



**Forests without Borders**  
**Forêts sans Frontières**

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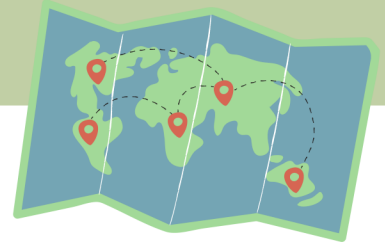
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# ABOUT US

FwB-FsF was established as an independent registered charity in Canada (Registration # 817698269) on January 10, 2010, with the help of members of the Canadian Institute of Forestry - Institut Forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC). Our mission is to improve the lives of people by restoring forests around the world. We are a micro charity with the intent to work with local community members to develop and implement sustainable grassroots projects. To date, FwB-FsF has worked in Haiti, Vanuatu, Tanzania, Cameroon, Ghana, Madagascar, Nepal, Canada, Zambia and Uganda.



## OUR MISSION

FwB-FsF mission is to work with people who wish to restore or improve their forests for health, security, the economy, and the environment by:

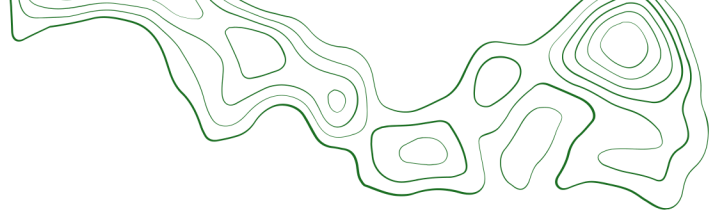
- Developing and delivering projects through partnerships,
- Responding to need and appeals,
- Targeted fundraising,
- Proactively promoting awareness of forests and their sustainable use.



*FwB-FsF Trustee, Jerry Benner, with school children in the Village of Kijiji Cha, Tanzania*

At Forests Without Borders, we aim to make a lasting impact in the communities we work in and beyond. Our initiatives are designed to catalyze true transformation. But above all, passion is at the heart and soul of everything that we do.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE



The Board of Trustees had an eventful and challenging year. We said goodbye to some Trustees, and welcomed new ones to the group. We set up a fundraising committee led by Trustee, Candace Parsons, who's team was instrumental in making the silent auction at the CIF-IFC Conference a huge success. A new Trustee, Liz Wass, is running social media and communications for FwB-FsF.

Last year, the Board focused on fundraising campaigns, developing new projects, increasing social media presence, and distributing newsletters to keep in touch with the many FwB-FsF supporters. Our efforts appear to be effective, as 2021-2022 saw an increase in donations. Large donations from ChariTree Foundation and Mosaic are gratefully acknowledged. Donations can be made through CanadaHelps, a Canadian charity that makes it easy for donors to find charities that match their interest and make one time or monthly donations.



*The forest around the villages of Ghana greening up post burning.*

While FwB-FsF has successfully completed its charcoal production project in Ghana, we are pleased at how well the areas around these villages have greened up. The local people have told me that wildlife is returning to the area that was once burned-over bare ground. We have continued to work with the villagers to help them apply for funds elsewhere, and they have been successful! They now run a larger tree planting project on their own with the confidence and skills they learned implementing the FwB-FsF project. Continue reading our for further project updates.

Trustee, Jerry Benner, developed and initiated a tree planting project at a school in Tanzania. We have been working for a few years to determine the feasibility and details of establishing an arboretum at a new university in Pokhara, Nepal. The Newfoundland and Labrador Caucus of FwB-FsF also has a project in Vanuatu in development. We are looking forward to the year ahead!

*Fred Pinto, FwB-FsF Chair*





# GOVERNANCE

FwB-FsF is governed by a volunteer board of trustees (Table 1) from across Canada. The Board of Trustees work to develop, approve, implement and manage projects around the world.

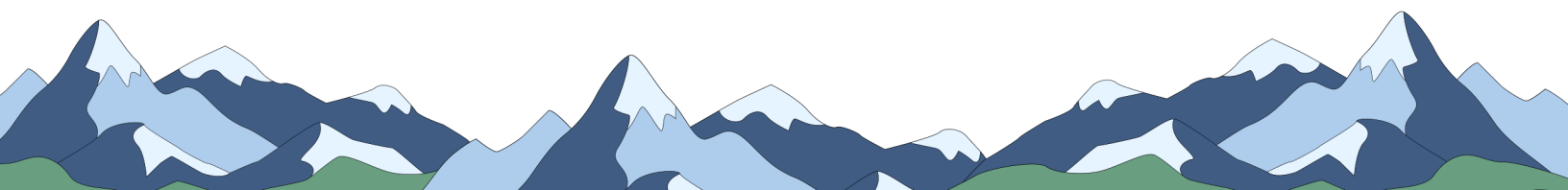
We work with local organizations in each country to ensure there is buy-in and support for the project, and that there is leadership, available labour and funding to ensure the long-term maintenance or expansion of projects.

Table 1 - Board of Trustees 2021-2022

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Additional Role</b>
Peter Ackhurst	Vancouver, BC	Vice Chair
Jerry Benner	Heriot Bay, BC	
Linda Dwyer	Kitigan Zibi, PQ	
Rod Hillyard	St. John's, NL	
Sharad Karmacharya	Hinton, AB	
Wendy J LeClair	Wawa, ON	
Candace Parsons	Vancouver, BC	National Fundraising Chair
Fred Pinto	North Bay, ON	Founder & Chair
Shereen Trenchard	Hinton, AB	
Liz Wass	Terrace, BC	Communications
Lorne West	Edmonton, AB	Treasurer

## HIMALAYAN FIELD STUDY PROGRAM

The International Institute of Field Studies (IIFS) based in Hinton, Alberta, Canada is planning a fundraiser benefitting FwB-FsF via a trip to the Himalayan region of Nepal for interested Canadian foresters and natural resource professionals ahead in autumn 2023. Activities include an elephant safari to see rhinoceros in Chitwan National Park, a visit to local community forest projects, and visits to world heritage sites. The IIFS has been organizing trips to Nepal since 2001.





# 2022 Project Impacts



**Tanzania**

1118 people  
275 students

**Nepal**  
82 students  
200 households



**Ghana**  
500 families



*Thank you for  
your support!*



# PROJECT UPDATES

## Ghana

The 5 year FwB-FsF Ghana Charcoal Project is now complete! This successful project ran from 2018 to 2022, where FwB-FsF helped to purchase and install steel charcoal kilns which convert wood into charcoal. Communities in rural Ghana use charcoal for cooking and to heat their homes. Historically, wood was obtained by harvesting native forests, which eventually lead to large deforested areas. Without the kilns, charcoal is made using the "pit and mound" method, which caused wildfires that added to the deforestation impacts. The introduction of kilns has reduced wildfires, helped preserve biodiversity, soil, and water, and has created jobs for local community members.



*Steel charcoal kilns convert wood efficiently and safely while creating jobs for villagers.*

In addition, FwB-FsF helped to establish a wood fuel production site on 80 hectares of degraded land unsuitable for agriculture. This area has been planted with 50,000 mahogany and cassia trees by local villagers for future harvesting. The charcoal steel kiln project has transformed local wood fuel use via a partnership between village charcoal producers, traditional leaders, the Ghana Forest Services Division and the United Nations Development Programme.

***Thank you to everyone who helped develop, fundraise, and facilitate this project!***



# PROJECT UPDATES

## Tanzania

Registered Professional Forester and FwB-FsF Trustee, Jerry Benner, has been working with community members involved in this project since 2018. The Flametree Reforestation Project is located in the Kijiji Cha Village of the Manyara Region in Tanzania. The project was completed in the winter of 2019-2020. Local villagers planted 3,200 trees on land that was previously used for agriculture. Due to the survival of the planted trees and success of the project, other groups and villages would like to develop similar tree planting projects.

With local government support, collaboration from with the Arusha area Forest Training Institute, and an available local work force to grow and plant the trees, FwB-FsF has been working to expand the Flametree Reforestation Project.

The Tidivi Primary School is the first site where reforestation efforts have begun in 2022. A crew dug holes for the trees, added local composted manure, and as of December 2022, 1,050 trees have been planted. The seedlings were grown on the traditional roadside nursery using locally sourced seeds for a variety of native tree and fruit species.





# PROJECT UPDATES



## Nepal

The Chandika School Project is a reforestation initiative at a school in Nepal that was funded by the ChariTree Foundation and FwB-FsF. The project enabled students to plant trees on the school premises and they got to take seedlings home to plant at their households. The project was successful in creating awareness about the importance of forest ecosystems, not only for the students at Chandika, but also the school management committee, parents, and teachers. We believe environmental education with hands on opportunities fosters future stewards of the land. The project has been underway for over a year and we are pleased to report that the planted trees are doing well.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



Finances for the 2021-2022 fiscal year are reported in Tables 2 (Expenses) and 3 (Revenues). This information is summarized from FwB-FsF's detailed financial statements which are available upon request. Total revenues (\$35,557) exceeded total expenses (\$26,355) for a net income of \$9,202 for the year.

A significant increase in donations is due to the generosity of all our supporters, and the successful annual Silent Auction hosted by the Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut Forestier du Canada (CIF/IFC) at the 114th Annual General Meeting from September 11-13, 2022. The dedicated participation of both the donors and bidders at the Silent Auction made this fun social event a key success for FwB-FsF's fundraising, netting ~ 13% of our total revenue.

Expenses regarding administration and support costs were nominal, enabling 94% of the revenues to directly fund FwB-FSF sponsored projects. Administration costs are kept low as we develop projects with Canadian foresters with direct connections with the benefiting community that help lead the project. These projects have detailed proposals and reports that are vetted and approved by the Trustees to ensure the funding is used as per FwB-FsF's mandate. FwB-FSF seeks to raise funds prior to any approved project's implementation, ensuring that annual project deliverables are supported. Please note that FwB-FSF does not pay a wage or travel for Canadians involved in its projects.

**Table 2. Expenses for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year**

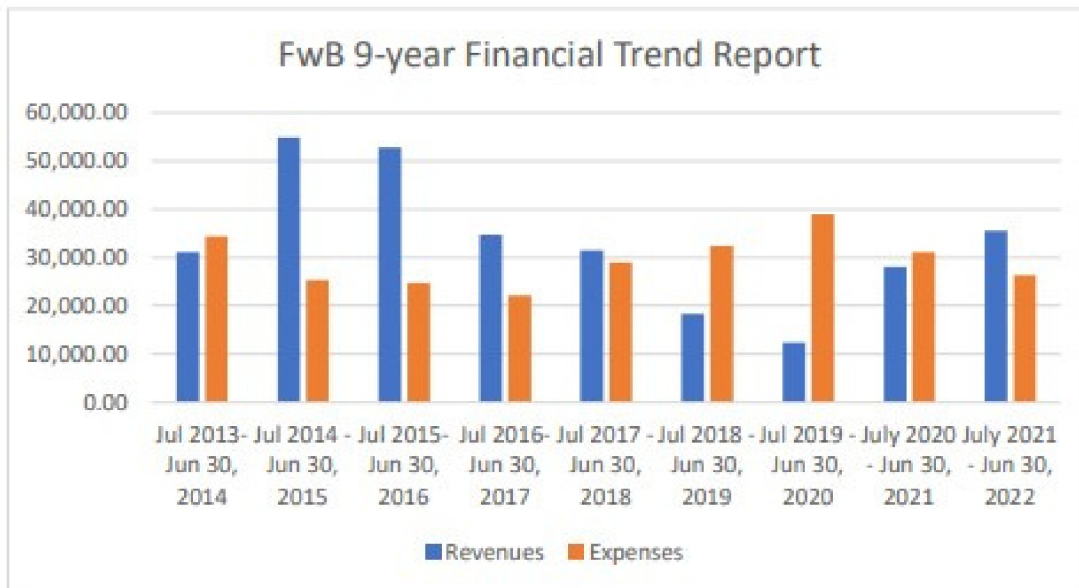
Expense Type	\$ CAD	Percentage (%)
Interest and Bank Fees	5.00	0
Administration	1,500.00	6
Website	100.12	0
Project Funding	24,750.00	94
<b>Total All Expenses =</b>	<b>26,355.12</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 3. Revenues for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year**

Revenue Type	\$ CAD	Percentage (%)
Silent Auction	4,442.52	13
Donations	30,566.75	86
Sponsorship	0.00	0
Fundraising	547.44	1
<b>Total All Revenue =</b>	<b>35,556.71</b>	<b>100</b>



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



## Fwb Financial Trend Analysis

Fiscal Year	Revenues	Expenses	Net Income	Bank Balance at year end
Jul 2013-Jun 30, 2014	31,108.21	34,424.00	-4,315.79	19,650.51
Jul 2014 - Jun 30, 2015	54,892.38	25,323.81	29,568.57	49,219.08
Jul 2015- Jun 30, 2016	52,795.92	24,776.40	28,019.52	77,238.60
Jul 2016- Jun 30, 2017	34,693.46	22,121.23	12,572.23	89,810.83
Jul 2017 - Jun 30, 2018	31,583.95	29,055.49	2,528.46	92,339.29
Jul 2018 - Jun 30, 2019	18,389.84	32,378.43	-13,988.59	78,350.70
Jul 2019 - Jun 30, 2020	12,438.55	38,987.49	-26,548.94	51,801.76
July 2020 - Jun 30, 2021	28,145.23	31,155.61	-3,010.38	48,791.38
July 2021 - Jun 30, 2022	35,556.71	26,355.12	9,201.59	57,992.97



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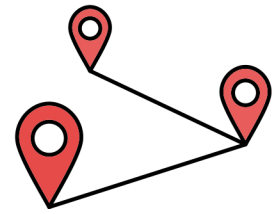
The FwB-FsF Fundraising Subcommittee promotes awareness of the FwB-FsF work, seeks donations, and explores new and innovative fundraising ideas. Increasing FwB-FsF's social media outreach and targeting key fundraising campaigns promoted its mandate and project successes to both new and existing donors.

FwB-FsF appreciated the support and assistance from its partners such as Canada Helps and the CIF/IFC, TD Canada Trust, and Mosaic Forest Management Ltd. with these promotions. Work is already under way to prepare for the 2023 donation campaigns, to explore new opportunities for year-round fundraising, and to seek donations for the 2023 CIF/IFC Silent Auction.



FwB-FsF Trustee, Wendy J LeClair, accepting a generous donation from Mosaic Forest Management

# CAUCUSES



## Newfoundland & Labrador

The NL caucus was the first one formed and continues to be one of the most enthusiastic and energetic groups. This Caucus hosts plenty of fundraising events each year, with one of their most successful, and most lucrative, being their annual silent auction.

## Ontario

At this time, the goal of this caucus is to have representation from each CIF/IFC section in Ontario, who can promote the activities of FwB-FsF, and to try to get Universities and Colleges actively involved. They have been actively supporting FwB-FsF projects in Ghana.

## British Columbia

The BC caucus was formed in May 2014. Primary fundraising comes from a variety of sources and events such as the UBC Christmas Tree Sale. Other events have been held in Vancouver, Prince George, Quesnel, Campbell River, and Victoria. Members from BC are also engaged in FwB-FsF projects. The Vancouver Island Section is hosting the 2023 CIF/IFC National Conference & 115th Annual General Meeting.

## Rocky Mountain

The Rocky Mountain Section (RMS) in Alberta has supported Forest without Borders since its inception. To increase the focus on FwB-FsF, a group of RMS members created a Caucus which works to increase awareness, raise funds and advocate for special interests. The Caucus coordinates fund-raising events and actively encourages donations.



2023 National Conference & 115th Annual General Meeting  
***Forestry for All***



# AFFILIATIONS & PARTNERS

*Thank you!*

## Canadian Institute of Forestry - Institut Forestier du Canada

The CIF/IFC and FwB-FsF have a formal collaborative partnership agreement to help to support and promote their mutual goals and objectives. Every FwB-FsF trustee is a member in good standing of the CIF/IFC and is affiliated with their local CIF/IFC member Section across Canada. The CIF/IFC promotes FwB-FsF via advertising and articles published in its e-zine, The Leader, on its Twitter account, and at its Annual General Meetings. The FwB-FsF board of trustees, along with the CIF/IFC Conference Planning Committee, hosted a successful Silent Auction during the 114th CIF/IFC 2022 Annual General Meeting. Students at all universities and colleges that receive CIF/IFC silver rings are encouraged to host activities that increase awareness of sustainable forestry and the work of FwB-FsF.



## Canada Trust



21 March  
International Day of Forests

