



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we step into this new season, we are filled with gratitude for the kindness and generosity of supporters like you. Your unwavering commitment continues to make a real difference in the lives of the Burkinabe people. Every contribution helps build a brighter future for them!

After five years of dedicated service, we say a heartfelt thank you to **Norm Ridley** as he steps down from our board. His wisdom, leadership, and unwavering commitment have been instrumental in guiding our mission and making a meaningful impact in the lives of the Burkinabe people. Whether through his decision-making, hands-on involvement, or encouragement behind the scenes, he has been a valued part of our team. While we will miss his presence on the board, we know his influence will be felt for years to come. Please join us in expressing our deep appreciation for Norm and all he has contributed!

In this edition, we'll share exciting updates on our recent projects and projects to come!. Thank you for walking this journey with us. Your support is changing lives!



This is our representative, Roger Tougouma, and his family.

Left to right:

Roger, Rita, Ornella, Fabrice and Viviane.



**Ne Y Taabo from ...**

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

## Our 2024 Main Project!

Last year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we funded the drilling of a much-needed **water well** in the village of **Baskouré**. This well has been life-changing for the community, providing clean and reliable water to hundreds of people who previously had to walk long distances to access safe drinking water. With this vital resource now close to home, families have more time for education, farming, and building a better future. Clean water is more than just a necessity, it's a foundation for health, hope, and progress.

Thank you for making this possible!







## New Computer for the Pousga School!

At the beginning of this year, our charity funded the purchase of a computer and printer for the school we built in Burkina Faso - an essential step in supporting both students and administrators.

Until now, important documents like school certificates, report cards, and administrative records had to be processed at public secretariats, creating delays and extra costs. With this new equipment, the school can now handle these tasks independently, improving efficiency and organization.

Additionally, the Ministry of Education has introduced a new system to track student enrollment across the country, which requires digital data entry. Having a dedicated computer ensures the school can comply with this new requirement and better serve its students. While some rural schools face security concerns, the principal has assured us that the equipment will be safe due to the school's location.

This investment is another step toward strengthening education and opportunity in the community - made possible by your generous support!





Here, our representative, Roger Tougouma, is at the store buying the laptop and printer for the school!



## 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: \$878.60
-  Containers Returned: 19,335
-  All-time deposit value: \$1,856.90

*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.

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**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/helpburkinafasocanada/>

**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!

Our next project is to fund the construction of two additional classrooms for the school we built in Pousga. This expansion is essential to ensure that every child of school age has the opportunity to enroll and receive an education.

Last year, due to a lack of classrooms, the school was unable to accept new students, and one class had to borrow space from a nearby college. This year, with 96 new students already registered, the need for more classrooms is greater than ever. Standardizing the school with six fully functional classes will not only provide space for every student but also create a stable and sustainable learning environment.

The growing number of students is also a result of displacement caused by terrorism in the region, making access to education even more critical. With your support, we can give these children the safe and structured learning space they deserve.



## Thank you for Being Part of this Journey!

As we continue our mission to support education and opportunity in Burkina Faso, we are deeply grateful for your generosity and commitment. Every well drilled, every classroom built, and every child given the chance to learn is possible because of you. Your support is not just changing lives - it is shaping a brighter future for entire communities.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are making a real difference.

With gratitude,

Audrey Burm

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