



Forests without Borders
Forêts sans Frontières

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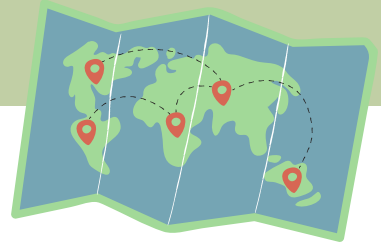
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ABOUT US

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.



GOVERNANCE

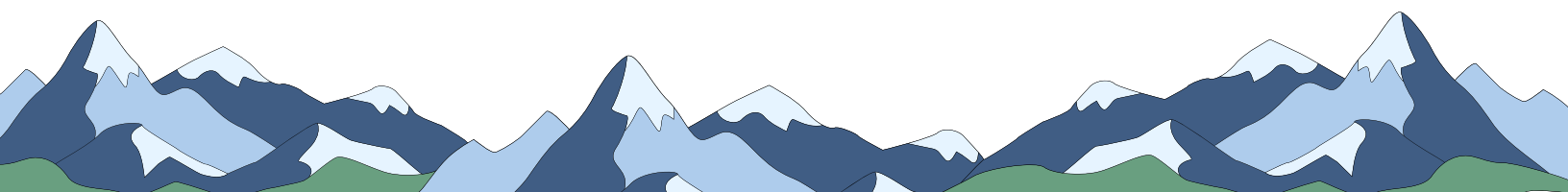
FwB-FsF is governed by a volunteer board of trustees (Table 1) from across Canada. The Board of Trustees work to develop, approve, implement and manage projects around the world. We work with local organizations in each country to ensure there is buy-in and support for the project, and that there is leadership, available labour and funding to ensure the long-term maintenance or expansion of projects.

Table 1 - Board of Trustees 2022-2023

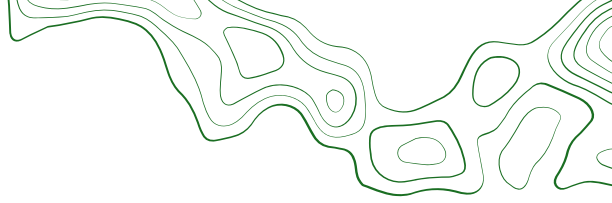
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HIMALAYAN FIELD STUDY PROGRAM

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 2024. 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.



COMMUNITY UPDATE



Restoring forests in Ghana gets a major boost.

The African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative or AFR100 funded by [TerraFund for AFR100](#) | [TerraMatch](#) is working to achieve the African Union's mandate to restore forests to 100 million hectares of degraded land in Africa by 2030. Recently, AFR100 announced its support for 100 projects involved in forest landscape restoration that are led by African based organizations. One of these projects has a connection with northern Ontario.

Over the past 11 years Forests without Borders a charity based out of Mattawa, Ontario has been helping various organizations implement small scale reforestation programs in ten different countries including several in Africa. One of the organizations that Forests without Borders has been working with is in Ghana. The project in Ghana is being led by Sam Nsiah, a professional forester working in Timmins, Ontario.

Forests without Borders, led by Sam Nsiah and a team in Ghana have helped Ghanaians work together to find culturally suitable and financially viable solutions of forest restoration that meet the needs of local people. Together, Forests without Borders and the Sustainable Agroforestry Initiative have been implementing village scale projects to grow trees and process charcoal. This work has provided the skills and forest restoration results that were used by Sustainable Agroforestry Initiative of Ghana to secure funds from One Tree Planted [One Tree Planted](#) | [Tree Planting Non-Profit: One Dollar, One Tree](#), for local people to plant 300,000 trees and enable natural regeneration of 2,500,00 trees on degraded forest lands. These planted trees will provide wood energy and timber supply for the local people and the natural regeneration of vegetation will increase ecological connectivity to improve the ecological services such as biodiversity.

For more information contact

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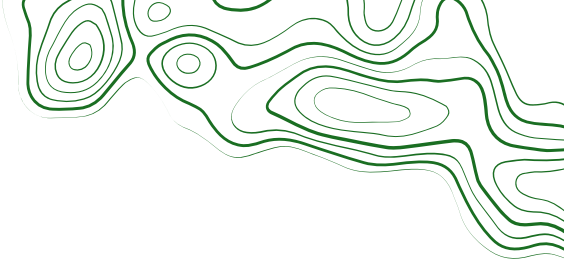
In Ghana, local people were encouraged and helped to submit their own planting projects to international donors. They were successful in obtaining funds for a 5 year period and the projects are progressing well.

Seeding pots for the tree planting project. Local people are employed in all aspects of the project providing people in the villages financial resources that are used for their family needs.



Some of industrious villagers that help grow and plant the trees on barren community owned lands around the village.

PROJECT UPDATES



Nepal Arboretum Project

An arboretum is a place where trees, shrubs, and sometimes herbaceous plants are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes. Arboretums promote the conservation of plant diversity and environmental education in the face of rapid, worldwide climate change, environmental degradation, and loss of biodiversity in the 20th and 21st centuries.

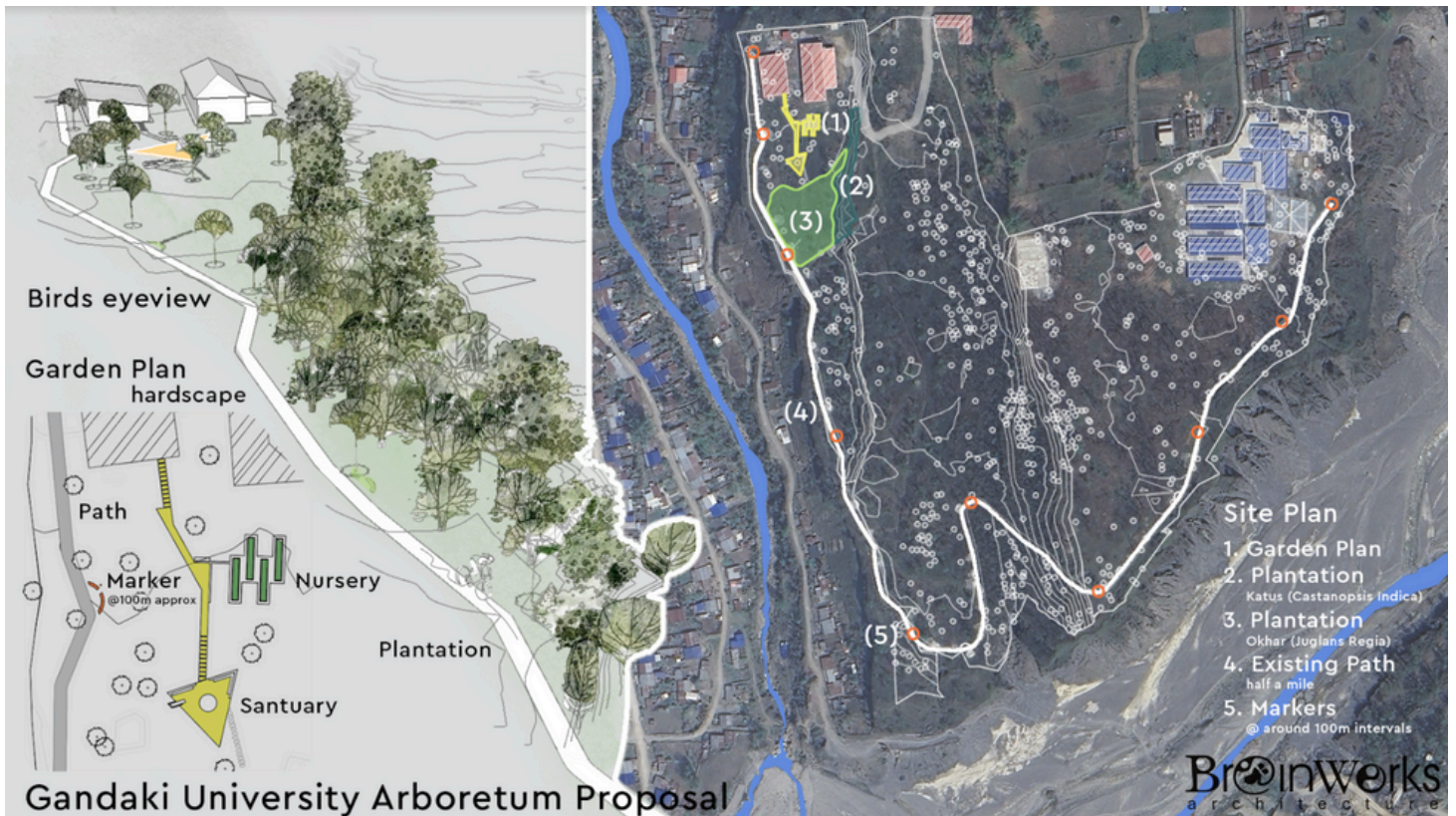
The concept of developing an arboretum at Gandaki University (established in 2019) in Pokhara, Nepal, began when Chancellor Dr. Ganesh Bahadur Gurung took my wife and me for a tour. Pokhara is a region of immense natural beauty and ecological significance. We envisioned the creation of an arboretum on the university grounds to serve as an educational, conservation, research, and recreational hub. It could offer an accessible place for the natural resource program students, community, and visitors to learn about Nepal's natural habitats and forestry while enjoying the serene beauty of the region.

The arboretum will serve as a recreational area for university students and staff, and the local community. It will provide a peaceful and beautiful environment for residents and tourists to relax, rejuvenate, and connect with nature, contributing to the overall well-being of the region.

Gandaki University, as an academic institution, will benefit from the arboretum by offering research opportunities to students and faculty. It will provide a real-world laboratory for studies related to botany, ecology, and forestry, fostering academic growth and innovation.



FwB Trustee, Dr. Sharad C. Karmacharya, with Chancellor Dr. Gurung at the Gandaki University in Nepal



FWB has agreed in principle to support this arboretum project but requires fund-raising efforts to be underway before finalizing approval. From the initial big idea phase, a concept has evolved through direct communication and collaboration between stakeholders resulting in drawings and documents that established the project's footprint. The arboretum site has now been identified and detailed planning and design work are on-going together with fundraising for the project.

FWB seeks to offer donors a choice of different funding packages to sponsor the creation of habitats and elements of the arboretum. People or groups interested in helping to develop or sponsor our fundraiser for the Arboretum can contact Dr. Sharad C. Karmacharya at sharad.karmacharya@shaw.ca.

Donations can be made on our website www.fwb-fsf.org or [Canada Helps](#) online.



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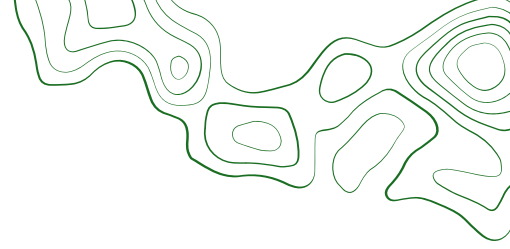
Restoring native trees on a decommissioned landfill near North Bay, Ontario

Forests without Borders partnered with Trees for Nipissing to obtain funds from TD Tree Days program. Volunteers came out and helped to plant sapling sized trees grown by Trees for Nipissing on public land in the City of North Bay. The saplings were excavated by volunteers and delivered to the old landfill where additional volunteers planted the trees.



*Trees for
Nipissing*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



Financial Statement (Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

Finances for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are reported in Tables 2 (Expenses) and 3 (Revenues). This information is summarized from Forests Without Borders (FwB-FsF) detailed financial statements which are available upon request. The total revenues (\$19,815; Table 3) were more than the total expenses (\$17,483; Table 2) for a net revenue of approx. \$2,332 for the year, a great outcome during the uncertain economic climate in 2022-2023.

All donations were gratefully received, most notably the significant funding raised by the FwB-FsF Newfoundland and Labrador caucus. Revenue from the annual Silent Auction benefit for FwB-FsF increased by 11% (\$501) during this fiscal year. It was another solid success at the 115th CIF/IFC National Conference and Annual General Meeting held in Nanaimo, British Columbia in September 2023. Many thanks to all the donors, volunteers, and auction participants who make it a lively and engaging part of the Conference.

Expenses for administration remained the same, although variable expenses such as bank charges and website costs have slightly increased. Project funding remained strong at a similar percentage of the expenses as last year (ex: 88%). Projects with detailed proposals are reviewed and approved by the Trustees. Projects also need to have funding raised in advance of their implementation to ensure support of their deliverables. FwB-FsF does not pay a wage or travel for Canadians involved in its approved projects.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Table 2. Expenses for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

Expense Type	\$CAD	Percentage(%)
Interest and Bank Fees	90	0
Administration	1,500	9
Website costs	269	2
Fundraising costs	249	1
Project Funding	15,375	88
Total Expenses	17,483	100

Table 3. Revenues for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

Revenue Type	\$CAD	Percentage(%)
Silent Auction	4,943	25
Donations	14,872	75
Fundraising	0	0
Sponsorship	0	0
Total Expenses	19,815	100



AFFILIATIONS & PARTNERS

Thank you!

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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, host successful Silent Auction during the CIF/IFC National Conferences. 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.



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