



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.

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NEWS FROM THE STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION

Introducing...our new Grandmothers Campaign Officer for the Prairies



Laura Fraser is a Grandmothers Campaign Officer who works with grandmothers groups in the Prairies, BC Interior and Ontario 519 and 705 area codes. Before coming to the Foundation Laura, studied Equity and Social Justice Education at the University of Toronto. While finishing her studies, Laura worked as an SLF volunteer; she then joined the SLF's Finance Team in 2013 where she worked in donations processing. As a long-time fan of the Grandmothers Campaign, Laura was extremely excited to become a Grandmothers Campaign Officer in January of 2015. Laura continues to be inspired by the dedication and compassion of Canadian grandmothers working in solidarity with African grandmothers!

The Ask Her Talks



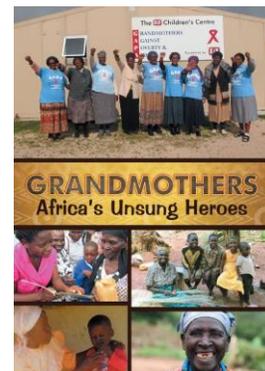
In May, the Foundation was delighted to launch the **Ask Her Talks**, featuring five dynamic African women leaders speaking out on philanthropy, change and power. In Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, members of the Grandmothers Campaign and the local community were captivated by the words and wisdom of Jessica Horn, Marie-Jeanne (Mama) M'bachu, Jennifer Ayot, Netty Musanhu and Theo Sowa. Their speeches ranged from the decline in funding for women's rights work, to the community response to Ebola, to the resilience of women in the face of sexual violence as a strategy of war.

Now, other Canadian cities will host the next round of Ask Her Talks – watch for information about the events to be held in **Winnipeg** and Edmonton, as well as again in Toronto, in time for World AIDS Day this fall.

'Grandmothers: Africa's Unsung Heroes' Book Orders

As was mentioned in the June issue of the Prairie Region Update, this book, co-written by three of the SLF's African community-based partners (ROTOM in Uganda, PENAF in Kenya and GAPA in South Africa) is now available. The final sale price is to be \$15.00 per copy, which includes shipping. We ask that groups do not reduce the price of the book to be fair to all the project partners who will benefit from the sale of the book.

If your grandmothers group would like to order multiple copies, they are available on consignment. The SLF will send you the books and you send back the funds for books sold. You can also return unsold copies – although we don't think that will be necessary! This is the same process that was used successfully with the Africa trip calendars last fall. For more information or to order your copies now, please get in touch with Laura at lfraser@stephenlewisfoundation.org.



NEWS FROM OUR PRAIRIE REGION

Prairie Region Gathering 2016

Planning is underway for the 2016 Gathering in Winnipeg. Tentative dates are Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17. The Planning Group has submitted an application to the New Horizons for Seniors federal grant for support of the Regional Gathering, which will be combined with the 10th Anniversary celebration of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign. Watch this space next month for more information.



IDEAS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

Burnaby Gogo's Pub Night



Join us for a burger or a pound of wings, and a beverage.

Silent Auction. Craft Sale. Tickets \$20

For more information, contact burnabygogos@gmail.com.

G for G Mountainview Tea in the Garden

(Didsbury, Alberta, population 5,000 or so)

Grandmothers for Grandmothers Mountainview invite you to attend their annual **Tea in the Garden!** This year's event will be held at the home of Jean Whittaker, who has a gorgeous garden. You are invited to wander through the gardens, then stop for old-fashioned tea with fine china. There will also be Victoria Sponge Cakes and scones with home-made jams and whipped cream. This is an event not to miss!



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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