



# NEWSLETTER

January 2024

**Happy New Year!**

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Hello Everyone!

Well, another year has gone by! Why does time have to fly by so fast? Every year has its triumphs and challenges, its joys and its sorrows. It's important to look back, appreciate the good things, learn from the tough times, and be thankful for friends and family.

This newsletter is much the same as the last with a few additions that occurred later in the year.

Our most recent exciting news is that the water well project in Dapéoltenga has been completed. You can watch a video I created on our YouTube channel:

Help Burkina Faso Canada

The link to the video is: <https://youtu.be/VXkK5BpXhTE>

Please watch this video knowing that you played a part in it's realization. We thank you so very much!



**Ne Y Taabo from ...**

**Ann, Natalizia, Audrey, Sherri,  
and Norm**



This project

**Dapéoltenga  
Water Well**

is proudly funded by

**HELP BURKINA FASO CANADA**

through donations from its generous donors.

This water well is dedicated to the memory of a  
valued member of our team,



**KEVIN STOCK**



## A TASTE OF BURKINA FASO



Our event, 'A TASTE OF BURKINA FASO' was fabulous!  
Our venue was donated by and held at the beautiful [Krause Berry Farms & Estate Winery](#).



Thank you Rebecca  
for creating this  
perfect poster for our  
event!



Louise did a wonderful job decorating our tables in the Burkina Faso flag colours.

She also made, **popMAIS** (popcorn) and served shelled peanuts in a calabas bowl.



We displayed information boards about our charity and, items brought back from Burkina Faso.



Ted, at Krause Berry Farms, serves up their unique fruit wines with his usual charm and wit!



...and let's not forget THESE important people! THE COOKS!  
Natalizia, Denis and Sherri made the most delicious African Sweet Potato Stew.  
EVERYONE raved about it!





Good Ol' Canadian pie for dessert!  
Of course, it had to be  
Krause Berry Farms homemade pie!



Norm made a super Master of Ceremonies as usual!  
Natalizia, Sherri and Ann worked diligently behind the scenes  
making everything tick like clockwork!  
Such a great team!



We gave a presentation featuring information about the  
country of Burkina Faso and its challenges.  
We were able to show photos and videos of the people and places I have visited.  
We were also able to share about the projects that the donors funded, all on the big screen!



We ended the evening with a small artisan sale to raise more funds for our projects.

Thank you so much to Jina and David Anctil and Sophie Nadeau for helping us out with the sales.

*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;*

*They just have the heart. Elizabeth Andrew*



## Recycle Program






Thank you so much to everyone who utilizes this program to donate to our charity and ultimately provide for the people of Burkina Faso!



**LOOK how many containers  
have been returned!**

**BALANCE**

**HISTORY**

-  Current Balance: **\$537.40**
-  Containers Returned: **15,780**
-  All-time deposit value: **\$1,515.70**

***A recycle drive is a great way for children to help the Burkinabé and do a small part for the planet!***



## Return-It Program Procedure

Our **Return-It** <https://www.return-it.ca> program continues to be a slow and steady success. This program provides an easy way to help the Burkinabé by donating the funds received for depositing drink recyclables at a Return-It Express Location.

<https://www.return-it.ca/locations/>

Our phone number **(604-880-9784)** is our unique identifier which allows you to access certain areas of the kiosk at participating Return-It depots to generate bar coded bag labels that are linked to our **HELP BURKINA FASO CANADA** online account.



Follow us on  
Social Media

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**YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/HBFCYouTube>

**We like to limit the emails we send you per year because we know keeping up with emails can be a chore!**

Following us on **Social Media** is the best way to stay in touch with all the latest news about our projects and events! Don't forget to hit the **notification button** so you don't miss a thing!

## **Join our Community of Monthly Donors!**

We are so appreciative of **ALL** our donors! Our **MONTHLY DONORS** provide us with a dependable funding source so that we can plan the future projects in Burkina Faso.

### **How to become a monthly donor?**

Go to our website: [www.helpburkinafasocanada.com](http://www.helpburkinafasocanada.com) and click on the **DONATE** button. You will be directed to our secure online giving platform: [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org).



Click the **DONATE MONTHLY** button and follow the prompts.

On behalf of the Burkinabé, **BARKA BARKA WOUSGO!**



### **QR Code**

This is our QR code to donate. When you point your phone camera at this code you will be directed to the CanadaHelps.org online donating platform. Follow the prompts! It's that easy!

Keep the code in your wallet or on your phone for quick and easy sharing.

## Our Next Project – School Solar Panels

We were recently in discussions with Roger regarding the purchase of a gel battery versus a lithium battery in conjunction with solar panels. The lithium battery costs more but has a much longer life than the gel battery. We decided that the purchase of a lithium battery would be a wiser choice for longevity.



### Energy Storage:

Solar panels produce electricity when exposed to sunlight. However, this energy production is intermittent and dependent on weather conditions. A battery allows you to store excess solar energy generated during the day for use when the sun isn't shining, such as during the night or on cloudy days.

### Smooth Power Supply:

Batteries help smooth out the power supply by providing a consistent and stable flow of electricity. They can assist in maintaining a steady power output even when solar energy production fluctuates due to passing clouds or other temporary shading.

📄 Votre entreprise **Nelson Solar**, Vous informe qu'elle a déménagée dans ses nouveaux locaux.

Elle est située au côté Sud de OSCAR YAAR, à 200m de la Direction Regionale du Travail et de la Protection sociale/Centre.

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for the reveal.



SHOP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
ONLINE CHRISTMAS ARTISAN SALE  
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 15TH, 2023

Pottery  
Jewellery  
Ornaments  
and more!

**BUY ONCE-GIVE TWICE!**

PROCEEDS ARE DIRECTED TO OUR PROJECTS IN BURKINA FASO.

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## Christmas Online Artisan Sale 2023

This sale ran from mid November to the end of December.

Artisans donate their time and product to our sale to support our cause.

**For this we are truly grateful!**

**Thank you to everyone that supported our sale this year!**

## SJB Sale

Once again, we would like to thank the St. Jean Brebeuf Social Justice Club for including us in their sale in early December. Our gratitude goes to the students who ran our table during their lunch break for the whole week.



## Thank You Again!

We really cannot Thank You enough for your generosity!

Our volunteer board of directors happily works on your behalf for the people of Burkina Faso.

We are so excited and extremely grateful to begin the new projects  
and to share the outcomes with you!

Stay tuned!

Audrey Burm, President

