

**Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign
June 2014 Southern Alberta Liaison update**

Hello ladies

I hope this finds you all well and with dirt under your fingernails!

Having surpassed **21 MILLION** in fundraising for our sisters in Africa, our 242 Grandmothers and GrandOthers Groups in Canada are energized to push forward as per our mantra **We Will Not Rest Until They Can Rest!!** I thank every one of you for your generous participation in our important Campaign.

I have prepared the following including recent updates from the SLF Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign Team. **PLEASE share with your group members.**

- **Our Alberta Regional Gathering will be hosted by the Edmonton GANG on Sept 12/ 13. Ilana Lansberg-Lewis (Executive Director of SLF) and at least one African Grandmother from the 2013 Tribunal will be attending so please SAVE THE DATE. Billeting will be available- more info to follow**
- **I am pleased to inform you that we have a new group, the Globetrotting Grandmothers based in Calgary, which will organize travel experiences for Grandmothers and GrandOthers.** The first two planned trips are to Guatemala (Textiles and Traditions) in January 2015 and Turkey. Ellen Monaghan is leading this initiative and these trips will include a fundraising component for the G2G Campaign. Approximately 5% of the land costs will be embedded in the cost of each trip as a SLF donation and will be eligible for a tax receipt. These trips are a great opportunity to experience other cultures, network with other like-minded amazing women and energize each other. If you wish more info or to contact Ellen directly, please visit their website <http://globetrottinggrandmothers.weebly.com>
- **CONGRATS to Cochrane Kujali Bibi on their recent successful spring dinner.** Guest speaker was Alison Longson who shared compelling stories and photos of her recent Grandmother trip to Ethiopia, Rwanda and South Africa.
- **Good Luck to all on your Upcoming STRIDE TO TURN THE TIDE Events:**
 - June 14- Mountain Grannies- Canmore Centennial Park 12:30PM
 - June 15. Harambee Grandmas (Lethbridge)- Henderson Lake Park at 1:00PM
 - **Calgary Ujamaa Stride walking club-** every Tues and Thurs at 9:30am. June location- Confederation Park NW. Meet at 10th St. and 24th Ave NW.
 - **60 groups in Canada will be participating this year**If you wish more info on any of the above, please contact me.

PLEASE inform me of your upcoming events and I will be happy to promote them.

- **WELCOME HOME** to our Alberta Grandmothers (Chris Hume -Red Deer, Alison Longson- Calgary) and Candace Jackson-Edmonton) who recently returned from over 2 weeks in Africa visiting SLF supported projects with 20 other Canadian Grandmothers. **They are eagerly awaiting an invitation to speak to your group or at one of your fundraising events.** Please contact me and I will connect you.
- There is yet another change regarding our Foundation contact. **Our Alberta group contact going forward is Yasmin Mussa.** Her email address is ymussa@stephenlewisfoundation.org ; phone number is **1-888-9990 ext 230**. Yasmin has been with the G2G Campaign for some time and just returned from the recent trip with the Canadian Grandmothers.
- Many of you may be aware that the Foundation has been working on a **Grandmothers Book** which will contain stories from Africa and Canada while profiling grandmothers. **A Town Hall meeting is being**

scheduled for June and will include Joanna Henry, the lead writer for the book, who will provide an update regarding the extensive process involved in preparing this piece of work. Watch for updates on this!

Gentle Reminders

- We encourage all groups to **post your events on the Grandmothers event calendar at our G2G website**. Please contact Yasmin (email address above) with the details of your upcoming events and she will post it for you. This gives other groups a chance to perhaps attend your event, or new ideas for fundraising
- Fundraising remains the SLF's major focus as other major funders are withdrawing from Africa- we are encouraged to attempt to start new Grandmothers groups so appreciate any ideas you may have regarding this.
- I hope to see most of you this spring/fall as I intend to visit all the groups in S Alberta. I hope you will all take some time to play and rest this summer.

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Cheers, Louise Breadner