



You are invited to the GTA and surrounding areas'

2017 Regional Gathering

Moving Forward with Strength: Tomorrow Is Another Day

On Saturday, October 21st

At Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Drive Toronto, Ontario, M3A 2J5
(from the Don Valley Parkway head east on Lawrence Ave then north on Underhill Drive)

Agenda:

8:30 Registration, light breakfast and marketplace

9:15 Welcome

9:30 Plenary- Lee Waldorf, Director of Policy at SLF- *The Resilience Effect*

10:30 Flash mob practice

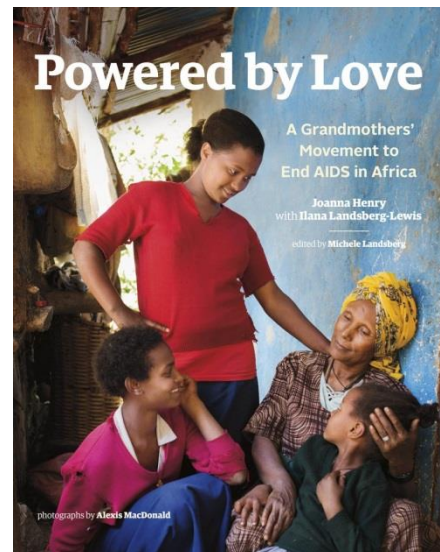
10:45 *Powered by Love* book launch with guest speakers Ilana Landsberg-Lewis, Executive Director of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Alexis MacDonald, the book's photographer

12:00 Lunch, marketplace and book sales

1:00-2:15 Breakout session 1

2:20-3:35 Breakout session 2

3:45 Closing



Breakout sessions:

Participants will choose two of the following:

1. *In Conversation with African Grannies*

A chance to talk to our guests from Ethiopia representing NLK "Tomorrow is Another Day"

2. *The Project Cycle* with Gabriella Silano, Programme Officer

Learn more about the process involved in the selection, funding and monitoring of the projects we support.

3. *Growing the Campaign*, a panel lead by Jeanne Kennedy

Join a discussion of recruitment and retention ideas to keep your group thriving.

4. *Freshen up your Fundraising*, a panel lead by Linda Taberner

Share experiences of successful fundraising and get some new ideas.

Biographies of Speakers and Guests

Lee Waldorf is the Director of Policy at the Stephen Lewis Foundation. She is a lawyer with expertise in international human rights law and the human rights-based approach to programming. Prior to joining the Foundation, Lee was employed by the United Nations, at UNICEF, UNIFEM and UN Women, as a human rights and rule of law advisor. In this role she provided guidance to UN country offices, governments and civil society organizations on constitutional and legislative reform, and other measures to advance women's human rights.

Ilana Landsberg-Lewis has spent her entire adult life engaged in the struggle for the rights of women and girls. From her early days as a human rights lawyer to her years at UNIFEM, Ilana has worked with women's groups around the world and has learned that no amount of so-called expertise can replace that of women at the frontlines of their own struggle for justice. Ilana has been the executive director of the Stephen Lewis Foundation since she founded it with her father in 2003. She has been deeply honoured and grateful to learn from the indomitable grandmothers of this remarkable movement, the world over.

Alexis MacDonald is the Director of External Relations for the Stephen Lewis Foundation and a Toronto-based photographer. A selection of her photographs of African grandmothers was a feature exhibit in the 2017 Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival in Toronto.

Gabriella Silano is a Programme Officer with the Stephen Lewis Foundation. You may recognize her (or her voice, to be precise) from her previous role as the Receptionist at the SLF. In her third year at the Foundation, Gabriella has been passionately involved in international development work since the tender age of 12. She is a graduate from the Peace and Conflict Studies Program at the Munk School for Global Affairs (U of T) and her previous role at a cultural non-profit involved grant applications and fundraising management. In her free time, Gabriella attempts to bake and cross-stitch, though not at the same time.

Rahab Veary Njihia is a Programme Officer with the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Rahab has over 12 years of experience and passion for international social justice work. Prior to joining the SLF, Rahab worked for a variety of international non-profit organisations in their programmes departments. She has a Diploma in Business Administration, an Undergraduate degree in International Development and Anthropology (U of T), and a Master's degree in Food Security and Community Development (YorkU). Passions include cooking, reading and bike-riding.

Asnakech Mekbib Fantaye is a counsellor with Negem Lela Ken New HIV Positive Women Support Organization (NLK)'s Grandmother Support Groups. She represents NLK at a local hospital working as a health mentor for pregnant mothers on HIV&AIDS prevention and care. She lives in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where she is raising her adolescent grandson.

Meaza Asfaw Dubie has been involved with Negem Lela Ken New HIV Positive Women Support Organization (NLK) for several years as a counsellor in the Grandmother Support Groups. Like Asnakech, Meaza also represents NLK at a hospital in her neighbourhood working as a mentor on a health team that supports pregnant mothers on HIV&AIDS prevention and care. She is raising her two grandchildren – a teenage boy and young woman in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Bayessa Erena Gojjam is the Program Manager at Negem Lela Ken New HIV Positive Women Support Organization (NLK) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He has a long relationship with the Stephen Lewis Foundation, working closely with NLK's grandmothers groups. Bayessa has over 10 years strong experience in design, planning, and management of in projects across Ethiopia. A life-long learner, he has a PhD in Business Administration, in addition to a MA in Organizational Leadership and BA in Social Science. With the SLF's long term support, NLK has reached 275 grandmothers and OVC households with IGA programmes to reduce stigma, increase economic opportunity, improve positive impacts and sustainably. NLK's work with grandmothers significantly contributes to programmes that reduce the impact of AIDS and prevent HIV.

Registration Form

The registration deadline is *October 6th* and the fee is \$20 to include lunch or \$15 for those preferring to bring their own bagged lunch.

After the October 6th deadline the fee is \$25 for all.

Lunch will be assorted sandwiches, fruit and dessert. We will be unable to cater for special diets, so if you have special requirements please choose the bagged lunch option.

Tea/coffee will be provided. Please consider the environment and bring your own mug/reusable water bottle.

Please complete the following:

Name _____

Granny group _____

Email Address _____

Phone number _____

Breakout sessions preferred. Please note availability is subject to numbers and your choices are not guaranteed. Please number your top two choices.

1. In Conversation with African Grannies ____
2. The Project Cycle ____
3. Growing the Campaign ____
4. Freshen Up Your Fundraising ____

Marketplace- please indicate whether you are requesting a marketplace table for your group. Yes/No If yes, how many tables do you need? ____

Book- Powered by Love

Please order and pay in advance to guarantee availability. Number of copies required ____

Fee - I will bring my own lunch and enclose \$15 plus \$35 per copy of book. Total ____

OR I will eat the lunch provided and enclose \$20 plus \$35 per copy of book. Total ____
(After Oct. 6, \$25 plus book costs ____)

For registration inquiries please email oldorchardblossoms@gmail.com

Please send this form and your cheque for the appropriate amount made out to Mary Kirton, with Gathering 2017 in the memo line. Mail to:

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