



SOUTHERN ALBERTA GRANDMOTHERS NEWSLETTER – January 2016

Hello and Happy New Year to all of you!

This is it, the very special year to celebrate all of our successes and support for our African Grandmothers. Across the country all of our 240 groups are thinking and planning how to do that. Whether they are working on their own, with nearby groups or regionally, the ideas are flowing and the excitement is building.

With that in mind, Marilyn and I want to share much of the information from this week's monthly regional liaison call. There is news as well as inspiration and ideas.

10th Anniversary

Pins The foundation is in the process of having pins made. They will be our logo and can be worn now and for the years to come. Just let us or the foundation know how many you'd like so that they can send them out to you when they are ready. And that will be in the coming months so you can have them for any of your special events. They will not be on consignment. They suggest selling them in the range of \$2 to \$5 at any of your annual or special events.

Book The Grandmothers book that the foundation has been working on will also be ready by September and will be on sale at the events where Stephen Lewis will be speaking. The price is yet to be decided on. And if you have any suggestions for a title, there is still time to pass them on to the foundation.

T-Shirts T-shirts are also being considered. The foundation is making the necessary contacts for this initiative. But attached is the logo for the 10th year anniversary and should you want to use it but need it in PDF form, just contact Yasmin, our representative for Southern Alberta, at the foundation.

Her email address is ymussa@stephenlewisfoundation.org

Stephen Lewis Events

The dates for Stephen Lewis' visits are still being worked on. We know he will be in Vancouver on March 11th and 12th for the kick off to the celebrations at the regional gathering there. He will be in Alberta in September for our regional gathering in Edmonton. We'll be sure to let you know the dates as soon as we have them.

Ask Her Talks

The success of the Ask Her Talks has been both inspiring and informative, bringing authentic stories to their audiences. They are now online for viewing. Just go to <http://www.askhertalks.com/watch>. They can be used as a great educational component for meetings and gatherings.

Stephen Lewis Foundation You Tube

Did you know that this existed? It is another way to access information and/or share it with members, potential supporters or for the Speakers Bureau.

The username on You Tube is StephenLewisFdtm

The Stephen Lewis Foundation You Tube page is <https://www.youtube.com/user/stephenlewisfdtn/videos>



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Great News!

Did you know that The Financial Post listed the Stephen Lewis Foundation in the top 25 charities in Canada for both 2014 and 2015? Based on transparencies, efficiency and accountability, the Financial Post limits the ranking to those charities that exceed \$1 million in annual donations and only those that directly do charitable work. (Just an aside – there are 86,000 registered charities in Canada!)

For more detailed information go to

<http://business.financialpost.com/news/financial-post-charities-of-the-year-2014> and just change the year for the 2015 information.

To find out more go to

<http://business.financialpost.com/news/charities-of-the-year-how-the-financial-post-chose-from-86000-registered-canadian-organizations>

And there's more!

Imagine Canada Standards Program has accredited SLF as well. There are 73 Standards focused in five areas: board governance, financial accountability and transparency, fundraising, staff management, volunteer involvement.

To find out more about this accolade go to

<http://www.imaginecanada.ca/ourprograms/standards-programs>

Those are honours well worth celebrating.

I hope that this news will inspire all of you to keep doing the wonderful things you do to create awareness and fundraise, but also consider this a time to celebrate all of that hard work done from your hearts.

Please be sure to share your ideas and events with us so that we can pass them on to our other Southern Alberta groups. And remember that we are here to support you. Call or connect with us if we can help in any way. The possibilities are endless so we need to choose wisely and do them together.

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