



Planting Trees

to Feed People

Create Jobs and

Benefit the Environment



TREES THAT FEED FOUNDATION
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Letter from the Chair



Dear Friends,

What a year it has been! 2016 provided many exciting opportunities for Trees That Feed Foundation.

I remain in awe of how much your support has allowed us to accomplish. To date, TTFF has distributed over 120,000 food-bearing trees, 22 kits of food processing equipment and 12,000 pounds of breadfruit flour. We have reached hundreds of thousands of individuals across eleven countries since our inception in 2008.

Perhaps the most rewarding experience of 2016 was reaching the point at which the sustaining nature of our work hit full circle. Some of our initial tree recipients from 2009 are now overseeing their own entrepreneurial tree nurseries, supplying breadfruit trees to TTFF's new generation of recipients. We couldn't be more thrilled to see these small businesses pop up that will simultaneously foster food independence, local jobs and environmental benefits.

As with all passing years, 2016 wasn't absent of challenges. As many of you know, Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti in October 2016. The hurricane left widespread destruction in the Haiti's southern region. TTFF supporters and partners generously responded to provide swift support. We sent thousands of beans, yams, sweet potatoes and other fast-growing vegetable crops for quick replenishment of food supply. We continue to provide food-bearing trees in the region to replenish long-lasting food sources.

Mike and I had adventurous travels throughout the year, including a visit to Suriname and Barbados to plan for exciting new 2017 TTFF initiatives. We were met with enthusiasm and mutual interest in teaming up to increase food security, create jobs and improve the environment. As we look to next year, TTFF will remain focused on providing food-bearing trees and equipment, but will more heavily focus on the educational component of our programming. We will be working to hold more agronomy and agroforestry seminars and ongoing training for those who receive trees and equipment.

We are energized and optimistic for 2017. While the future of our environment may feel uncertain, Mike and I know that we all can make a significant, positive impact when we come together in support of our planet. Thank you for your support.

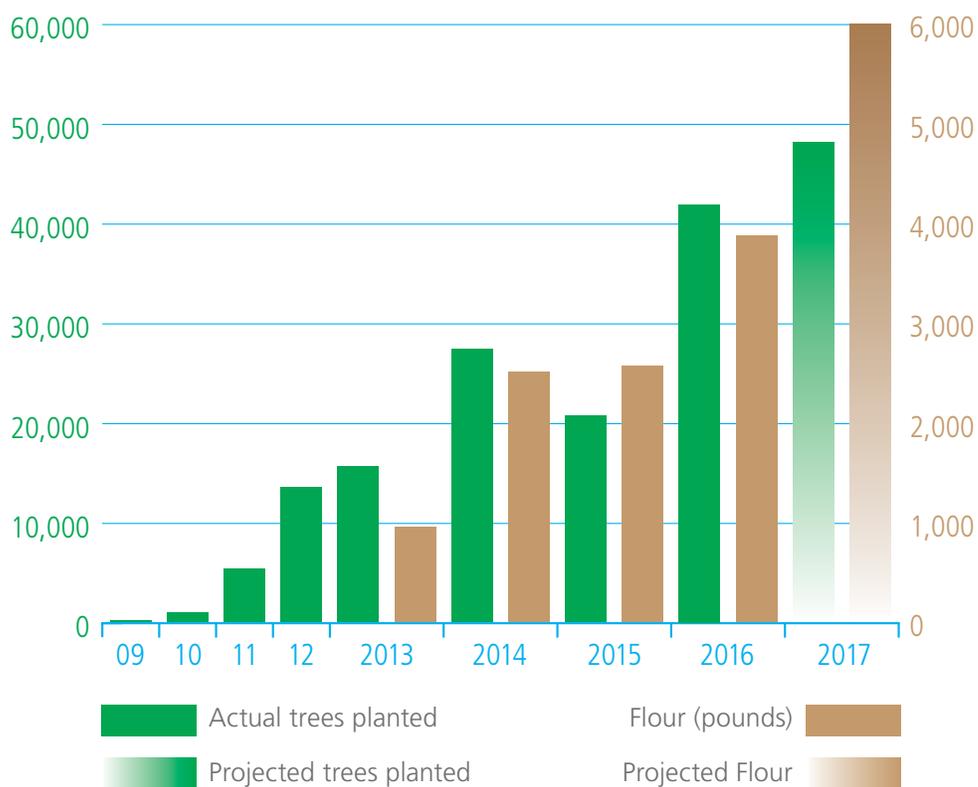
All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary McLaughlin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mary McLaughlin
Chair, Trees That Feed Foundation



TTFF Fruit Trees Planted and Flour Supplied



	2016	2015
Contributions	\$130,806	\$202,866
Trees Distributed	\$65,094	\$60,604
Food, FIB and other programs	\$54,762	\$43,248
Administrative Expenses	\$12,124	\$19,153
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(958)	\$79,900
Net Assets	\$158,429	\$78,529
Expense Ratio	9.3%	9.4%

Programs

When TTFF first started in 2008, the mission primarily consisted of distributing food-bearing trees to reduce hunger and improve the environment. The mission quickly expanded to include job creation, as it became clear that entrepreneurship and the market were key contributors to TTFF's tree recipients' ability to maximize the impact of their food-bearing trees. Below are highlights of our most important 2016 priorities and milestones.

Market Development

In 2012, TTFF began working with smallholder farmers to produce breadfruit flour for their communities. This flour mostly came from TTFF trees that had been distributed in years prior. In 2015, this program transformed to include not only smallholder farmers, but also partnerships with cooperatives and artisan groups that now produce breadfruit flour



for commercial sales. We are excited to see growth in this priority across various geographic areas.

In Jamaica, we distributed a Factory-in-a-Box kit to Williamsfield Farmers' Co-op in St. Elizabeth. The co-op is located in an area where employment opportunities are limited, but breadfruit is plentiful.

TTFF met with community leaders to train individuals on the breadfruit flour production process, from beginning to end. We are excited to see successful production from Williamsfield Coop in 2017. TTFF also re-visited Tacius Golding High School in 2016, a past recipient of a Factory-in-a-Box. The school already outgrew the initial Factory-in-a-Box equipment and is currently building a scaled-up factory for breadfruit flour production.

In Haiti, Pierre-Moise Louis, Renel Pierre and Charlotin Frednaud are three entrepreneurs to watch! Pierre-Moise and Renel operate breadfruit flour production from Jeremie, and currently produce over 400 pounds monthly. Their customers include six schools and hospitals, among other individuals.



Hurricane Matthew temporarily set back Pierre-Moise and Renel's production, but they have been quick on their feet to get back in action. Charlotin Frednaud is another young entrepreneur whose flour production is growing quickly in Haiti. Charlotin provided TTFF with a business plan in 2016, and within a few short months after receiving a Factory-in-a-Box, he went into production and delivered over 600 pounds of breadfruit flour to fifteen schools and orphanages in Northeast Haiti.

We are excited to watch these entrepreneurs, and many others, flourish in 2017!

School-feeding Program

In both Haiti and Jamaica, government support of childhood education is budget-constrained. Teacher salaries are modest and school facilities are limited, especially in rural areas. In these circumstances, school meal programs for low-income students are limited, and in many locations, non-existent. Various research shows that when a child shows up to school hungry, the child faces difficulty in learning throughout the day.



TTFF provides locally-sourced breadfruit flour for schools across Haiti and Jamaica. The flour is used to make nutritious breakfast meals. Often this breadfruit flour meal is the only meal that a student will receive each day. Through this program, TTFF continues to serve as a catalyst across the value chain. By providing locally produced meals to schoolchildren, TTFF serves immediate nutritional and

educational needs, supports the local food industry and provides training so that school-feeding programs can eventually be sustained through local efforts exclusively.

Since 2014, TTFF has provided over 12,000 pounds of locally-sourced breadfruit flour across 40 schools and orphanages in Haiti and Jamaica. TTFF has also supplied Jamaica's Ministry of Education with flour, which is then dispersed to numerous schools across the island. All of the flour for the school-feeding programs is locally-sourced by Caribbean smallholder farmers and entrepreneurs. The demand for breadfruit meals in schools is

growing and TTFF will continue school-feeding programs in 2017. Mike and Mary McLaughlin recently met with the Jamaican Ministry of Education and will be working with the ministry to rollout a new program for school gardens. At the beginning of the 2017 school year, this program will provide food supply sources and also hands-on opportunities for children to learn about agriculture.



Over 100,000 Trees

TTFF proudly reached its 100,000th tree milestone in 2016. Since 2009, TTFF has delivered over 100,000 food-bearing trees across ten countries, including Jamaica, Haiti, Antigua, Barbados, Bahamas, Suriname, Trinidad, Costa Rica, Ghana, Liberia and Pakistan. While



distribution quality, versus quantity, remains the highest priority, TTFF is proud of the milestone that reflects the work and support of thousands of individuals. Pierre-Moise Louis planted the 100,000th tree in Jeremie, Haiti. This special tree is part of TTFF's Hurricane Matthew relief efforts.

Education

Education is at the forefront of TTFF's work. TTFF strives to provide education through four different channels: farmers, entrepreneurs, youth and the general public. With farmers, including those who have farmed for decades and individuals who are just learning about how to plant a tree, TTFF provides individual training and



group seminars on whatever agricultural practice is most likely to make the farmer successful. This may include training on planting, pruning, harvesting, propagation, etc. With entrepreneurs interested in selling food products, TTFF provides guidance on how to set up a small business successfully, from beginning to end.

TTFF also realizes that providing education to youth and the general public is critical in advancing its mission, and more broadly in advancing understanding about the importance of agroforestry and responsible environmental stewardship. TTFF continues to share news and breaking information about agroforestry practices and global environmental efforts through its online platform.

Additionally, TTFF is piloting a new educational coloring book for youth in both the United States and the Caribbean. The book illustrates the magic of our environment

and teaches children about agronomy and agroforestry. With the expertise and countless hours from board members, partners and volunteer educators, TTFF is excited to release the book in 2017. It will be available in English and in a multilingual version with French, Creole and English. Through this book, TTFF aims to provide an innovative way through which children can become excited about caring for the environment. ●





Most organizations will attest to the fact that it's the people involved in the mission that determine its success, TTFF included. This year brought many exciting developments with new individuals and new roles within the organization. **Mr. Joseph Johnson** joined the TTFF staff as Jamaica Representative. Mr. Johnson recently retired from a career with the Jamaican Government's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. He is an expert in tree care and propagation. He also runs Eltham Gardens, a nursery in St. Catherine, Jamaica. In his role as Jamaica Representative, Mr. Johnson advises TTFF tree and equipment recipients and monitors tree care.

In Barbados, **Barney Gibbs** has joined our team. He has agronomy and business experience, and is helping TTFF to distribute and monitor our tree planting efforts around Barbados.

Our Director of Programs, **Theresa Candler**, returned to TTFF after tending to her newborn daughter during maternity leave. She continues to work on developing TTFF partnerships and programs.

TTFF also has three new board members, as of the year's end. These board members include **Michael Renetzky**, **Sue Mathewson** and **Gabriel Osson**. All three of these individuals bring valuable perspective to the organization. You can learn more about them on the TTFF website. ●



LEFT
A worker from Effort Vision, painstakingly preparing breadfruit for processing.



BELOW
Joseph Johnson, fruit tree expert, TTFF Jamaica representative.

As always, we are particularly grateful to our partners. TTFF works with numerous non-governmental organizations, businesses, entrepreneurs and universities around the globe. These partners include:

[A Well Fed World](#)

[Buddhist Global Relief](#)

[Caribbean Farmers Network](#)

[Clif Bar Family Foundation](#)

[College of Agriculture, Science & Engineering](#)

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[Sandals Foundation](#)

[Smallholder Farmers Alliance](#)

[Three Angels Children's Relief](#)

[University of Minnesota](#)

[Universite of Nouvelle Grand Anse](#)

[4H Jamaica](#)

Places

TTFF broadened its geographic scope in 2016 to include Bahamas and Suriname. In October, TTFF partnered with the Bahamian Ministry of Forestry to provide over 200 yellowheart breadfruit saplings. These trees continue to be distributed to the government's reforestation program and to farmers and environmental groups throughout the family islands.

In December, TTFF traveled to Suriname to lay the groundwork for new programming. TTFF will be working with Suriname's Ministry of Agriculture to provide food-bearing trees across rural farming areas of the country. TTFF has also provided Factory-in-a-Box equipment in Suriname and looks forward for building out an entrepreneurship program on the island. ●



TOP
Breadfruit tree planting
in the Bahamas.

RIGHT
Inspecting 2,000
breadfruit trees in a shade
house in Suriname.



Hurricane Matthew



On October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew struck southwestern Haiti, leaving widespread damage. The hurricane left the southwestern region in ruins, especially in its remote areas. Hurricane Matthew destroyed over 200,000 homes and left 1.4 million people in need of humanitarian aid. It also left complete crop damage in the Grand'Anse region, leaving the already impoverished population without a source of food.



TTFE believes that emergency aid is necessary in a crisis, but if continued indefinitely, the aid can become harmful. Gifts of food and other materials over time can undermine the development of local industry and create dependency. TTFE is organizationally geared toward

long-term, permanent solutions in the form of self-sustaining, local partnerships and entrepreneurs. However, in the case of Hurricane Matthew, we modified our traditional approach to include both immediate and long-term relief efforts.

With the generous and fast-acting support of its donors and partners, TTFE provided vegetable seeds, including pea, corn, tomato, cabbage and carrots, and other food sourced that would provide a yield in as little as a few months. TTFE also supplied over 200,000 sweet potato saplings and thousands of food-bearing trees to farmers whose crops had been depleted.

While there has been much teamwork and progress since the hurricane struck, support is still needed to help farmers, producers and communities rebuild for the future. ●



TOP
Hurricane damaged trees near Jeremie, Haiti.

MIDDLE
Potato and yam distribution in the affected areas.

RIGHT
Carrying drinking water, a scarce commodity after the hurricane.



Donations

T TFF works to alleviate hunger, create jobs and benefit the environment. Your support provides opportunities for individuals, families and communities to thrive.

- **\$15 provides a food-bearing tree that can feed a family for over 50 years**
- **\$150 funds 500 locally-sourced meals for a school in the Caribbean**
- **\$750 provides tree care and food production training for farmers**
- **\$2,000 funds a Factory-in-a-Box equipment kit for a community to process breadfruit flour**

TTFF appreciates all contributions, no matter what size!

Donate online at: www.treesthatfeed.org/donate

or mail a check to: **Trees That Feed Foundation**
1750 Harding Road
Northfield, IL 60201



ABOVE & RIGHT

TTFF involves schoolchildren not only in breakfast programs but also in active learning about agriculture, how to plant and care for trees, and the benefits.

FAR RIGHT

Mike McLaughlin, TTFF Secretary-Treasurer presenting Davia Ramgeet-Robinson, Principal, Knockalva Agricultural School, Hanover, Jamaica, with a Trees That Feed knit shirt as a token thank you gift.





TTF encourages you to get involved!

- Spread the word about TTF to your friends, family, church and business associates
- Sign up for email updates at www.treesthatfeed.org
- Like us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/TreesThatFeed
- For volunteer opportunities contact info@treesthatfeed.org

Thanks to all our donors, your support makes our work possible!



TOP

Fruit trees distributed to students in the Bahamas.

FAR LEFT

Breadfruit is a nutritious carbohydrate. Each fruit weighs four to five pounds.

LEFT

Student learning about the environment with a hands-on approach of planting trees.

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TTF distribution sites, left to right: Costa Rica, Jamaica, Bahamas, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Suriname, Liberia, Ghana and Pakistan.