



# PRAIRIE REGION UPDATE

*The Prairie Region Update is intended to keep grandmothers groups across the Prairies connected to each other and informed about the SLF Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.*

February 2016

## NEWS FROM THE SLF AND OUR PRAIRIE REGION

### Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Saskatoon

Saskatoon Grandmothers supporting African Grandmothers Inc. (G4G Saskatoon) is pleased to have received their official incorporation document from Information Services SK. This development to an incorporated entity, based on legal and auditor's advice, provides additional structure to our organization as well as limiting liability of individual members. The application process is quite straightforward, after completing the name search and settling on a unique name, the officers (Executive committee) of the organization are identified on the required documentation and the required fees, under \$100, were submitted.

Along with all the wonderful things we do, we have an outreach program. Marlee Ritchie visits members who cannot attend our meetings.

Our program committee schedules speakers for our meetings. Our January speaker, Brenda Bambray, told us about "Days For Girls", an organization that supplies menstrual supplies to girls in Africa.

You are cordially invited to our Annual Fundraising Dinner to be held March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Western Development Centre. Sally Armstrong, human rights activist, journalist and author will be our keynote speaker.

For ticket information, contact Maureen Cline at 306-373-0087 or [mecline@shaw.ca](mailto:mecline@shaw.ca).



**Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Saskatoon**

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner

To support the work of the Stephen Lewis Foundation  
[www.stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org)

**Friday, March 11, 2016**  
at the Western Development Museum

Reception: 5:00 pm  
Dinner: 6:30 pm  
Tickets: \$45.00  
Cash Bar  
MC Brenda Baker

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Sally Armstrong**

- Award winning Journalist & Author
- Human Rights Activist
- Member of Order of Canada

Recent publication "Ascent of Women"

For tickets contact:  
Maureen Cline at 306-373-0087  
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Available at McNally Robinson Booksellers  
January 16, 2016

Entertainment by:  
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## G4G Prince Albert

The Prince Albert G4G group started the year out with a great meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We had Nola Ayers from Moose Jaw speak on her recent trip to Africa. She had a wonderful visual presentation to go with the talk, it inspired us once again. Next meeting we are going to focus on fundraising and changing it up a bit. It was wonderful to meet Nola who observed we have a very active and wondrously diverse group of members in our club.



## Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Regina



### JABULA! A FUNDRAISING EVENING Saturday, April 30, 2016

Queensbury Convention Centre, Regina  
Cocktails 6:00 pm, Dinner and Program to Follow  
Entertainment Silent Auction Raffle  
Advance Tickets: \$65 from 306-761-2304, 306-949-1705  
g4gregina@sasktel.net, or Bach & Beyond (1724 Badham Blvd.)

**Guest Speaker: Ilana Landsberg-Lewis**  
Executive Director and co-Founder, Stephen Lewis Foundation



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Monthly meetings have been full of discussion and decisions as we move ahead with as much energy and enthusiasm as we can muster. Our Education Committee keeps us informed with varied and interesting presentations at each of our meetings. The topic for February is “Buy Here, Ship There” Charity – What’s wrong with the idea? Our presenters are with SCIC (The Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation).

The Stephen Lewis Foundation is working alongside its community-based partners to convene the South African Grandmothers Gathering in July 2016. We at G4G Regina are so pleased to announce that our long time member, Gail Greenberg, has been selected as part of the delegation of Grandmothers Campaign members to attend as observers. Along with the others, Gail will also have the opportunity to visit grassroots organizations in Zambia as part of this educational trip. Congratulations, Gail!

We have been discussing the number of fundraising events we organize, the value of each one and the timing for events. As a volunteer organization we need to make sure we are using our resources in the best way possible. Our energy for the next couple of months is focused on our signature fundraising event – Jabula, our G4G fundraising evening Saturday, April 30th. We would love to see members from other grandmother groups at the dinner. It’s fun, it’s informative and it’s an event. Tickets are \$65.00 each with all proceeds, of course, going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

## Grands 'n' More Winnipeg

Bev Suek, from Grands 'n' More Winnipeg, will be going to the South Africa Grandmothers Gathering. Bev has been involved in a wide range of community projects, she has a long, and personal, history with the impact of AIDS, as well as years of demonstrating deep commitments to issues facing women. We are fortunate that she is our incoming Awareness Co-Leader, and we look forward to hearing her stories and insights from this amazing trip. GnM Winnipeg continues to benefit from the many contributions and commitments of our members.



In honour of the 10<sup>th</sup>, Grands 'n' More Winnipeg is collecting dimes at our Member Meetings and events in our granny jars. Members are encouraged to collect their dimes and bring them with to grandmothers get-togethers. At our February Member Meeting, we collected \$8.60 in 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dimes (including some other coin)!!! after just launching the idea at the meeting. It will be fascinating to see how much we can raise with our dimes to support the grandmothers and their (grand) children over the Anniversary year.

## IDEAS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

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Each month we share a fundraising idea from another Grandmothers group. Some of the events were held a year or two ago, some are more current. But all are shown to give your large or small group on the Prairies some ideas in case you're looking for something new to take on.

### Kingston Grandmother Connections

The **Market for Africa** returns in November for its eighth year in Kingston, ON. Admission is free. Enjoy a delicious soup luncheon and shop for gifts from Africa and beyond. Sewing, baking, preserves, jewellery, art, books for children, gently used clothing, special treasures and several surprise local delectables.



*Please let us know of any events your group is holding, or has held recently, and we'll post it here. Disclaimer: we try to get the information accurate – but please be sure to check with the local group before you venture out to an event in case there are any errors or changes.*

If you would like more information on any of this material, please do let us know. We are here to support you and your groups with information sharing and connections, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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