

Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Grandmothers to Grandmothers (G to G) Campaign

The Grandmothers to Grandmothers (G to G) Campaign, as part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF), is a dynamic movement of thousands of grandmothers (and grandothers). It all began with an International Women's Day announcement by well-known Canadian Stephen Lewis pledging support to women in Africa who were raising their grandchildren.



There are over 15 million orphans in Africa, children who lost one or both parents to HIV & AIDS. "Grandmothers have emerged as the unsung heroes of Africa. These magnificently courageous women bury their own children and then look after their orphaned grandchildren, calling on astonishing reserves of love and emotional resilience."
(Stephen Lewis)

At the first international Grandmothers Gathering (held in Toronto, Canada in 2006), 200 Canadian grandmothers made a commitment to 100 African grandmothers and to the world:

"We will not rest until they can rest".

Victoria Grandmothers for Africa is a group of Greater Victoria grandmothers and grand others with over 140 members. In addition to supporting our grandmother sisters in Africa we are building close and supportive relationships among our members by creating an authentic and strong local community of older women that recognizes and respects one another's differences, challenges and priorities.

Our Organizing, Fundraising, Awareness Raising and Social Events include:

- ✚ Sales and Crafts – at markets and other happenings year round
- ✚ Education – school and community presentations
- ✚ Annual Cycle Tour and Training Rides
- ✚ Stride Walk
- ✚ African Dinner
- ✚ Book Clubs and Film Club, Golf and Scrabble
- ✚ Summer and Holiday Socials, Educational workshops



**Together,
we make a difference ...**

**Victoria Grandmothers for Africa (vg4a.ca)
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All proceeds from our work are donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. VG4A initiatives have raised over \$2 million for this campaign since our inception in 2006!