



"I know that your collective work and commitment will be an enriching experience and provide another example of how Canadian schools and students can make a tangible difference in the world"

*Ilana Landsberg-Lewis,
Executive Director
Stephen Lewis Foundation*

TEACHERS SAY:

"Thank you so much for preparing and presenting to the primary children....very well done and good feedback from teachers. I chatted with my class, grade one, and they got it too. We will make an impact. I also feel a buzz around the school to have a red shoelace..." primary teacher, Marlborough Elementary

*"LOVE IT...SO EASY FOR TEACHERS AND PROFITABLE FOR THE GOGOS. MY STUDENTS LOVED BEING ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF AFRICAN CHILDREN"
Intermediate teacher, Marlborough Elementary*

GETTING TO SCHOOL IN AFRICA IS COMPLEX! CHILDREN NEED:

- to feel safe in an environment free of stigma and discrimination
- access to support and grief counselling
- nutritious food to be able to focus
- ability to take ARV medication (without discrimination) if they are HIV positive
- access to a school, and a safe way to get there
- supplies, uniforms, tuition (if the school isn't free), kerosene lamp and oil for studying. While these costs may be minimal they are often insurmountable for households living in poverty.

YOU CAN HELP!

For more information see:

www.royalcitygogos.org

www.stephenlewisfoundation.org

www.grandmotherscampaign.org

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What can
you do
with a red
shoelace?

Proceeds donated to:





SEND A CHILD TO SCHOOL

In Africa today 13 million children have been orphaned by AIDS -- almost twice the number of children in all of Canada. Many of these children are in the care of their grandmothers. These elderly women, often with few resources, are challenged daily to keep the orphans safe, healthy and happy. It is a further challenge to educate them. School fees, uniforms and school supplies are out of reach for many grandmothers.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation partners with community-based organizations that create a network of care around the orphans and their grandmothers, supporting them in every possible way. From the payment of school fees and supplies to vocational training to grief counselling, the community organizations resurrect lives and restore hope to families in the wake of the pandemic.

Royal City Gogos, (gogo means grandmother in Zulu) together with women in 250 groups across Canada, fundraise for the SLF's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

We know the SLF gets the money directly to projects that support grandmothers and the orphans in their care. We believe Canadian children would like to help.

In collaboration with school staff, the retired educators in our group engage children in selling red shoelaces for the SLF. In this way we can enable Canadian children to take action as global citizens.

**CHILDREN TO CHILDREN...
WHAT COULD BE BETTER?**

HOW IT WORKS

Royal City Gogos will:

- talk to teachers during a recess -- we bring treats!
- present a slide show at an assembly
- draft a letter to parents
- present to the PAC if invited
- order and pay for the shoelaces
- fill class envelopes with shoelaces
- give teachers a complimentary shoelace
- collect, count and remit the funds raised to the SLF
- return to the school to present a "Global Citizen Certificate."

We ask teachers to:

- appoint a liaison
- supply the envelopes for shoelaces
- sell the laces or arrange for students to sell them
- ask student leaders to model ways to wear red shoelaces and to advertise the campaign
- encourage student participation

**We make it easy for teachers.
We know how busy you are.**

