



... WHAT COULD YOU MEAN TO THE FOUNDATION OF SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Support a community that values you – the young, the adult and the mature all have a voice, and a vote. Every person is an asset, and can make a difference for the better in a community that respects and protects every one of its members.

The general nature of Non-Profit organizations is to raise money for causes from those who have an affinity for the causes. Contributors are reached through emotions or logic and asked to trust the organization to make a contribution, monthly membership fee, buy the non-profits products or events, or even make partial distribution from their estates to the identified cause.

FOSL is a bird of a different feather, in that the Foundation's main purposes are educational, archival, and support for actual physical efforts at living sustainably. In that FOSL will be sponsoring: educators, people with certain skill sets, the purchase of real property, education in a number of areas, and even some research for living within nature's provisions, and FOSL members who will be living sustainably on the land. FOSL is designed to be a more hands on charitable organization than many educational non-profits.

FOSL considers people to be any community's greatest asset, and the more educated and trained people are, the more they can contribute to where they live. As a nation we waste one of our greatest assets by warehousing our elderly in homes where they wait to die, thereby, throwing away what our elders know and can contribute to our future.

FOSL will build into its core the ability for its members to grow older with dignity, and more important to go older with a purpose. In a village setting supporting surrounding sustainable farms both young and old can make needed and important contributions, presently overlooked in our fetish for the beautiful youth, idolizing form rather than substance.

FOSL values any contribution of any kind and that includes people of all walks of life contributing what they know, or want to learn that impacts on sustainable living. FOSL wants young, adults and the elderly to participate in any, and at whatever level they can, in our endeavor.

Skill sets, training, and educational excellence need support; FOSL is planning a mentoring grants approach similar to the Japanese government (on a private scale) for the support of the types of people the Japanese might consider to be "national treasures". FOSL wishes to identify those folks who can be "community treasures" as it relates to living sustainably and subsidize them to point where they can teach what they know to the rest of us who will need to know these things in the near future.

There are many levels of participation possible with the gifting to FOSL of non-cash or real property. Items, physical and intellectual currently of value can be "gifted" to the Foundation with the commensurate tax write off and depending on the use or exchange FOSL is able to make of such gifts the givers level of priority of participation will be defined.