

## Friends of Eswatini - Annual Report 2024

Friends of Eswatini (FOE) continues to serve the Swazi people by funding projects and organizations that have a meaningful impact on improving the health, education, and social services in Eswatini. In the past 20 years we have raised over \$74,000 to fund these organizations and projects.

In 2024, FOE funded three Peace Corps Partnership Projects sponsored by Peace Corps Volunteers serving in Eswatini. These projects included a youth-led goat raising initiative, a youth-led business (broiler chickens), and a school library creation. FOE also provided financial support to **She Power** – a local women’s empowerment annual event, **Young Heroes Foundation** – providing shelter, medical support, and schooling to AIDS orphans, **The Fisher Talent Group** – engaging vulnerable athletics with better opportunities, and **Pasture Valley Farm and Children’s Home** – providing schooling supplies, food, shelter and schooling for orphans. We have estimated that the above initiatives could involve an estimated 440 Swazis. Financial assistance to these initiatives in 2024 was \$3,400.

In 2024 FOE held four Board meetings. We have been working diligently on the smooth transition from the SilkStart to Blackbaud platform as well as tracking FOE donations through NPCA’s Raiser’s Edge application. We are in touch with the U.S. Peace Corps administrative office in Eswatini to follow up with the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) along with establishing email relationships with the PCPP volunteers. We have updated our website once Blackbaud was in place.

Prepared by Melissa Horton, Funding Coordinator on January 6, 2025.