



Join Rain for the Sahel and Sahara

honoring longtime supporters & RAIN Champions
Barbara (Board FY14-22) & Ivor Freeman
May 25th 2023 at Alnoba, Kensington NH



Why participate?

RAIN is an established, effective organization that combats extreme poverty through resilient economic development. It also serves as a local ambassador for African culture, celebrating diversity in New Hampshire.

With a budget of under \$500K, **RAIN supported over 14,000 Nigerien children, women, and men last year.** The majority of funding received comes from organizations and individual donors like you.

As an event sponsor, you will join the Seacoast's most dedicated philanthropists and businesspeople in their support of RAIN's programs and partner communities.

At RAIN Dance we gather together to acknowledge the power we have as a community to help people across Niger live healthier and happier lives.

This year we honor longtime, dedicated supporters, Barbara and Ivor Freeman and we would love for you to be a part of the celebration!





RAIN FOR THE SAHEL AND SAHARA

RAIN's Mission

Rain for the Sahel and Sahara (RAIN) forges partnerships with rural and nomadic peoples of West Africa to enable enduring and relevant livelihoods through access to education and opportunity.

Why Niger?

- Out of 189 countries Niger is ranked last on the Human Development Index.
- 42% of children under five suffer from malnutrition.
- 38% of children attend primary school, and 11% attend secondary school. For girls, only 8% continue to secondary school.
- Fewer than 11% of women have an account with a financial institution or mobile money-service provider.



RAIN's Programs

RAIN addresses socio-economic issues with programming tailored to the needs of our partner communities.



Our **Education Programs** enable rural and nomadic children to attend and succeed in primary school and beyond. Our mentoring and homestay programs provide children with the resources and support they need to keep them from dropping out. In addition, our Agadez Learning Center provides a safe and supportive environment for students to pursue secondary education in a larger city.

Our **Sustainable Agriculture Program** provides clean water, 3-season drip irrigated community gardens, and training in sustainable agricultural techniques, business practices, and nutrition.

Our **Women's Entrepreneurship Program** empowers women to establish Savings & Loans groups and implement herding initiatives that teach basic economic principles, develop entrepreneurial skills, and create opportunities for women to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

Sponsorship Levels and Registration

\$10,000—Sultans can fund food and medical costs for every student at the ALC for an entire year. You will receive a full-page ad in our event program as well as a commemorative certificate, in addition to the benefits listed at the \$5,000 level.

\$5,000—Chiefs can help 100 gardeners plant crops to feed their families and earn an income. You will be featured, with logo, on RAIN’s website and in our newsletters for all of 2023 and be acknowledged verbally at the event, in addition to the benefits listed at the \$2,500 level.

\$2,500 —Poets can equip 16 women entrepreneurs with the seed funding needed to start their own ventures. You will receive four tickets for the event and be featured on the RAIN website until August 2023 in addition to the benefits listed at the \$1,000 level.

\$1,000 —Caravanners can provide stipends for 10 women mentors to work with 50 students. You will be listed in press releases and event marketing in addition to the benefits listed at the \$500 level.

\$500 —Nomads can supply 2 women each with a herd of 4 goats. You will be listed in our program and receive two tickets for the event.

Other. Any gift will help a child go to school, a garden to be built, or a woman to build a small business.

To ensure inclusion in the RAIN Dance program please submit registration by May 1st 2023. Register as soon as possible to reap the full benefits of sponsorship.

Sponsors contributing \$2,500 or above, please forward logo file to freya@rain4sahara.org.

Indicate how you’d like your sponsorship listed, or if you would prefer to remain anonymous:

I would like my gift to be anonymous

Name: _____ *Company:* _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

**I have enclosed a check for the designated amount, payable to:
Rain for the Sahel and Sahara, P.O. Box 1503, Portsmouth, NH 03802.**

To give online, go to www.rain4sahara.org & click “Donate Now.”

Please check the box indicating that your donation is to support RAIN Dance.

Questions? Contact Freya at 603.371.0676 or Freya@rain4sahara.org