko Primary School in Thaba Tseka.



*Blueprint and artist's rendering of proposed Mokoko PS Library building.*

## Other projects that received FOL support

### Help Save Lives: Mankoe Foundation

FOL sent funds of \$1,571 to the Mankoe Foundation to build an animal shelter and to purchase chickens and pigs to feed orphans and other youth. The chickens and pigs will be taken care of until they are ready to be sold in the market. The animals will be replaced after every sale to sustain the programs to pay for student fees, books, uniforms, and other essentials.



*FOL-financed shelter to house the animals.*



*With the FOL grant, villagers were able to also buy a starter flock of chickens and the first batch of piglets.*

### Peace Corps Partnership Program — Lesotho Country Fund

FOL's contributions to the Lesotho Country Fund continue to support sustainable, community-driven projects in Lesotho that are led by Peace Corps Volunteers. There are currently 47 PCVs in Lesotho, mainly in Education or Health related positions. In 2023, FOL donated \$2,000 to Lesotho's Peace Corps Partnership Program.



## Social Media Committee Report

The Website Committee at Friends of Lesotho (FOL) has remained committed to maintaining an engaging online presence, ensuring that our website, rebuilt on Squarespace a couple of years ago, remains current and informative. Throughout the year, we have diligently updated the website with the latest news, events, and project information, offering visitors a comprehensive overview of FOL's endeavors. Additionally, we have enhanced user experience by implementing a streamlined donation process on our PayPal page, allowing donors to allocate their contributions to specific projects of their choice. This innovation has empowered supporters to direct their funds towards initiatives that resonate most with them, fostering a deeper sense of connection and investment in our mission.

Moreover, our Facebook page continues to serve as a vital platform for engaging with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and other FOL supporters. Through regular updates, event promotions, and interactive content, we have cultivated a vibrant online community where members can connect, share experiences, and stay informed about FOL's activities. Notably, this year, we leveraged Facebook to amplify the reach of our participation in Peace Corps Week, successfully bringing together over 70 individuals for an impactful event. As always, our website remains a repository of valuable resources, housing archived newsletters and annual reports for easy access. For those who haven't yet joined our community, we extend a warm invitation to visit our website, fill out the membership form, and become part of our growing network of advocates for Lesotho.

## Membership Committee Report

Since 2017, basic membership in Friends of Lesotho is free. Interested persons can sign up for membership through the FOL website ([www.friendsoflesotho.org](http://www.friendsoflesotho.org)), following the prompts under the "Contact Us" tab. Current members can also [update changes to their contact information](#) (email or physical address; name changes, etc.) following those same prompts. As of end of 2023, FOL has grown to 963 members.

Members automatically receive the quarterly FOL Newsletter (published three times a year) by email. The newsletter provides news about Lesotho, as well as updates on the various activities of FOL. Members also receive other information relevant to the organization, such the Annual Report, board member elections, and similar information.

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 website's "Contact Us" tab—*General Inquiry*. If we have contact information for that person, we'll contact them to see if it's okay to share their information with you.

## Fundraising Committee Report

FOL concentrated its fundraising efforts in 2023 through an end-of-year email appeal, with some letters mailed to members and friends for whom an email address was unavailable. FOL also launched a new fundraising campaign using **ShopRaise** listed at the end of this Report under *Ways to Give*.

FOL is grateful for all donations received throughout the year. With much appreciation to all of our many generous donors for their support.



## FOL Annual Financial Report for 2023

**JANUARY 1, 2023 - BEGINNING BALANCE** \$46,196.54

**2023 INCOME**

Transfer from Capital One account	\$15,739.32
Total checks	\$41,153.18
Total Paypal	\$13,504.94
Total domestic transfers (Laptops for Lesotho)	\$10,717.52
Total In Kind Donations from FOL Board Members	\$402.99
Fidelity Investment	\$50.00
<b>Total income for 2023:</b>	<b>\$81,567.95</b>

**TOTAL BALANCE AFTER DEPOSITS:** \$127,764.49

**2023 EXPENSES**

**FOL Business Expenses**

OH FOL Registration Fee	\$ 50.00
Total FOL business expenses	\$ 809.99
Total International wire transfer fees	\$ 440.00
<b>Total Business Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 1,299.99</b>

**International Wire Transfers**

Mantsopa Rotary Club	\$ 3,750.00
Rotary Club of Maseru	\$ 14,950.00
Hope Secondary School	\$ 4,000.00
Mankoe Foundation	\$ 1,300.00
Monica Letsoha (school fees)	\$ 1,910.00
Paleng Place of Stories	\$ 3,000.00
PCV projects	\$ 2,000.00
International wire transfer (project undefined)	\$ 1,571.00
<b>Total International Wire Transfers:</b>	<b>\$ 32,481.00</b>

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 ENDING BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES:** \$93,983.50

**Note:** A copy of the current financial statement is available by writing to FOL at 115 Monterey Ave., Oakwood, OH 45419, USA, or by emailing [rosenberg@wittenberg.edu](mailto:rosenberg@wittenberg.edu)



## 2023 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 Sekese 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	Michael Meador	Don Spicer & Nthakoana Peko
Faye Farmer & Joel Reynolds	Jean Meadowcroft	Stephanie & Adam Springer
Charles Fogelman & Stacey McKeever	Mark Mellbye	Leah Tillett
Kevin Freer	Barbara Meyer & Terrence Ellard	Dennis Tracey
Julie Galbraith	William Moore	Madeline Uraneck
Brad F. Gamble	Scott Moreland	Taipei American School
Jim Gunsolus & Sue Anderson	Bruce Morrison & Joyce Richardson	Nancy Zook
Jane Hale	Duane Morse	

FOL learned that the following Lifetime Members have passed in 2023:

Jean Greenway  
Douglas Mayo



## List of Donors

Below you'll find the list of donors who generously donated to FOL during the 2023 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 ([qhomaki@gmail.com](mailto:qhomaki@gmail.com)) We will publish any corrections in the May 2024 Newsletter.

FOL sends Thank You letters/tax receipts to acknowledge donations. We send these letters to every donor for whom we have a mailing or email address.

Many donations come to us electronically from people for whom we do not have contact information. If you would like a letter acknowledging your tax deductible donation, please contact us at the email address listed above.

\$15,000
Eileen Stein

\$1,000-\$5,000
Ann Cheng
David Massey & Barbara B. Brown
Mark Mellbye
Duane Morse
William Noble
George Rohrmann & Louise Meadows
Lillian Tucceri

\$500-\$999
Anthony Abner
Jan Brabham
Jessica Faulkner
Carolyn Gannon
Jane Hale
David Harpman
Ron McKown
William Moore
Amy Mortimer
Ann Shriver
Kim & Devie Smith
Don Spicer & Nthakoana Peko
Kenneth Tucceri
Madeline Uraneck
Ronald Vereen



<b>\$250-\$499</b>
Anonymous
Joseph Becker
Barbara Blum
Meghan Burns
Fredric & Victoria Divine
Kevin Freer
Ted Hochstadt
Claire-Lise Kelly
Margaret Langdon
Peter Neumann & Maria Steele
Martin Nichols
Bill Reed
Rillahan & Associate
Dave Ruch & Tia Heneghan
Maureen Shealy
Laurie Zastrow

<b>\$100-\$249</b>
John & Lauren Aerni-Flessner
David Almandsmith
Daniel Arsenault
Kathleen Arsenault
Linda Arsenault
Vanessa Aukshunas
David & Ntoetse Bertocci
Kim Broshar
Scott Brumburgh
Richard & Nancy Carlson
Mark Carr
Diane Castellana
Chiara Ceccarelli
Russell Cohen
Susan Colman
Richard Cuoco
Wade Dallagrana
Kathryn Dalton

<b>\$100-\$249 (continued)</b>
Marisa Ernst & Robert Washington-Allen
James Fitton
Charles Fogelman & Stacey McKeever
Brad F. Gamble
Erika Gardiner
Coleman Glaze
Debbie Harding
Kathy & Raif Henry
Linda Henry
John Hollister
Kirk Iversen
Jan Kalnbach
Arno & Joy Laesecke
Mary Levander
Jennifer Lewis
Bruce Morrison & Joyce Richardson
John Munson
Sara Munson
Susan Murphy
Helio Neno
Mike Nyquist
Anne Raco
James M. Rathbun
Casey Rillahan
Chelsea Saint Onge-May
Pete Siegenthaler
Robert Sos & Faye Chin
Allison Smith
Kimberly Smith
Timothy & Mamoetsi Spanier
Elizabeth Steele
Teresa Straffin & Dave Stevenson
David Vancelette
Priscilla & Allan Walker
Thomas Warren
Tasha Wilder
Word & Spirit Press



Up to \$100
Cate Abbott
Gregory Anderson
Jorge Andrade
Christopher Baer
Katherine & Matthew Baginski Doar
Blackburn Giving
Robert Briggs
Richard Burns
Harold Cary III
Benjamin Charles
Kristina Claunch
Maxwell Cohen
Lander Collins
Daniel Cooper
Jan Droegkamp
Corinne Foster
Amy Goldknopf
Donna Greenhut
Kathie Hoops
Richard Johnson
Anna Kaiser
Keep Tucson Sketchy
Kevin Koester
Julie Lancaster
Stephen Marshall
Thomas & Helen Martin
Jean Meadowcroft
Donna Meuse

Up to \$100 (continued)
Heather Moulton
George & Fredi Munger
Pearl Myers
Sharon Nash
NEM
Rebecca Nolan
Lianne Oday
John Pasquariello
Richard W. Pollard
Jeana Pondelli
Rowan Quirk
Angela Regan
Kathryn Rogers
Zach Rosen
Scott Rosenberg
Karen Schmitz
Meagan Schweiger
Rebecca Shaw-Quinones
Noel Smith
Andrew Steele
Robert Synk
Margaret Farrell Tibbits
William Tsacoyeanes
Jeremy Valentine
Leo Weaver
Mike Wells
Meghan White
Barbara Winters

## 2023 Memorial Gifts

In 2023, FOL once again received a number of gifts that were made in honor of a special person or event.

- \* *Bill Moore donated in memory of Mary Wagner.*
- \* *In memory of Vance Brabham, Rock Hill, SC, USA: May his gentleness and kind heart live on through the children of Lesotho.*
- \* *In memory of Doug Mayo, Lesotho I. Sala ka khotso motsoalle oa ka Ntate Motlalepula.*
- \* *In memory of Doug Mayo, Lesotho I (1967-69) to Memorial Scholarship Fund.*





## Ways to Give

We couldn't have the impact we have on the lives of the people of Lesotho without your financial support. Whether it's \$5 or \$5,000, all donations help us reach further and make a difference at the grassroots level. We are a registered 501(c)3 organization, so your donation is tax deductible.

Friends of Lesotho Inc. (FOL) is fortunate to have a generous donation support base. Board members review new project proposals as well as ongoing projects in Lesotho on a bi-monthly basis. With your financial support, FOL is able to fund scholarships, grants, and community development projects.

There are several ways to donate to Friends of Lesotho. See the list below and refer to <https://www.friendsoflesotho.org/donate> for more information.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Online or Mailing Donations</b>   | <i>Donate online, or mail a check to: Friends of Lesotho Inc., 115 Monterey Ave., Oakwood, OH 45419</i> |
| <b>Lifetime Member Contributions</b> | <i>Choose an option that fits your budget using the Lifetime Member Contribution Form</i>               |
| <b>Wills &amp; Estate Planning</b>   | <i>Leave a Legacy to the Friends of Lesotho Inc. in your Wills &amp; Estate Planning</i>                |
| <b>Memorial Gifts</b>                | <i>Complete the Memorial Contribution Form and send to FOL</i>  |
| <b>Employer Matching Gifts</b>       | <i>Double your donation through FOL's Matching Gifts Program</i>  |



### 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/generalcontact>, or writing to Friends of Lesotho, Inc.



## Additional ways to make a difference

### Do your online shopping with

The Amazon Smile program ended last year, which was a passive way for members and friends to help fundraise for FOL. We decided to engage with and utilize the **ShopRaise** app.

ShopRaise is an app and browser plug-in that allows participating retailers to contribute up to 10% of each transaction directly to FOL. We are really excited about the possibilities with ShopRaise, as it is a verified and trustworthy platform that is partnered with nearly 1,000 retailers and requires no additional contribution from you.

Friends of Lesotho's ShopRaise page can be found at <https://shopraise.com/support/589581>. The website will guide you through installing the app/plug-in and creating an account. You will then be able to do your shopping using the mobile app or extension, thereby supporting FOL! Please feel free to reach out with any questions about ShopRaise or with any other fundraising ideas you have.

### Attend FOL Board Meetings

If you are ready to take your engagement to the next level, attend our bi-monthly online meetings. Meetings are held via Zoom at 12:30 pm EST (USA) on the **3rd 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 Zoom call-in information ([caughlan@earthlink.net](mailto:caughlan@earthlink.net)).

### Become a FOL Board Member, Committee or Task Force Member

Share your expertise and consider volunteering as a Board Member, or join one of the different FOL Committees and Task Forces where your special skills and your enthusiasm will be very welcome and appreciated!

- Board Members are elected based on their willingness and ability to support the mission of FOL
- Nominations are accepted year-round
- Board elections are held at the Annual Meeting in March
- Board Members serve 2-year terms

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as a Board, Committee, or Task Force member, please complete the *Board and Committee Application Form* (<https://www.friendsoflesotho.org/boardinfo>). For more information, refer to the Board Information on the same webpage. You may also contact Meghan White, President, at [white.meghan0@gmail.com](mailto:white.meghan0@gmail.com).



## Additional ways to make a difference (continued)

### Contact Us If You Are 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.



### Contribute to the FOL Newsletter

The newspaper editor appreciates contributions from newsletter readers, such as photos, reports on travel you may have made to the Kingdom in the Sky, or about a reunion with your PCV friends. Submit articles and information that may be of interest to our members to:

[ccsheridan2@gmail.com](mailto:ccsheridan2@gmail.com)

### Engage with FOL online

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### Apply (or assist someone to 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.

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