

# The ChariTree Foundation 2020 Annual Meeting



The ChariTree Foundation loves supporting Canadian Friends of Fresh & Green Academy environmental education programs for children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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Welcome to The ChariTREE Foundation (TCF) 2020 Annual Meeting.

#### Agenda

#### **Last Meeting Follow-Up**

• No outstanding items from the executive director.

#### **Attendees**

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

## Introduction

Since Earth Day 2006, The ChariTree Foundation has strived to grow environmental education opportunities for children across Canada and around the world.

In these uncertain days, The ChariTree Foundation sought opportunities to get more children outdoors and engaged in environmental education by:

- 1. Helping to fund construction of outdoor classrooms at schools across Canada. (This is a new program initiated during the pandemic)
- 2. Supporting environmental education and tree planting programs at schools and camps
- 3. Working with other environmental education advocates and climate change leaders through various meeting including the United Nations Environment Program Youth Environment Assembly (climate meetings in February and June, 2021)

## **Executive Director's Report**

Despite the pandemic, The ChariTree Foundation has had a great year supporting various children's environmental education programs and will continue to operate as Canada's children's environmental education charity.

In summary this year, The ChariTree Foundation (TCF) donated \$44,186 to other registered Canadian charities that run children's environmental education programs. The ChariTree Foundation received \$26,659.32 in donations.

# Environmental education and tree planting programs \$40,686

- \$30,000 to Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR) for Green Schools in Malawi. (Jun 12, 2020) Toronto, ON
- \$1,000 Cumberland Community Forests. (June 12, 2020) Cumberland, BC
- \$200 Green Kids Inc. (Dec 9, 2020) Winnipeg, MB
- \$200 to Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR) for a children's tree planting project in Malawi. (Dec 16, 2020) Toronto, ON
- \$500 Camp Misquah Green Camp Fund (Dec 16, 2020) Gracefield, QC
- \$8,286 Canadian Friends of Fresh & Green Academy environmental education programs for children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (Dec 30, 2020) Toronto, ON
- \$500 Camp Kawartha (Dec 30, 2020) Douro-Dummer, ON

# **Outdoor Classrooms \$3,500**

- 1. \$1,000 École Sherwood Park Elementary, North Vancouver, BC (Dec 21, 2020)
- 2. \$1,000 Eaton School, Eatonia, SK (Dec 30, 2020)
- \$500 Rockridge Secondary School, West Vancouver, BC (Dec 1, 2020) \$1,000
   J.Alfred Laird School (Rocky Mountain School District No.6) (Dec 31, 2021)









"The ChariTree Foundation is helping EYA engage youth facing barriers in hands-on environmental education which equips them with the skills and passion to steward the environment for future generations." — Environmental Youth Alliance in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

BIPOC and marginalized youth participate in outdoor learning opportunities growing thousands of native plant seedlings, restoring urban wildlife habitat, and stewarding Indigenous foodscapes while learning about native plant identification, propagation, seed collection, invasive plant identification and removal techniques, native plant planting techniques, ecological connections between native plants + wildlife, Indigenous perspectives on plant/animal relations and reciprocity with the land + medicinal and edible properties of native plants.

## The ChariTree Foundation Partnerships

Executive Director Andrea Koehle Jones, The ChariTree Foundation board members and other volunteers continue to choose to work without compensation so overhead has remained low. This means that donations go directly to children.

In Canada, The ChariTree Foundation works with schools, community groups, summer camps and other children's organizations. Internationally, the foundation partners with other Canadian non-government organizations working abroad.

This work would not be possible without the generous support of various foundations, individual donors and international partners.

## **International Environmental Education Program Partners**

#### Malawi

Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR)

### **Ethiopia**

Canadian Friends of Fresh & Green Academy

### **Receipting Partners**

- 1. The FirstLine Foundation, Toronto, ON / Vancouver, BC
- 2. Link Charity, Toronto, ON
- 3. Canadahelps.org, Toronto, ON

#### **2020 INCOME**

Total 2020 Donations to The ChariTree Foundation = \$26,685.17

#### Cheque/transfer Donations to The ChariTree Foundation from other charities: \$26,000

- \$16,000 donation on June 18, 2020 from The FirstLine Foundation
- \$10,000 donation on December 17, 2020 from The FirstLine Foundation

2020 Donations via Canada Helps: \$685.17

### Fiscal 2020 Financials

The ChariTree Foundation's overhead is 4.1% (including fundraising), which is well below the average Non-Profit organization overhead expenditure of 16%.

2020 ChariTree Operations and Net Assets from Andrea Koehle Jones, executive director • June 8, 2021.



# The ChariTree Foundation Statement of Operations and Net Assets for the year ending Dec 31, 2020

	2019	2020
Revenue		
<ul><li>Donations</li><li>Interest</li></ul>	5,768 454	26,685 0
	6,222	26,685
Expenses		
<ul> <li>Donations to children's environmental education, tree planting and outdoor classroom projects</li> </ul>	27,005	44,186
<ul> <li>Nursery trees and shipping</li> <li>Administrative</li> </ul>	0 1,406	0 1,092
	28,411	46,076
Deficiency (excess revenue over expenses)	(22,189)	(18,593)
Net assets (beginning of the year)	48,687	26,498
Net assets (end of the year)	26,498	7,905

2020 ChariTree Balance Sheet from Andrea Koehle Jones, executive director • June 8, 2021.



# The ChariTree Foundation Balance Sheet for the year ending Dec 31, 2020

Dec 31, 2020				
		2019	2020	
Assets				
Current  Cash Term deposits		37,682 0	7,506 0	
		37,682	7,506	
Liabilities  Current  • Trade and other payables		11,184	(399)	
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Net Assets		26,498	7,905	
Net Assets				
Approved on behalf of the Board				
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Executive Director				

## 2021

So far in 2021, The ChariTree Foundation has received just under \$5,000 in donations.



So far in 2021, The ChariTree Foundation has helped fund outdoor classrooms in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, a children's tree planting project in Watson Lake, Yukon and partnered with Forests Without Borders to support children's environmental education in Nepal.









#### **Other Business**

Next I will be preparing annual reports to mailed out by June 18, 2021.

- 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 Koehle Jones Executive Director and Children's Environmental Education Advocate



In 2021, The ChariTree partnered with Forests Without Borders to support children's environmental education in Nepal.