

## **Friends of Eswatini - 2019 Annual Report**

Friends of Eswatini (FoE) continues to serve the Swazi people by funding projects that have a meaningful impact on improving the health, education and social services in Eswatini. Over the last 20 years we have raised over \$40,000 to fund projects. These have included large grants to Young Heroes, an organization that supports AIDS-orphans, multiple Peace Corps Volunteer projects through the Peace Corps Partnership program, and other projects proposed by our members .

In 2019, we helped fund two Peace Corps Partnership projects sponsored by PCVs in Eswatini: a project to purchase books for a school library, the other was assistance in funding Camp BRO, an annual camp initiated by PCVs to help young Swazi students in leadership skills. In addition, we assisted an RPCV to transfer funds to "Possible Dreams International" a group that provides educational scholarships, which will be targeted to Swazi girls.

Organizationally, our Board voted to move our Website to NPCA's SilkStart platform. The new platform offers improved ways of communicating with our members and will give us access to NPCA's membership information about RPCVs who have served in Eswatini. We began the process of moving the old website information to the new site, and expect to have the new site available in early 2020.

The FoE Board is in need of new members that can lead our group as we approach the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps in 2021. We are in particular need of a new group leader, treasurer and someone to manage and grow our membership.

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