



With Our Grandmother Sisters



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Greetings from the Stephen Lewis Foundation

We're happy to have the opportunity to introduce this calendar, lovingly made by members of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

In March 2014, 22 Grandmothers Campaign members took part in an educational trip to visit a handful of community-based organizations working to turn the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Educational trips such as this one are relatively rare for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We work closely with the African community-based organizations with whom we partner to carefully weigh the many benefits of a visit. We keep in mind important concerns about the energy and resources it takes our grassroots partners to host visitors, even for a short time, and we always take their lead.

After raising funds and Aeroplan miles expressly for their trip, the Canadian grandmothers travelled to Africa as representatives of the 250 grandmothers groups and nearly 10,000 women active in the Grandmothers Campaign. They learned about the critical work at the grassroots, and listened, talked, laughed and cried with grand-

Ethiopia, Rwanda and South Africa. And they returned home excited and energized to raise awareness and raise funds.

The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign began in 2006 when the Stephen Lewis Foundation brought Canadian and African grandmothers together at the first Grandmothers Gathering to focus on the vital role played by grandmothers in the day-to-day fight against the AIDS pandemic. African grandmothers are central to the life of their communities. They have stepped in to care for orphaned grandchildren, putting them through school and supporting them through the loss of their parents—even as they work through their own grief.

In this calendar, you will meet some of the remarkable African grandmothers and community-based organizations in Ethiopia, Rwanda and South Africa who truly are turning the tide of AIDS.

Thank you for your support!

—The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign Team at the Stephen Lewis Foundation



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Since their return, the 22 Canadian grandmothers who participated in the trip have been speaking across the country, raising funds and awareness. They'd love to speak to you! If you're part of a group that might be interested in having a speaker at an upcoming event or meeting, please contact us at campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org.

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"Grandmothers hold the continent together in the face of the pandemic; they bury their children, weep for the loss, and become parents again in their 60s, 70s and 80s."

—STEPHEN LEWIS



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"We shall not rest until they can rest."

—TORONTO STATEMENT,
TORONTO GRANDMOTHERS GATHERING, 2006

January 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				New Year's 1	2	3
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"I am 76—just a kid. I am raising 4 grandchildren ages 3 to 14. I learned to spin cotton by hand from my mother but learned to use the spinning wheel at NLK (Negem Lela Ken)."

—MAMA MARITO



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"All of us at the Stephen Lewis Foundation—and I know the Canadian Grandmothers are with us—will not rest until you have the justice you demand. We commit to redoubling our efforts and to bend every fibre of our collective beings to break the inertia, the silence, and the dam of neglect and negligence that prevents the flood of resources from flowing. We will be accountable to you, and heed you, as must now the world."

—ILANA LANDSBERG-LEWIS,
SLF TRIBUNAL STATEMENT

February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Groundhog Day 2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	Ash Wednesday 18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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International Women's Day March 2014, Ethiopia

Ethiopian and Canadian grandmothers walked together in solidarity with banners that read: "Let's share the burden of grandmothers."





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*"We are standing hand in hand.
We are marching step by step. We
are singing heart to heart. We are
grandmother sisters."*

—SONG BY TINA FILIPPINO

March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
International Women's Day Daylight Savings Time Begins	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	St. Patrick's Day	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Palm Sunday						



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Every year, Hillcrest holds the Gogolympics in South Africa, an opportunity for grandmothers to build community, raise awareness, and take time out from raising their grandchildren to play together.

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“We will not let the AIDS pandemic defeat us nor destroy our communities, but we cannot prevail alone.”

—MANZINI STATEMENT, AFRICAN GRANDMOTHERS
GATHERING, SWAZILAND, 2010

April 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	Good Friday 3	1 st Day of Passover 4
Easter Sunday 5	6	Rwanda Genocide Commemoration 7	8	9	10	Last Day of Passover 11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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I will be forever grateful to DFT (Developing Families Together) and the SLF Grandmothers. I was floating and I had lost all hope after my daughter died from AIDS. I was referred to DFT for counselling and business training. I was given a cow to raise and became active in the local community advocating for women in the support groups.

I was chosen to go to Swaziland for the African Grandmothers Gathering in 2010. The Gathering inspired me to become more involved in advocating for grandmothers, orphans and people with HIV.

— ETABEHUZA



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"At the grassroots, where people live and die, such energy and prevention and care can be unleashed that the pandemic is reversed."

—STEPHEN LEWIS

May 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mother's Day 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	Victoria Day 18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Negem Lela Ken, Ethiopia



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"Grandmothers are strong, capable agents of change who, with support for the nitty gritty needs in life, will make the continent whole."

—BAYESSA ERENA, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, NLK

June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	Ramadan Begins 18	19	20
Father's Day Summer Begins 21	22	23	St. Jean Baptiste Day 24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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“We are the backbone of our communities; with our love and commitment we protect and nurture our orphaned children. Africa cannot survive without us.”

**—MANZINI STATEMENT
AFRICAN GRANDMOTHERS GATHERING
SWAZILAND, 2010**



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"Grandmothers have risen to the occasion and provided food, provided shelter, provided parenting, provided love and care, provided education—anything a child needs—amidst the difficulty."

—KENNETH MUGAYEHWENKYI
ROTOM, UGANDA

July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Canada Day 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	Eid-al-Fitr Mandela Day 18
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Canadian grandmothers standing in front of a tree that was 'yarn bombed' at Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust in South Africa. The yarn squares were knitted by Canadian and African grandmothers and sewn onto the tree at Hillcrest to raise awareness as part of a community arts project.



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"I have this determination to fight because my community and my children—I love them so much. I won't accept any bad things happening before my eyes. I won't be quiet. I don't want crooked things and I will try to make them straight."

—MAMA F, ZIMBABWE

August 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	Civic Holiday	3	4	5	6	7
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"I am going to work with this animal of HIV. I want to fight it, and I also want to help people. I want everybody to know what HIV really is."

—MAMA ZODWA, SOUTH AFRICA

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"While there is some evidence of progress, especially with the rollout of treatment, it's clear that the consequences of HIV and AIDS will devastate Africa for decades to come. We cannot abandon the continent."

—STEPHEN LEWIS

September 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	Labour Day	7	8	9	10	11
12						
Grandparents Day	Rosh Hashana	14	15	16	17	18
19						
20	21	22	Yom Kippur Fall Begins	23	Eid-al-Adha	24
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27	28	29	30			

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At dlalanathi (an isiZulu word meaning 'play with us'), grandmothers and grandchildren use play to connect and heal.



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"Groups who work at the community level take a holistic approach, because they understand that resurrecting lives rent asunder by AIDS requires a human response at every level, and attention to the full range of economic, social, emotional, and physical needs of the community."

—GRASSROOTS, SPRING 2014
STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION

October 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	Thanksgiving 12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Halloween 31

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Grandmothers in Ethiopia are leaders in table banking. They empower and support each other to save money, start businesses, and respond to emergencies.



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***"We are strong, we are visionary,
we have faith and we are not alone.
Together we will turn the tide of AIDS"***

—MANZINI STATEMENT
AFRICAN GRANDMOTHERS GATHERING, SWAZILAND, 2010

November 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Daylight Savings Time Ends 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	Remembrance Day 11	12	13	14
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“Always take our testimony with you, talk about our status and challenges... always carry our stories with you.”

—GRANDMOTHERS, RWANDA WOMEN NETWORK



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"This is not about charity; charity is too arbitrary.... Grandmothers have held communities together at a time when nobody knew what to do about the number of deaths, the economic and the social impact on communities.... This is about rights."

—THEO SOWA

CEO AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

December 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		World AIDS Day 1	2	3	4	5
Hannukah Begins 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	Hannukah Ends 14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	Christmas Day 25	Kwanzaa Begins 26
27	28	29	30	New Year's Eve 31		



The Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) works with grassroots organizations turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Since 2003, it has partnered with 300 community organizations to fund more than 1100 initiatives in 15 countries. These community organizations are a life line to their communities and provide urgent and critical care to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Developing Families Together (DFT)—Ethiopia

Through DFT support groups, 1600 women—many of them grandmothers caring for orphaned grandchildren—receive literacy and business training alongside access to micro-credit and other economic supports. DFT also works with local partners to integrate HIV and gender education into the provision of health care at community level.

Negem Lela Ken New HIV Positive Women Support Organization (NLK)—Ethiopia

Through home-based care, income generating initiatives, educational programmes, and nutritional support, NLK works to prevent and reduce the devastating socio-economic and health impacts of HIV/AIDS on the lives of women, grandmothers and orphaned and vulnerable children.

Kulich Youth Reproductive Health and Development Organization (KYRHDO)—Ethiopia

KYRHDO focuses on care and support for orphaned and vulnerable children, including psychosocial support, peer-to-peer education, the provision of school materials, training on HIV/AIDS and gender inequality, sexual and reproductive rights, and income-generating initiatives for grandmother-caregivers.

Rwanda Women Network (RWN)—Rwanda

RWN provides holistic support at community-level, in order to promote peace and

reconciliation in Rwanda. Through HIV testing and counselling, medical treatment, human and legal rights training, and sexual and reproductive health education RWN works to empower women and their families.

dlalanathi—South Africa

dlalanathi provides psychosocial support for children to increase their participation, belonging, understanding and healing. dlalanathi's mission is to bring hope and healing to children, their caregivers, families, and other caring community members using play to encourage communication in communities affected by HIV, poverty and loss.

Siyaphambili HIV and AIDS Support Group—South Africa

Siyaphambili supports orphaned and vulnerable children, many of whom are HIV positive and live with their grandmothers. Through counselling and education, Siyaphambili teaches children and grandmothers to live positively with HIV, overcoming stigma and discrimination.

Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT)—South Africa

HACT's goal is to provide unconditional love and hope to those affected by HIV and AIDS through holistic and individualized support. From hospice care to education and training on HIV prevention to income-generating initiatives, HACT offers comprehensive programmes that touch thousands.

Today, there are 250 grandmothers groups in Canada and they have raised more than \$21 million for the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign since 2006!

What can you do?

- ① Make a one-time or monthly donation
- ② Donate Aeroplan miles
- ③ Attend a fundraising event
- ④ Join your local grandmothers group or start a new one

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