



## **Kingston Grandmother Connection**

[www.g2gkingston.ca](http://www.g2gkingston.ca)

### **HOW IS YOUR MONEY USED?**

#### **What do we do?**

We raise money to support African grandmothers who are raising grandchildren whose parents have died of HIV/AIDS.

#### **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](http://www.helplesotho.org)) and/or
2. **The Stephen Lewis Foundation, Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign** ([www.grandmotherscampaign.org](http://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% on expenses such as website maintenance and bank charges. 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 non-profit delivering grassroots mental health support and training programs in rural communities decimated by AIDS, poverty, unemployment and gender-inequity. Since 2004, Help Lesotho has had over 50,000 graduates of intensive life skills and psychosocial support programs and reached more than 250,000 vulnerable people. The KGC is the largest funder for Help Lesotho's Grandmother Support Program which reaches 200 grandmothers and the children they care for annually.

#### **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:** There are 4 full time and 1 part time staff in Canada; 40+ local staff in Lesotho.

#### **Ethical Funding and Accountability:**

Help Lesotho is accredited under the Imagine Canada's Standards Program ([www.imaginecanada.ca](http://www.imaginecanada.ca)) for excellence in governance, accountability and transparency. Help Lesotho also has a 4-star (the highest possible) rating on Charity Intelligence ([www.charityintelligence.ca](http://www.charityintelligence.ca)) and was named one of the top 25 charities in Canada by the Financial Post in 2015.

**Expenditures as percentage of Revenue:** in 2020-2021, 94% of revenue was spent on programs.

**STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION** has partnered since 2003 with 325 community-based organizations on more than 1,800 initiatives in the 15 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 their orphaned grandchildren, 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. 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:** 90% of every donation made to the G2G Campaign goes directly to supporting the work of community based organizations working with grandmothers.

