



The ChariTREE Foundation's 2019 Annual Meeting

Welcome to The ChariTREE Foundation 2019 Annual Meeting. Please email any comments or additional items by 5pm PST Monday June 10, 2019.

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-Up

- No outstanding items from the executive director.

Attendees

Andrea Koehle Jones, David Jones, John Koehle, Dr. Michael Koehle and Hilda Wood.

Included in this email:

- Executive Director's Report
- 2018 Balance Sheet
- 2018 Statement of Earnings



Executive Director's Report

"I have learned that you are never too small to make a difference," said Greta Thunberg, 16, to The United Nations. She inspired the global protests mobilizing kids and youth to skip school and stand-up for #ClimateAction. She has been nominated for a Nobel Prize.

Climate Change is the defining issue of our time and we are at a defining moment. Kids want to help. The ChariTree Foundation is honoured to have helped in a small way but there is still lots to be done.

"I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic ... and act as if the house was on fire. "

Greta Thunberg
Environmental Activist



Over the past 13 years The ChariTree Foundation has given close to 150,000 children across Canada and in Zambia the opportunity to plant trees as part of children's environmental education projects at schools and camps. In addition, The ChariTree Foundation has so far donated \$20,000 to various Canadian charities in support of children's environmental education.

"Thanks for all you've done to support Canadian campers and CCA camps with the ChariTREE program over the years. The impact is significant – thousands of campers connecting with nature because of your work, and thousands more trees growing as a legacy of this program. It was an innovative and fun way for kids to leave their mark at their camps and on the natural world... It is heartening to know that your commitment to building an appreciation for nature in youth across Canada remains strong," -- Mike Stewart, Canadian Camping Association

In 2018, The ChariTREE Foundation completed our 10th TREE-mendous year planting trees with Canadian Camping Association / Association des camps du Canada campers!

In the past ten years, more than 100,000 children (closer to 119,000) had the opportunity to plant a tree at a summer camp across Canada, participating in a ground-breaking national children's environmental education project.

"Thank you again for this great initiative. Wonderful idea, and a hit with our campers," said Miles Villneff, Assistant Director, Onondaga Camp, Toronto.

"It is amazing to see seedlings that we had planted two years ago thriving and growing all over our property," said- Meg Doherty, Camp Ekon, Rosseau.

"The children had a great day outside learning about the trees and how to plant and care for them. As the trees grow, they will provide important habitat and their shade will help maintain a healthy, cool water temperature in Joseph Creek. Thank you ChariTree!" ~ Blue Lake Camp, Cranbrook, BC





This hands-on project was a fun way to get kids outside, teach them to plant trees and care about something beyond themselves. *"I'm so happy kids had the opportunity to learn more about trees and their contribution in the world,"* Koehle Jones said. *"Kids want to help and I love projects that educate and empower kids to know that they can help make the world a better place. I am thankful for CCA's support and all camp staff that helped out ~ and I'm especially proud of every child that planted a tree."*

"We appreciate the gift that you provide which allows us to remind our campers and staff the need to maintain our efforts towards renewable resources. Thank you." -- Jocelyn Palm, Director, Glen Bernard Camp, Sundridge, ON

"Getting the trees each year is a big thrill for our us. I think we have been involved for 5 + years with the program. It was a difficult year with the high heat in the early summer but we did our best to get trees in the ground and established early. It is rewarding to see trees from a few years ago doing well. We are always working to connect our campers with the natural environment, tree planting and clearly helps."
-- Jeff "Capt" Brown, Owner/Director, Camp Otterdale, Lombardy, ON

"There is something magical about the act of planting a tree. It is one of the best ways to foster hope and empowerment for a greener future. Kids love taking part in this meaningful act. Thank you for the opportunity." -- Jacob Rodenburg, Douro Dummer, ON

"It was a meaningful connection for them and am incredible gift to make concrete change to the site through planting of trees. I know that as those trees grow our staff will be directing reminded about the meaningful work that they did. -- Thanks again!" -- Sharon Millar, Director, Cave Springs Camp, Beamsville, Ontario

Next Steps

The ChariTree Foundation has inspired the 2019 creation of Canada's powerful FirstLine Foundation which will continue the work of The ChariTree Foundation and expand impact into many other donation sectors.

The ChariTree Foundation will officially wind-up operations on December 31, 2019 so ChariTree's executive director can focus on the work of The FirstLine Foundation with the rest of the FirstLine team.



Instead of offering trees to kids in 2019, The ChariTree Foundation is expanding its environmental education reach by helping to send kids to camps and schools with environmental education programs. ChariTree is already helping to send inner city classes to Camp Kawartha's outdoor learning programs and sending campers who can't afford camp to other Canadian environmental education camps.

ChariTree has approximately \$50,000 to donate in 2019 and is on the lookout for more camps, schools and children's programs offering outdoor learning, tree planting, or environmental education programs in Canadas and around the world. Let me know if you have any suggestions. (ChariTree can only donate to other registered Canadian charities involved in environmental education for kids).

I continue to keep overhead expenses low and don't take management fees or any compensation.

Trees planted in 2018 (10,038)

- 8,785 Canadian Camping Association
- 200 Chief Beardy Elementary School
- 350 White Spruce James Park Elementary
- 200 White Spruce seedlings to Ermineskin Elementary School
- 500 White Spruce seedlings to Central Montessori School
- 3 to Rossland Summit School

Donations to other Canadian charities in 2018 (\$5,000)

- \$5,000 towards sending children to camp Kawartha's outdoor education programs in Douro-Dummer, ON.

Donations to The ChariTree Foundation so far in 2019 (\$643.02)

- \$618.02 from CanadaHelps donors.
- \$25 cheque donations



Green Schools Project

I am in the process of researching a donation to Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR). They are a registered Canadian charity and have a children's tree planting program in Malawi.

In Malawi, forests are being depleted by 2.6% each year – in Canada the rate is 0.02% per year. This has caused Malawi's population to suffer, in particular its children. The practice of cutting down mature fruit trees as firewood is affecting household nutrition and increasing deforestation in already critically impacted areas.

In Kasungu District primary school students suffer from malnourishment partly as a result of deforestation and climate change. Communities are unaware of improved conservation agricultural practices, which can mitigate the effects of climate change and result in more consistent production of nutritious foods. This is compounded by drought and flooding.

In primary schools, there is a general lack of environmental education activities as schools lack the requisite resources, technical knowledge, and materials to be able to effectively integrate these critical knowledge areas into the school settings. Furthermore, due to the lack of vegetation in the school compounds and the adjacent communities, there is a lack of vegetative cover in the schools resulting in regular dust storms.

These dust storms result in poor air quality and can severely affect students' health, including increased risk of respiratory illness.

When there is a lack of vegetative cover or shade in the school compounds, it is challenging for students to take adequate rest during breaks and lunch periods. This lack of ability to rest and play also contributes to attendance problems at school and limits the students' ability to be fully engaged in classroom activities due to fatigue. With the Green Schools Project CPAR is teaching teachers and students how to use the run-off grey water from the tanks to grow fruit and non-fruit trees and school children will have opportunities to plant fruit trees.

Donations to other Canadian charities so far in 2019 (\$5,000)

- \$5,000 towards sending 385 children to Willowgrove's outdoor education programs in Stouffville, ON.





Thousands of B.C. students, including kids representing The ChariTree Foundation, marched out of classes on March 15, 2019, to lend their voices to an international school walkout calling on leaders to take tougher action on climate change.

The global strike for climate action, also called “Fridays for Future,” took place in countries all over the world, including more than 55 cities and towns across Canada.



Other Business

Next I will be preparing annual reports to mailed out by June 14, 2019.

1.) Canada Revenue Agency Registered Charity Information Return.

2.) Ministry of Finance British Columbia Registry Services Annual Report.

Thanks for all your support over the years ~ and thanks for helping to make the world a better place!

Andrea

Andrea Koehle Jones
Founder and executive director

The ChariTREE Foundation
Statement of Operations and Net Assets

*For the year ended December 31, 2018
(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)*

	2018	2017
Revenue		
Donations	2,586	28,795
Interest	33	56
	2,619	28,851
Program Expenses		
Nursery trees and shipping	8,788	7,790
Donations	5,000	-
Total Program Expenses	13,788	7,790
Gross margin	(11,169)	21,061
Administrative Expenses		
Communication	1,029	2,669
Dues and memberships	40	105
Interest and bank charges	9	68
Postage and courier	174	27
Professional fees	771	735
Total administrative expenses	2,023	3,604
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	(13,192)	17,457
Net assets, beginning of year	61,877	44,420
Net assets, end of year	48,685	61,877

The ChariTREE Foundation
Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2018
(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

	2018	2017
Assets		
Current	24,316	65,214
Cash	30,000	-
Term deposits		
	54,316	65,214
Liabilities		
Current	5,631	3,337
Trade and other payables		
	48,685	61,877
Net Assets	54,316	65,214

Approved on behalf of the Board


Director

Social Media

I continue to post updates, tree news and tree quotes like this one (right) on The ChariTree Foundation's social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook.

Eventually these pages will point to The FirstLine Foundation.



[Browse other charities protecting the environment >>](#)

Discover charities training the next generation of environmentalists

Youth are not just our future, they represent some of today's environmental leaders. Your donations will fund valuable programs that will teach youth and children about the environment and the importance of achieving sustainability.



ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH ALLIANCE (EYA)

Vancouver, BC

EYA helps youth cultivate a lifelong love for nature, grow environmental leadership skills, and enhance access to nature in the city.

[Learn more](#)

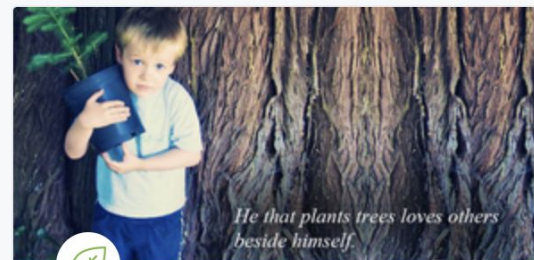


GREEN THUMBS GROWING KIDS

Toronto, ON

Green Thumbs facilitates deep engagement for children and youth with food and nature.

[Learn more](#)



THE CHARITREE FOUNDATION

Bowen Island, BC

Canada's environmental education charity offers kids an opportunity to plant a tree and contribute positively to their world.

[Learn more](#)



ChariTree gives thousands of children an opportunity to get outside, connect with nature, learn how to plant a tree and make the world a better place.



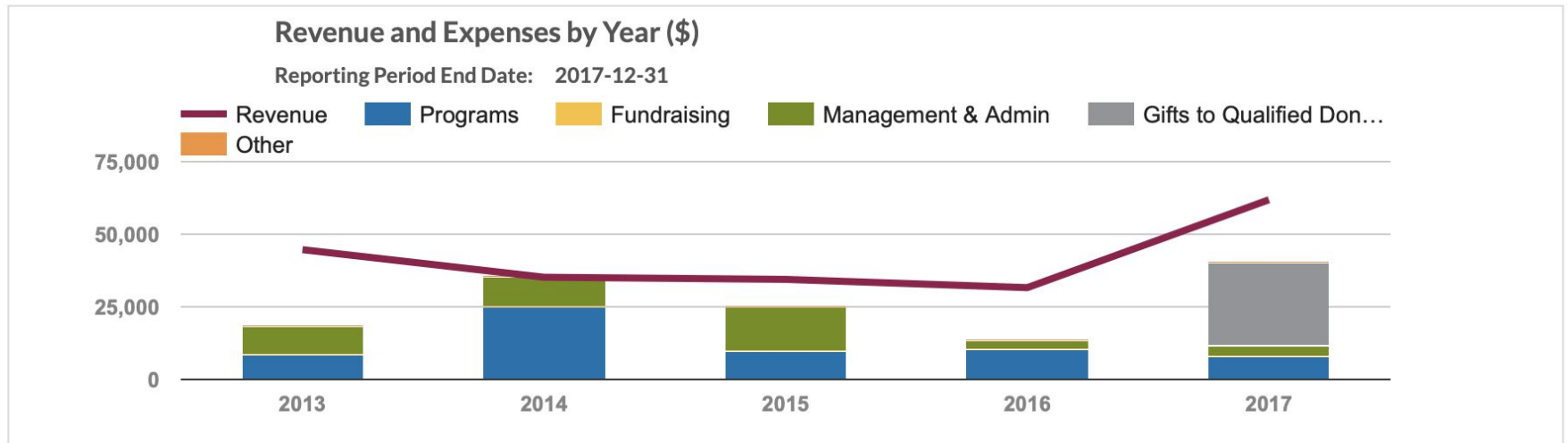
"Research shows contact with nature makes kids feel better about themselves." - Andrea Koehle Jones, Founder, The ChariTree Foundation.



With ChariTree, kids are learning to help animals by protecting and restoring their forest habitats by planting trees.

By working with ChariTree partners and volunteers, more than 150,000 children have had the opportunity to receive a tree to plant with their camp, school or other youth groups.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION *





"ChariTree has given thousands of trees to children across Canada and around the world... The trees children receive are called 'Wish Trees' because when they plant their tree, they get to make a wish for the world (awww)."

Myriah Saulnier

WRITER, BRITISH COLUMBIA MAGAZINE



"Thank you for the work that you do. Encouraging the next generation to become in touch with nature is so important and we appreciate your efforts."

ANONYMOUS DONOR TO THE CHARITREE FOUNDATION.



"We would like to thank The ChariTree Foundation for teaching children the importance of taking care of our environment. Students truly enjoyed planting their seedlings and took great pride in caring for them as their little' part' in preserving our planet for future generations. Thank you ChariTree!"

Nora Moradi

SUPERVISOR AT CENTRAL MONTESSORI SCHOOLS



"Thank you for this continuing opportunity. We value the focus The ChariTree Foundation provides to involve our campers in forest sustainability."

Jocelyn Palm

DIRECTOR / OWNER, GLEN BERNARD CAMP



"Thanks to ChariTree, thousands of campers in hundreds of camps across Canada have planted trees on their camp properties. This excellent program has enabled children to experience the joy and satisfaction of planting their very own tree while beautifying their site, creating windbreaks or replacing trees lost to fire or disease."

Jill Dundas

PRESIDENT, THE CANADIAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION (CCA)



