

Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign - A Liaison Up-Date February 2013

Greetings all! Now that we are well established in 2013 it is time to bring all of you up to date with what is happening in G2G Campaign in Alberta. And exciting things have been happening.

The New Structure of the Alberta Region

We are delighted to announce that the Alberta Region is now divided into **South and North Regions**, with the area telephone code defining the parameters of the sub-region. A further exciting announcement: there is a Co-Liaison (South) in place.

A call for applications went out to all groups in the Southern region in January 2013. The prospective candidates were well qualified; the choice was difficult. After careful review by the ad hoc Alberta Core Committee

(Membership on this committee was noted in the November Up-date.) and the SLF staff. With delight and joy we announce that **Louise Breadner**, from the UJAMAA GRANMDAS Calgary group has accepted the position.

Please join together to welcome her to the position. I look forward to working with her in this new approach. I am sure that as we work together, the G2G Campaign will move forward confidently in both the southern and the northern regions.

I will continue as the Co-liaison (North) for a while longer, helping Louise get oriented and working with the northern groups. Hopefully there will be a replacement for me by the time of our annual Alberta Gathering in September.

A Word from Louise

I have been an active member of the G2G since 2007 in various positions with the UJAMAA GRANDMAS in Calgary. I so look forward to partnering with Vicki and the Grandmother Groups in Southern Alberta to raise our movement's profile in support of the African Grannies caring for their grandchildren. I feel we need to have fun while doing this important work - African Grannies love to laugh and sing in spite of their countless challenges day to day. I hope to meet many of you in the coming months and at our September Gathering in Calgary - more information to follow. I will be providing my contact information to all the Southern Alberta Groups within this next month.

Thanks to ALL of you for your continuing efforts in support of our Campaign - TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Welcoming the Newest Grandmother Group

We welcome with open arms the 'Grands 4 Africa' group in Wetaskawin with some 20 enthusiastic members eager to get started. I look forward to spending some time with them in April helping them move forward.

We again encourage each of you to promote the G2G Campaign within your own network of friends, family and community contacts. If there is any possibility of having a community or small group G2G event in 'non-group' areas please let me, or Louise know and one of us will follow-up.

A Regional Opportunity

As indicated in the November Up-date, the Royal City Gogos, New Westminster BC, is launching a travelling art show entitled "Celebrating African Grandmothers, Hero's of the Continent." Although not confirmed there is a possibility that this art exhibit will be with us at the Alberta G2G Gathering in Calgary, September 13 and 14, 2013.

As well, it is anticipated that it will continue into the Edmonton region the following weekend, September 20 & 21, 2013. Some of the Northern groups are starting the planning to host it.

There was interest from other areas too, so let me know if you have invited the Art Exhibit to your community.

Alberta Gathering, 2013

Even though we are now two sub-regions in the Province, we still look forward to a general Alberta G2G Gathering in September 2013. The Calgary UJAMAA GRANDMAS will be hosting it in Calgary in 2013. The confirmed date for the Gathering is September 13/14. Please do keep that weekend open! These Gatherings are such a wonderful time of renewal, networking and making new friends - certainly worth the effort of attending!

We are achieving much by standing together with our African sisters in solidarity. .

By nurturing and strengthening our networks within our groups and regions we sustain ourselves so that we can energetically continue and move forward in our purpose, and not grow weary.

Standing together we remain strong!

Warmly,

Vicki Strang, Alberta Co-Liaison (North)

and

Louise Breadner Alberta Co-Liaison (South)
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