



# FRIENDS OF BURKINA FASO

## LES AMIS DU BURKINA FASO



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**Dear Friends of Burkina Faso,**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Friends of Burkina Faso, I would like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your loved ones, and we greatly appreciate your ongoing support of Friends of Burkina Faso!

With the world in so much turmoil, I am grateful that my family and loved ones in the U.S. are in safe places and able to go on with their personal and professional lives. However, I also want to honor all those struggling and living through unspeakable events throughout the world. This juxtaposition fuels my desire to continue to support Friends of Burkina Faso and the good work our grassroots partner organizations are undertaking.

Earlier this year, while visiting family in Burkina, I was fortunate to visit one of those partner organizations - Impact4Life. While touring the youth center on the outskirts of Ouagadougou that your donations helped support, I was impressed by the thoughtfulness that had gone into its planning and *actualisation*. Whether it was the space to take showers, clothes for distribution, books for reading, or just the safe space for youth to gather and share community – it went far beyond my expectations.

Successes like that of the Impact4Life youth center make me even more grateful for Friends of Burkina Faso's community of members!

**Please take these THREE ACTIONS to help keep FBF vibrant and growing:**

1. **Make sure your membership is up to date!** Our dues of \$25/year, while small, help us with various initiatives and 'keep the lights on' for our website. They also signal your commitment to the Land of Upright People and let us know that the greater FBF community can rely on you for support. Every correspondence from FBF now indicates your current dues status in the email or top of the physical address label. You can also email [membership@friendsofburkinafaso.org](mailto:membership@friendsofburkinafaso.org) to check whether your dues are current. **Need to make a dues payment? [Click here.](#)**
2. **Verify your contact information!** We can't reach out to you if we're sending to an old and dusty email address, and we can't help re/connect if your address is one from 5 years ago. To confirm/update your contact information, check your inbox for an email from us on Sunday, July 28, 2024, or contact [membership@friendsofburkinafaso.org](mailto:membership@friendsofburkinafaso.org).
3. **Contact us if you want to share your skills and connections** - All skill sets are welcome! We are seeking a Newsletter Content Manager to gather/organize contributions to our biannual newsletter. If you're interested, email [newsletter@friendsofburkinafaso.org](mailto:newsletter@friendsofburkinafaso.org) for more information! In terms of connections, helping to spread the word among RPCVs, the Burkinabe community, and of course new organizations who we might be able to support, is a huge help.



**Your overwhelming generosity recently funded another round of community-led projects, assisting in the areas most impacted by extremist violence in Burkina Faso: the north, center, and east.** I speak for the Board in saying that we are humbled by your support to assist these projects in Burkina. We look forward to sharing updates on these projects in the coming week and months!

Thank you for your support past, present, and future!

Wend na ko d laafi,

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*A friendly reminder that Friends of Burkina Faso is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law.*

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