



Kingston Grandmother Connection

www.g2kingston.ca

HOW IS YOUR MONEY USED?

What do we do?

We raise money to support African grandmothers who are raising grandchildren and other extended family members. In many cases, the children have lost parents due to HIV/AIDS or their parents have migrated in search of work.

When you donate to the Kingston Grandmother Connection (KGC), what happens to your money?

Your money goes to two registered charities:

1. **Help Lesotho** (www.helplesotho.org) and/or
2. **The Stephen Lewis Foundation, Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign** (www.grandmotherscampaign.org)

When you make an individual donation you may specify either charity. However, when money is raised through one of our events (the Market, etc.) the proceeds are split equitably between the two organizations.

How much of your donation is spent on KGC administration?

KGC has no administration costs such as paid staff or office space. We spend less than 2% of revenues received on expenses. All our members donate their time.

Tax Receipts?

KGC does not issue tax receipts for donations because it is not a registered charity. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation if it's over \$20.00 from both Help Lesotho (HL) and from The Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF).

If you participate in one of our events (e.g. buy at our Market, attend a concert, etc.) this is not considered a donation-but you can be assured that the proceeds of the event you support will be divided between Help Lesotho and The Stephen Lewis Foundation

How do these charities use your money?

HELP LESOTHO is a mental health NGO registered in Canada and Lesotho. Local staff in Lesotho deliver grassroots mental health support and life skills training programs in rural communities to children, youth and the people who influence their lives (including grandmothers). Since their founding in 2004, more than 300,000 people have engaged with Help Lesotho's work to foster resilience, reduce the spread of HIV, and curb gender-based violence.

Help Lesotho provides: Direct delivery of education, leadership development and psychosocial support to grandmothers, children and youth. HIV/AIDS education and gender equality are an integral part of all programs. Grandmothers also receive relief items including food, blankets, shoes and garden seeds.

Staff: More than 40 local staff in Lesotho deliver the programs. Many of the local staff are graduates of a Help Lesotho program. Fundraising and program support is managed in Canada by a small team of 3 full-time and 3 part-time staff members.

Ethical Funding and Accountability: Help Lesotho has been accredited since 2014 under the Imagine Canada Standards Program (www.imaginecanada.ca) for excellence in governance, accountability and transparency.

Expenditures as percentage of Revenue: In 2024-2025, 91% of revenue was spent on programming.

STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION has partnered since 2003 with 325 community-based organizations on more than 1,800 initiatives in the 14 countries that have been hardest hit by the AIDS pandemic in Africa. KGC supports the **Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign (G2G)**, an initiative of SLF.

Stephen Lewis Foundation, Grandmothers Campaign provides: Support to organizations delivering programs for grandmothers caring for children, including food, educational supplies and fees, medical care, HIV counselling and testing, adequate housing and bedding, support groups, home-based care visits and much more.

Staff: 28-30 full time staff in Canada.

Ethical Funding and Accountability: The Stephen Lewis Foundation is accredited by Imagine Canada's Standards Program and rated at 4-stars on Charity Intelligence. In December 2015, the National Post rated the SLF, again, as one of the top 25 Charities of the Year in Canada regarding standards for transparency, efficiency and accountability.

Expenditures as percentage of Revenue: 73% of revenue is spent on programs, 19% on funds development and 19% on administration (2023-2024).