

Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Regina

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ART FROM THE ATTIC 4 – A Regina Success Story!

Once again, the community has demonstrated its support for AFTA in a myriad of ways. We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to customers who generously opened their wallets; to donors who contributed close to 1400 pieces of art; to Atelier Arts, Colorburst Paint Benjamin Moore, Elements of Colour Benjamin Moore Paints, and Independent Living for their willingness to be drop-off sites for all the wonderful folks who contributed pieces of art to the sale; and to our sponsor, HARVARD COMMUNITIES, for providing us with space to prepare, price and store the art, a real game-changer. On another note, we would be remiss if we didn't share with you that increasingly, we find ourselves in the welcome position of accepting pieces of art with reserves that range from \$200 to \$2500, all in support of G4G and the Grandmothers Campaign.

AFTA will continue to sell art through the *Saskatchewan Network of Art Collector's* fall and spring on-line auctions. Once that concludes, we will be able to share with you the total amount raised in what is turning out to be a stellar fundraiser.



EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 17 – Art from the Attic
- 20 – G4G Meeting
- 24 and 25 – Prairie Region Gathering

OCTOBER

- 18 – G4G Meeting
- 30 – Scrabble for Africa

NOVEMBER

- 15 – G4G Meeting

DECEMBER

- 1 – World AIDS Day Flash Mob
- No meeting

JANUARY

- 16 – G4G Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 21 – 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.

NEWS FROM THE PRAIRIE REGION GATHERING

Eight G4G Regina members attended the Prairie Region Gathering in Winnipeg in late September. Prior to the official start of the Gathering, several members visited the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and took in the 90-minute tour that focused on stories related to the lives of women and girls in African nations, with a specific focus on education, healthcare, the AIDS pandemic, and the political and social empowerment of women.

The Gathering began with a presentation by the two Prairie Region members who were part of the delegation to Zambia and South Africa in July (Gail Greenberg was one of those delegates!). Following this, we participated in themed table groups, led by Grandmother experts from the Prairie Region – Susan Whittick shared the AFTA experience, Gail Greenberg co-led sessions on her trip to Africa and the December 1st FLASH MOB awareness event, and Sheila Fahlman spoke on communications strategies. On the heels of the Marketplace and Reception, Stephen Lewis and Ilana Landsberg-Lewis spoke of the work of the Foundation from the early days to today, and gave a glimpse in to the future of the pandemic as well as different aspects of a global response, a topic further elaborated upon the following day in a session led by Lee Waldorf, Director of Policy.

Informative. Amazing. Strong. These words describe the African Grannies who gathered with participants on Sunday morning to share their heartwarming stories of personal growth. This was followed by SLF staff-led sessions – Expressing Solidarity, Impact and Resilience, and Continuing the Conversation with our African guests, and closed with lunch, evaluation and farewell.



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SCRABBLE FOR AFRICA

We're back this fall with our very successful Scrabble for Africa event!

DATE: Sunday, October 30, 2016

TIME: Check in at 1:15; Play 2:00 to 4:00 pm

LOCATION: All Saints Anglican Church Parish Hall, 142 Massey Road

REGISTRATION: To register as a player or team contact g4gregina@sasktel.net or call 306-789-3250.

Important Note: It isn't your ability to play Scrabble that's most important here – it's collecting pledges, raising funds for the African grannies so they can continue their significant work! Here's what we say: *We are not looking for great SCRABBLE players, rather great people to play SCRABBLE!*



FLASH MOB

Yes, G4G Regina members will be holding a Flash Mob: **December 1, World AIDS Day. University of Regina, Riddell Centre. During the lunch hour.** The SLF has created an excellent "how to" package, and we'll be practicing at the October and November meetings. Please plan to be part of the Flash Mob – we need to be as large a group as possible to have the most impact!



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THE SLF's 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

For several years now, the Foundation has been asserting that if only a critical mass of community-based organizations could receive adequate funding, they would turn the tide of HIV & AIDS in Africa. In 2015, the SLF developed an innovative new Impact Assessment Framework to help tell this story. The **2015 Year in Review** marks the first major chronicling of this impact, using the new metric.

This document provides concrete evidence that, with meaningful support, community-based organizations are indeed achieving powerful and lasting change. This one-year review of our partners' efforts resonates with hope and purpose, and reaffirms the remarkable progress that is made when grassroots organizations receive the support they need.

The road is still long. With 1.2 million AIDS-related deaths last year, and 1.4 million new HIV infections in sub-Saharan Africa alone, there is still much to be done. But it is clear from this 'snapshot' of the herculean efforts of grassroots groups and people struggling to reclaim life and overcome the ravages of AIDS with dignity and dogged determination, that with the proper support and solidarity, they will prevail.

To read the complete Annual Report, please click here:

<http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/assets/files/YearInReview2015.pdf>

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