

Grandmothers to Grandmothers

*"Making a difference
one granny at a time!"*

Launched in 2006, the national **Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign** seeks to raise awareness and mobilize support in Canada for Africa's grandmothers.

Just four years later, **more than 250 groups of Canadian grandmothers** have raised over \$24 million that is used to support community-level organizations in 15 sub-Saharan African countries. These organizations provide grandmothers with much needed support, such as food, housing grants, and school fees for their grandchildren, grief counseling and more.



About The Fredericton, NB Chapter

Established in 2006, Grandmothers to Grandmothers in Fredericton now has more than 90 members: grandmothers, future grandmothers and supporting individuals who raise funds in support of projects and initiatives aimed at supporting African grandmothers and the children they are raising.

Since its inception, the Fredericton group has raised more than \$200,000 through a variety of fundraising initiatives, including bridge luncheons, publishing a cookbook, garage sales, selling Christmas wreaths, and holding garden parties.

All funds go directly to Africa, with 50 per cent being directed to Lesotho, an area of abject poverty where tens of thousands of orphans are being raised by often very elderly grandmothers. Help Lesotho's Grandmothers Sustainability Program provides psycho-social, health related, spiritual and emotional support and training on relevant skills such as nurturing gardens and income generating activities to support themselves and their multiple orphans.

Join a Group

If you are interested in finding out more or joining the local Fredericton group, contact Nancy Rogers at 999-6616.

To find out more, visit

www.grandmotherscampaign.org



The Need in Numbers

In Sub-Saharan Africa:

- Approximately 13 million children have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.
- About 11 million grandmothers are raising orphaned grandchildren
- Grandparents – particularly grandmothers – care for around 40 per cent of all orphans in the United Republic of Tanzania, 45 per cent in Uganda, more than 50 per cent in Kenya, and around 60 per cent in Namibia and Zimbabwe.
- Three women are infected with AIDS for every two men (13.2 million African women are infected)
- 1,800 newborns are infected with AIDS every day in Africa
- Studies report that 70 to 80% of all those ill and dying with AIDS are cared for by older parents or relatives.
- Elderly women who assume responsibility for family members affected by HIV/AIDS are often forced to work longer hours and sell personal possessions and household assets in order to pay for medicines, health care and funeral costs.
- In a study of 10 sub-Saharan African countries, orphans living with their grandparents had better school attendance than those living with other relatives.