

A Very Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to you and yours and best wishes for 2024!

We are thrilled to share the news that we reached our 2-for-1 Year-end Challenge Match goal of \$15,000! Thanks to everyone who donated! This would not have been possible without your belief in our mission of preserving, protecting and planting trees to enhance the quality of life and health for present and future generations in the Lower Cape Fear area.

And thanks to everyone who contributed their valuable time this past year knocking on doors, digging holes, handing out trees, planting trees, watering trees, pruning trees, and talking and teaching about trees. The Alliance for Cape Fear Trees is only as strong as its volunteers. Please accept our hearfult gratitude for making 2023 such a successful year.

Branch into the New Year with Our Volunteer Opportunities!

Set Your Resolutions High and Join Us in Scouting for Tree Planting Locations

In preparation for our February 10th street tree planting event, we're seeking volunteers to canvass the Southside neighborhood. Your task is to ask residents if we may plant a tree in front of their home, share details of our upcoming event, and answer questions. We supply the list of addresses, volunteer vests and tags, and door hangers (to hang if they're not home). You can choose your own schedule and partner - or we can pair you with another dedicated volunteer.

We need to provide the City Urban Forestry staff the list of planting locations by Thursday, January 18th.

For more information, visit our <u>Tree Ambassadors page</u> and be a part of this impactful community effort! If you are able to volunteer for this important initiative, please email <u>allison@acftrees.org.</u>

New Year, New Trees! Saturday, January 28th Tree Distribution

ACFT is ringing in 2024 by giving away 500 trees that are sure to make our tree canopy soar! With the support of the Arbor Day Foundation and Truist Bank, ACFT volunteers will distribute 500 3-gallon trees at Robert Strange Pool. If you would like to volunteer, please <u>click here.</u> Stay tuned for tree species Information!

Spread Love, Plant Trees Saturday, February 10th Tree Planting

Also with the support of the Arbor Day Foundation and Truist Bank, ACFT will plant over 60 trees in the Southside neighborhood on February 10th. If you would like to volunteer, please click **here**.

March into Greenery: Join Our Tree Giveaway Extravaganza! Saturday, March 9th Tree Distribution

Mark your calendars and join us on March 9th for Green Goodness Day to help distribute 600 trees thanks to our partners the Arbor Day Foundation and HSBC at Legion Stadium. Click here to join the team. Tree Species Information will be posted soon!

ACFT Decked the Streets in December!



On December 2nd, ACFT devoted volunteers planted 71 trees along the streets of Wilmington's Southside, thanks to grant funding from the Arbor Day Foundation and Truist Bank and in cooperation with the City of Wilmington. Thanks to Plastic Ocean Project for their collaboration in cleaning up the area and jumping in to plant trees.



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