



THE CHARITREE FOUNDATION

2025 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Celebrating 20 Years of
Growing Hope
(2006–2026)

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1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Twenty years ago, on Earth Day 2006, The ChariTree Foundation began with a simple act of hope: two young children planting a Sitka mountain-ash tree on Bowen Island, British Columbia.

What began as a small family act of environmental stewardship has grown into an international effort to help children connect with nature through environmental education, outdoor learning, tree planting, biodiversity conservation, and climate action.

As we celebrate our twentieth anniversary in 2026, we are reminded that meaningful change often begins with small actions. Over the past two decades, The ChariTree Foundation has supported environmental education initiatives that have reached thousands of children in Canada and around the world. Together with educators, schools, camps, community organizations, Indigenous communities, youth leaders, and international partners, we have helped create opportunities for children to learn, explore, and develop lasting relationships with the natural world.

During 2025, the Foundation continued to expand support for outdoor learning opportunities through the Outdoor Classroom Grant Program, helping schools and community organizations create spaces where children can learn through direct experiences in nature. We also continued supporting environmental education initiatives internationally, participated in global discussions on children's environmental rights and climate education, and strengthened partnerships with organizations including UNICEF, Nature Canada, and Climate Action Network Canada.

The challenges facing children today are significant. Climate change, biodiversity loss, environmental degradation, and increasing disconnection from nature continue to affect children's health, well-being, and futures. Yet children also continue to demonstrate remarkable creativity, resilience, and leadership. Every day we see young people taking action in their schools, communities, and families to create positive environmental change.

The ChariTree Foundation remains committed to ensuring that every child has opportunities to experience nature, develop environmental knowledge, and build the confidence needed to help create a more sustainable and hopeful future.

Our work would not be possible without the generosity of donors, volunteers, educators, community partners, and supporters who share our belief that every child deserves the opportunity to connect with nature.

As we enter our third decade, we remain inspired by the children we serve and optimistic about what we can accomplish together. Thank you for being part of this journey.

Andrea Koehle Jones

Founder & Executive Director



2. TWENTY YEARS OF GROWING HOPE (2006–2026)

Twenty-Year Impact Snapshot

- Partnerships in 7 countries
- United Nations participation
- Climate and biodiversity advocacy
- 100% volunteer-run
- Thousands of children engaged



2025 Highlights at a Glance

For two decades, The ChariTree Foundation has helped children connect with nature through environmental education, tree planting, outdoor learning, biodiversity conservation, and climate action.

In 2025, the Foundation continued its mission of empowering children and youth to become environmental stewards and leaders while advancing children's environmental rights nationally and internationally.

2025 Impact Highlights

Outdoor Learning Across Canada

- Invested **\$155,000** through the Outdoor Classroom Grant Program.
- Supported **31 schools, camps, daycares, Indigenous education programs, and community organizations** across Canada.
- Helped create outdoor classrooms, learning gardens, and environmental learning spaces + \$5,000 Nature Canada Naturehood Grant.

Environmental Education

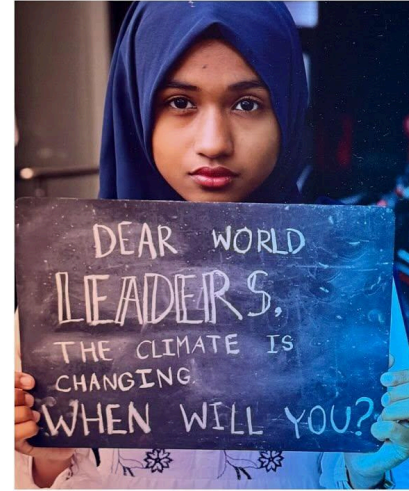
- Invested **\$160,050** in environmental education initiatives.
- Supported programs connecting children with nature through tree planting, biodiversity education, climate literacy, and outdoor learning.
- Continued expanding access to environmental education opportunities for children and youth.

International Climate & Biodiversity Leadership

- Participated in the UNICEF Innocenti Partner Days Think Tank in Florence, Italy.
- Contributed to the United Nations Global Biodiversity Framework reporting process.
- Joined international civil society coalitions advocating for climate justice, ocean protection, and children's rights.
- Continued participation as a United Nations Climate Observer Organization.

Youth Leadership & Advocacy

- Supported Nature Canada's Young Nature Leaders Grant Program.
- Advocated for stronger climate action and environmental protection during Canada's federal election.
- Promoted youth participation in climate education and biodiversity initiatives.



Ocean & Biodiversity Conservation

- Supported ocean conservation and beach cleanup initiatives.
- Celebrated scientific breakthroughs helping protect sea stars and marine biodiversity.
- Advocated for stronger ocean protections ahead of the United Nations Ocean Conference.



January 31

Calling Young Nature Leaders

Supported Nature Canada's Young Nature Leaders Grant, encouraging youth-led conservation, biodiversity, and environmental action projects across Canada.

March 6

Honouring Women for Nature

Nature Canada recognized Andrea Koehle Jones and other conservation leaders for their contributions to environmental stewardship, mentorship, and youth engagement.

March 10

UNICEF Innocenti Partner Days Think Tank

Participated in global discussions on climate education, children's rights, and youth empowerment in Florence, Italy.

March 24

Climate Action and Canada's Federal Election

Joined more than 180 organizations urging federal leaders to prioritize climate action, nature protection, and children's futures.



April 5

Bring the Wish Tree Project to Your Classroom

Students across Canada created Wish Trees inspired by *The Wish Trees: How Planting Trees Can Help Make the World a Better Place*, encouraging hope, creativity, and environmental stewardship.

April 8

Build a DIY Milk Carton Bird Feeder

Featured an EcoParent Magazine activity by Founder Andrea Koehle Jones that helped children learn about birds, biodiversity, recycling, and environmental stewardship through hands-on outdoor exploration.



May 13

Born into the Climate Crisis II: Protecting Children in a Changing World

Highlighted Save the Children's global report examining how climate change disproportionately impacts children and youth worldwide and called for stronger climate action and climate education.

May 16**Be a Hummingbird Changemaker: How Small Actions Create Big Impact**

Featured Andrea Koehle Jones' EcoParent Magazine article encouraging children and families to create positive environmental change through everyday actions.

June 3**Global Call for Ocean Protection**

Joined more than 200 organizations urging governments to end offshore fossil fuel expansion and strengthen ocean protections ahead of the United Nations Ocean Conference.

June 13**Save the Ocean, Save the World**

Highlighted progress at the United Nations Ocean Conference and the importance of protecting marine ecosystems for future generations.

July 8**ChariTree Foundation Air Pollution Expert to Speak at Global Climate and Health Summit**

Celebrated Board Member Dr. Michael Koehle's participation in international discussions on climate change, air pollution, and public health.

July 10**Camp Tree Planting & Environmental Education Grants Reopened**

Expanded opportunities for children attending Canadian camps to participate in tree planting, biodiversity education, and environmental stewardship activities.

August 4**Canada Solves Sea Star Die-Off Mystery**

Celebrated a major scientific breakthrough helping protect marine biodiversity and inspire ocean education for children.

September 24**The ChariTree Foundation Joins Global Call for Fair Climate Action at United Nations Summit**

Joined international organizations urging wealthy nations to increase climate action, climate finance, and support for vulnerable communities.

October 10**Apply for a \$5,000 Outdoor Classroom Grant**

Invited schools, camps, and charities across Canada to apply for funding to create outdoor classrooms and children's learning gardens.

October 20**The ChariTree Foundation Contributes to United Nations Global Biodiversity Framework Report**

Provided input highlighting how environmental education helps achieve international biodiversity conservation goals.

November 10**Growing Futures: The ChariTree Foundation Takes Learning Outdoors for Thousands of Children Across Canada**

Invested \$155,000 to support 31 outdoor classroom and environmental education projects nationwide.

November 22**COP30: Protecting Children's Rights in a Changing Climate**

Advocated for stronger forest protection, climate action, and children's rights during international climate negotiations.

December 4

The ChariTree Foundation Announces Upcoming Children's Book by Founder Andrea Koehle Jones

Announced the publication of *Don't Let Ned Plant a Tree THERE!*, a children's book promoting environmental awareness and nature connection.

December 16

Seeking Climate Leaders

Promoted UNICEF's Climate Education Fellowship and encouraged emerging climate education leaders to apply.

December 30

Meet the Climate Education Advisory Group Supporting the UNICEF Leading Minds Climate Education Fellowship

Highlighted the launch of the Climate Education Advisory Group supporting UNICEF's global climate education initiative.

100% Volunteer-Run. 100% Dedicated to Children and Nature.

The ChariTree Foundation remained a **100% volunteer-run charity**, with leadership, governance, communications, administration, program management, and professional services donated by volunteers.

100% of donations received in 2025 were directed to environmental education programs and initiatives that help children connect with nature through outdoor learning, tree planting, biodiversity education, and climate action.

Leadership • Governance • Communications • Administration • Program Management • Professional Services **All donated by volunteers.**



5. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Cents to the Cause

The ChariTree Foundation remained committed to maximizing the impact of every donation throughout 2025. As a 100% volunteer-run charity, leadership, governance, communications, administration, program management, and professional services continued to be donated by volunteers, allowing donor funds to be directed where they matter most: supporting children and youth through environmental education.



2025 Financial Highlights

Category	Amount
Donations Received	\$159,556
Program Grants & Educational Initiatives	\$160,050
Administrative Expenses	Covered through volunteer support
Percentage Directed to Programs	100%
Organizations Supported	31
Year-End Net Assets	\$13,442

Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31

Category	2025	2024
Cash	\$13,442	\$13,936
Receivables	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$13,442	\$13,936
Payables & Liabilities	\$0	\$0
Net Assets	\$13,442	\$13,936

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31

Category	2025	2024
Donation Revenue	\$159,556	\$101,690
Donations to Projects	(\$160,050)	(\$107,300)

Administrative Expenses	\$0	\$0
Deficit	(\$494)	(\$5,610)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$13,936	\$19,546
Net Assets, End of Year	\$13,442	\$13,936

6. Looking Ahead

In 2026, The ChariTree Foundation will:

- Continue expanding outdoor learning opportunities for children.
- Support tree planting and biodiversity education initiatives.
- Advocate for climate and environmental education globally.
- Strengthen partnerships with schools, camps, and community organizations.
- Advance children's participation in climate and biodiversity discussions.
- Celebrate and build upon twenty years of impact.
- Support the distribution of *Don't Let Ned Plant a Tree THERE!*, a new children's environmental education book by Founder Andrea Koehle Jones, with **100% of the author's profits donated to children's environmental education projects worldwide.**
- Donate copies of *Don't Let Ned Plant a Tree THERE!* to children, schools, and communities disproportionately affected by climate change, helping ensure that environmental education resources reach young people who need them most.
- Continue exploring innovative ways to connect children with nature through storytelling, environmental education, outdoor learning, and hands-on conservation experiences.

At a time when climate change and biodiversity loss are increasingly overshadowed by other global challenges, The ChariTree Foundation remains committed to ensuring that children are not left behind. By connecting young people with nature, environmental education, and climate solutions, we are helping build the knowledge, resilience, and hope needed to create a healthier, more sustainable future for people and the planet.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As The ChariTree Foundation celebrates 20 years of impact, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who makes this work possible.

To our donors and supporters: Thank you for investing in children's environmental education and helping young people connect with nature.

To our volunteers, Board members, and advisors: Thank you for making ChariTree a 100% volunteer-run organization through your generosity, expertise, and dedication.

To educators, schools, camps, community organizations, Indigenous communities, and Knowledge Keepers: Thank you for inspiring children through outdoor learning, stewardship, and a deeper connection to the natural world.

To our partners, including UNICEF, Nature Canada, Climate Action Network Canada, The FirstLine Foundation and many others: Thank you for your collaboration and shared commitment to creating a healthier future for children and the planet.

And most importantly, to the children and youth we serve: Your curiosity, creativity, and hope inspire everything we do. You remind us why environmental education matters and why protecting nature remains so important.

Together, we are helping grow the next generation of environmental stewards and building a more hopeful future for people and the planet.

With gratitude,

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