

# Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Regina

## Newsletter

August 2016



### A FEW WORDS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

by Gail Greenberg

Poignant would accurately describe many of my moments in Africa, however, there is one reflection I would like to share, something that resonated with me and will drive my volunteerism going forward. When I asked one of the founders of the Twavwane Home-Based Care Initiative for a ballpark figure of the funds the organization, devoted to home-care and attentiveness to OVC (orphaned and vulnerable children), receives from the SLF I thought to myself, “well, that’s what Art from the Attic raised this past year”. As I visited a 5-person child-led household, all orphaned due to the deaths of their parents from AIDS seven years ago, and the one-room concrete-walled and floored home of a 60+ year-old Gogo parenting three grandchildren under the ages of seven, I had a mental lightening moment. G4G Regina holds a fundraiser, and the money raised could, hypothetically, fund some of the operating costs of the work done by the Gogo home-care workers of THBCI. I was experiencing, up front and personal, how the work WE do as Grandmothers and Others, facilitates the work the GOGOS do and I tell you, it was a humbling and proud moment. I share this with you because not all of us will visit a project that receives funding from the SLF, witness such transparency, see how our labours of dedication and solidarity play out in the real world. A simple tale, yes, however one that I hope encourages and empowers you to continue to invest your energy in the Grandmothers Campaign, raising awareness of and funds for the SLF.



### EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

#### AUGUST

16 – BBQ Social and G4G Meeting

#### SEPTEMBER

17 – Art from the Attic

20 – G4G Meeting

24 and 25 – Prairie Region Gathering

#### OCTOBER

5 – G4G Executive Meeting

18 – G4G Meeting

30 – Scrabble for Africa

#### NOVEMBER

15 – G4G Meeting

#### DECEMBER

1 – Flash Mob, World AIDS Day

No meeting

#### JANUARY

16 – G4G Meeting

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We fundraise for the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support African grandmothers who are raising a generation of children orphaned by AIDS.*

## ART FROM THE ATTIC

There are still lots of volunteers needed for the event, so please consider signing up for one or more shifts. In order of **priority**, the following volunteer spots require filling:

**Friday night, September 16:** pick up art from storage on Kramer Boulevard @ 5:30 and deliver to the Cathedral Neighbourhood Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue @ 6:30

**Friday night:** shift at the Cathedral Neighbourhood Centre from 5-8:30

**Saturday, September 17:** shift from 2:30-5:00

**Saturday:** shift from 9:30-noon

**Saturday:** shift from noon-2:30

If you need more information about volunteering, or you're ready to sign up, please phone Gail at 306-761-2304 or Rosanne at 306-525-4067.



## FLASH MOB

Based on the song, "Sisters Are Doing it for Themselves" by Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart, and performed by the Eurythmics and Aretha Franklin, as many Grandmothers groups across Canada as possible will do their Flash Mobs on **December 1, World AIDS Day**. The SLF is hoping to have a choreographer develop a flash mob dance for us pro bono. They will then create an instructional video to teach everyone the Flash Mob dance. G4G Regina is making plans to participate. Watch for more information. We'll be having practice sessions later this fall!

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

Our finance team has big news to share: During the last fiscal year, we raised enough funds to send **\$79,455.37** to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. A further **\$11,069.95** was sent directly from our community. All this raised our ten year total to **\$641.893.62!**



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