



# TreesCharlotte

Plant, Preserve & Celebrate!

## 2023 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Queen City Stem  
School TreeDay  
Planting



Freedom Park TreeWalk



Dear TreesCharlotte supporters,

Looking back at the last year brings me a remarkable sense of gratitude for your unwavering support of our work to build Charlotte's beloved tree canopy. As such, I am pleased to present the accomplishments of the 2022-2023 fiscal year and planting season.

Our goal during the year, as always, was to protect and grow the city's canopy while expanding our reach to include all parts of Charlotte. The financial support of this year's donors helped make this possible. As you will note from the provided statistics, we continue to thrive as we plant and distribute trees while educating Charlotteans about the value and benefits that trees provide. What these numbers don't adequately capture, however, is the time, dedication, and devotion given by all who work to make each TreesCharlotte event a success; from our core team of dedicated staff and Board members to our corporate and city partners, as well as every volunteer who donates their time. Each tree that is planted not only represents a monetary commitment, but also hours-long planning, coordination, selection, preparation, execution, and continued follow up. The combined energy, enthusiasm, and financial support of key players in our community of trees make this all possible, and I am grateful to everyone who has helped TreesCharlotte realize our mission.



As we celebrate the successes of the past year, we continue to plan for the future, with a focus on extended outreach and deeper connection in the community. Stayed tuned for exciting new endeavors planned for the upcoming season, scheduled to begin on September 30.

Looking back in gratitude and ahead in hope,

Jane Singleton Myers  
Executive Director

You may notice this year's Annual Impact Report looks a little different than in years past. In a continued effort to be a good steward of your financial contributions, TreesCharlotte made the decision to use a more environmentally friendly and cost-effective approach to sharing our yearly update. A copy of this report and updated financial information can be found at [www.bit.ly/tc2023annualreport](http://www.bit.ly/tc2023annualreport)

## 2023 Season Numbers

Since 2012, TreesCharlotte has planted and distributed more than 54,000 trees in the Queen City at 434 community events, while engaging nearly 30,000 volunteers and residents.

In Fiscal Year 23, your donations allowed TreesCharlotte to...

**2,036**

trees  
stewarded

**10**

TreeAdoptions

**68**

varieties of  
species sourced

**3,263**

Residents and  
volunteers  
engaged

**43**

Education and  
outreach presentations

**9**

plantings  
at schools

**5,561**

trees planted  
and distributed

**3,200**

seedlings planted  
and distributed

**12**

Community  
Woods

**23**

events held in  
underserved communities



TreeFest

### A closer look...

**ZIP code TreeAdoptions** allow us to target specific areas of the city where we can make the most impact. This year, we hosted two adoptions for residents of the “Crescent,” a traditionally underserved sector where we gave away more than 550 trees to be planted at individual residences.

**We love meeting new people! 932 trees were given to “first timers,”** those who were new to our TreeAdoption events.

**350 of our seedlings were given out at the first annual TreeFest,** a community-wide event held at NoDa Brewing Co. The family-friendly day included raffles, games, seed bomb making, live music, an “Ask the Arborist” booth, and a lot of fun. We’re already busy planning for next year’s event!

**Nations Ford Elementary School was the site of a TreeDay** planting where volunteers and TreeMasters planted 131 new trees on the school campus. Of those, 19 were TreeGifts given in honor or memory of loved ones.

**New this year were arborist-led TreeWalks** through Freedom Park, where residents met other tree enthusiasts and learned about the variety of species in the park. A highlight of the walk is always the ginkgo tree at the TreesCharlotte Honorary Garden.

**TreesCharlotte watered 1,241 previously planted trees** to ensure their health and longevity. We water the trees we plant for the first year after being planted in their new location.

## Ways to get involved

**Become an advocate for Charlotte's trees! For more information about the many ways you can help grow our city's canopy, visit us at [www.treescharlotte.org](http://www.treescharlotte.org). We welcome any support you are able to share in the following ways:**



### Donate

Financial contributions help us plant and steward trees while educating and empowering residents of Charlotte. <https://treescharlotte.org/make-a-donation>



### Plant a tree

Join us at an upcoming TreeAdoption, TreeDay planting, or host a CommunityWoods event. <https://treescharlotte.org/get-trees/neighborhoods/yardtrees>  
<https://treescharlotte.org/get-trees/neighborhoods>  
<https://treescharlotte.org/calendar>



### Volunteer with us

Extra hands of all ages are always needed at planting and adoption events. <https://treescharlotte.org/volunteer/volunteer-registration>



### Become a TreeMAK

Elevate your knowledge and engagement by becoming a TreeMaster, TreeAmbassador, or TreeKeeper. <https://treescharlotte.org/volunteer/treemaster>



### Talk to your company

Corporate partnerships are vital to the success of our planting season. Your company may have a matching gift program or be interested in sponsorship opportunities. <https://treescharlotte.org/donate/corporatesupport>



### Follow and share on social media

Find TreesCharlotte on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube. <https://www.facebook.com/treescharlotte>  
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A select group of TreeMasters, TreeAmbassadors, and TreeKeepers keep us going.

Our TreeMAKs are the backbone of the TreesCharlotte organization. These dedicated volunteers have received specialized training to be TreeMasters, TreeAmbassadors, and/or TreeKeepers and consistently volunteer their time and knowledge to make every TreesCharlotte event a success. Among this distinguished group are our most devoted and enthusiastic volunteers: the TreeMAK 100+ Club, which is comprised of those who have given more than 100 hours of their time to TreesCharlotte. Please join us in thanking them for their steadfast commitment to our city's canopy.

If you are interested in joining the TreeMAK community of volunteers, consider attending our training in September. More information: <https://treescharlotte.org/volunteer/treemaster>.

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## We're ready for the FY24 season!

Our new planting season will kick off with our **Citywide Opening Day Tree Adoption on September 30**. This event is open to all residents of Charlotte so be sure to tell a neighbor or bring a friend. Registration begins Monday, September 25 at [www.treescharlotte.org](http://www.treescharlotte.org).

Also, stay tuned for more fall dates in our next *Leaflet*, coming to your mailbox in September!





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### YOUR support made this year possible!

An enormous thank you to all of our donors whose commitment and financial gifts provide TreesCharlotte with the necessary resources to protect and grow our canopy. Your continued support was a crucial element to the success of our endeavors throughout our City of Trees.

Following is the lifetime list of our generous endowment donors and FY23 general operating donors. This information and all financials and audit information can be found at [www.bit.ly/tc2023annualreport](http://www.bit.ly/tc2023annualreport)

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