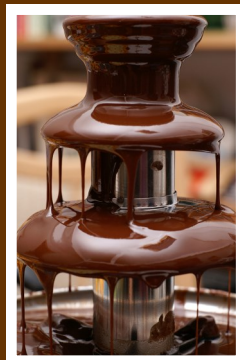




## CHW PROGRESS REPORT

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## 4th Annual Change Her World Chocolate Extravaganza

Saturday November 10, 2018

Royal Canadian Legion  
804 Ontario Street, Stratford, Ontario  
(Right behind A & W)

— Go to page 5 for details —

## An Incredible Gift!



Early in the summer Change Her World was approached by Murray Mitchell of St. Marys, Ontario to see if we might be interested in working with the Hope for Haiti group to establish 4 wells in the Chilumba area. They have done many wells in the south of Malawi in past years but never in the northern region. There was no hesitation on the part of Change Her World in accepting these funds or on the part of the Hope for Haiti group in giving them. Both entities share a passion to do the right thing in the simplest and best way possible.

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*Community gathering as the **well proposal** is explained in Chimphinga Village*



*Site in Chimphinga Village where the well is to be located.*



*An example of what the well will look like once it is completed.*

To know Murray is to know a fine man who has given tirelessly for many years to make a difference around the world- and we do mean around the world. Murray has made 14 trips to Africa alone, has been to India and has travelled on countless journeys to Central America. He has built schools, hospitals, clinics and dug wells all the while promoting and exemplifying the type of humanity and compassion we all admire and strive for.

One well will be at Muwula School in Tilora zone and another in the village of Mwinuka in Fulirwa zone. The other two wells will be located in Chimphinga village in Hara Zone and Chambogho village in Jetty zone. The wells at Mwinuka village and Muwula Primary School will bear plaques in memory of Murray's son Allin who died in December 2017.

Access to clean water is an incredible life-changing gift to the people in the Chilumba area. The Board is grateful to Murray and the members of the Hope for Haiti group for their generosity and desire to be change makers in the lives of others.

# News from the Projects in Malawi



Lydia and her grandmother in 2017 seeking assistance from Change Her World for her to attend secondary school.

## Lydia's Story:

If you were present at the annual dinner in April 2018, you were introduced to a young girl named Lydia who was being solely supported by an aging grandmother who was unable to pay for her secondary school fees. When presented with the entrance requirements by the CHW committee, Lydia scored very high and was enrolled as a beneficiary starting September 2017.

In July, we learned that Lydia's grandmother had died from what was believed to be esophageal cancer, leaving Lydia an orphan. Change Her World has stepped in to have arrangements made for her to live with a woman or family when she is not at her

boarding school and thus will support her while she completes her education. The Board feels a strong obligation to keep the girls safe and protected, ensuring every reasonable measure is taken to provide support for them in these vulnerable years.



Lydia and her friend heading off to boarding school. Her grandmother stands behind.

## Thunduti Hostel:

Work at the hostel continues. Electric installation has been completed. Metal door and window frames have been purchased and will be fitted shortly and the hostel wall and floor plastering will commence Monday September 17. What is remaining now, in the final phase, is plumbing, inside painting, two door fittings and window pen fittings. The hostel will be ready for use once these are done. The project committee and the Thunduti community is so proud that the hostel has reached this advanced stage pending opening. Without your support, we could never have hoped to see such a building constructed! Thank you!



## Girls Club Begins!



Our vice-chair for the Chilumba Project recently reported that the Girls Club proposal has been initiated. Here is the report on what took place.

***"We had an initial girls club meeting successfully on September 8, 2018. Over 70 girls turned up for the meeting starting with girls in primary school STD 7 (Grade 7) to Form 4 (Grade 12).***

***We had three facilitators doing various areas namely, Mrs. Mwakasungula, former primary and secondary school teacher who taught on behavior change issues and disadvantages of early marriages; Mr. Theu, the University of Malawi graduate who taught on academic excellence and career guidance; and Mr. Kondowe, the***

***Community Child Protection Officer, who presented on human rights and more specifically girls rights. It was a very wonderful gathering and the girls appreciated to have benefited a lot. Expenditures included meals, lunch preparation for all participants, soft drinks and biscuits, facilitation allowance, transport costs for girls from far areas and meeting stationary. The cost was K292,000 (\$417.00 US)."***



# Our Financial Situation

Many of you received a summer email message from the Board sharing our struggle to meet the budget for the start-up school year in September 2018. At that time we told you that we were short almost \$5000 just to pay the school fees. We appealed for your help. From that appeal we received \$23,000. We are so very, very grateful to each one who contributed.

The amount needed for school fees for the first term was about \$30,000 CDN. It will be the same or very close to that amount for Terms Two & Three. In addition to the school fees and examination fees, there are costs for the rent of the Nursery School and the office, the honorarium paid to the two teachers & Joyce in the office 3 days a week, as well as for transport, fuel, bike repairs, meeting costs etc. This amounts to \$3,500.00 per term.

There is another \$1,500.00 required for the girls to have soap, lotion, notebooks etc. In the years when we have to replace uniforms and shoes (they do grow) mosquito nets, lamps etc., this too adds to the costs.

We have managed pretty well until the past couple of terms when rising costs in Malawi, the continued high US dollar exchange rate and the increasing cost of supporting significant numbers of college and university students has impacted our budget. We can no longer add girls to the project at any level. We also have a commitment to finish the girls' hostels which are close to being completed.

In many ways, the Board is thrilled to be in this position for it means the efforts to bring so many girls successfully to the point of tertiary education is bearing fruit but we have concerns for the girls who are passing secondary school and waiting to continue their post-secondary education as well as for girls who have completed STD 8 and are unable to continue their education because of a lack of secondary school fees.

We continually seek to expand our donor base, to create innovative fundraising activities and source new funding opportunities to support and maintain our current level of commitment. We appreciate those donors who give on a monthly basis as it does help us to have a base from which to work in determining how much more we have to bring in each term.



## One Woman Summit in Hamilton, Ontario



At McMaster University in Hamilton on July 14, Linda spoke at a One Woman Summit. This was an opportunity to share with the other women present the impact that education can have on one person in determining their future and how the influences of others can factor into determining one's own career path. For Linda, the strong belief in the value and power of education has been key in her desire to give vulnerable girls in Malawi the opportunity to be educated so that they would have hope for their lives and the opportunity to make their own life decisions. From this event a pledge was made in the amount of \$5,000.



Penny Elliott and her friend Mitch helped to offset costs at the One Woman Summit by offering beverages and snacks for sale to participants.

Well done ladies!

At the Novotel Hotel in Mississauga on September 29, Change Her World was invited to exhibit at the Experience Your Life Expo. This is a gathering of many change makers from across Canada who seek to maximize their potential and offer others a chance to do the same, all in an effort to make a difference in the world!



Change Her World directors at their display table at the Experience Your Life Expo for youth in Mississauga.

# Saturday November 10, 2018—Chocolate Extravaganza in Stratford!

**NEW LOCATION !!!!**

**“New” ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HALL  
804 Ontario St in Stratford (behind A & W)**

We invite all to join us again for an abundance of chocolate delights. Tasty baked goods, decorating demos, a dark chocolate fountain, a gift shop and lots more. There will draws, free product samples and most of all...CHOCOLATE!

**This year we have added a chocolate sampling table.**

**Admission Cost: \$2.00**  
as well as donations of facecloths for our Birthing Kits

**Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**



**For all of those who are willing to donate chocolate items and chocolate baking!**

**Please contact Linda Willis no later than Monday November 5 to let her know what you can donate! Call (519) 271-5598 or email: [lwillis@changeherworld.ca](mailto:lwillis@changeherworld.ca)**

**Baked Goods/ Product Drop Off:  
Friday November 9 at Royal Canadian Legion Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**

Be innovative and take a risk and bake something unique for the Chocolate Extravaganza. You are only limited by your imagination and the bounty of baking websites!!! Do not let a piping bag intimidate you!

How about - cream cheese chocolate chip cookies?

- pistachio, apricot & dark chocolate energy bars?

- chocolate dipped pretzels with sea salt?

Or maybe – molten lava cakes?

- raspberry chocolate torte?

- white chocolate tarts?

**We will look forward to seeing what shows up on our tables.**

**Thank you for your support and your willingness to help us grow this unique event!**



**We have over 200 girls attending school in our projects including 27 girls in college and university!**

**In order to allow these girls to continue their education, we need your committed support.**

**Can you provide a monthly donation? This helps determine how many girls can be supported.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to support the education of CHW girls with \$ \_\_\_\_\_** ☐ Cheque (payable to CHANGE HER WORLD)

**I wish to support CHW with a monthly donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_** ☐ VISA ☐ MC

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N5A 6W4

Receipts are issued for gifts of \$20.00  
or more.

**Donations may be made online at  
[www.changeherworld.ca](http://www.changeherworld.ca)**

**1-888-909-2491**



# Freedom From Want: Acknowledging What Change Her World Is All About!

A Forum held in Stratford at the Studio Theatre on August 11, was titled **Freedom From Want**. The panelists were Sally Armstrong, noted Canadian journalist, author, humanitarian and women's advocate; Dr. James Orbinski of Doctors Without Borders, who accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on their behalf, author of **An Imperfect Offering**; and Mr. Paul Heinbecker, former Canadian diplomat with years of experience in global affairs. The panel was moderated by Mr. Peter Kennedy of CBC Radio.



Following an appeal at the CHW Annual Dinner in April, 13 computers were obtained for post-secondary students.

Many observations and comments were made about the changing world order, the need for new partnerships, and alliances at every level of our society, not just internationally. There was a strong emphasis placed on the ability and responsibility of the individual to use their voice, to act on whatever it is that they find unacceptable because often the political construct responds only to the voices or causes that get them re-elected. Additionally, there was discussion on the fragile state of the world's biosphere which is struggling to withstand the demands made on it to feed the masses, amassing more wealth and luxury and the resulting devastation of our forests, air and water. The topic of war, conflicts and refugees was also discussed. According to this panel, the population will be close to 10 billion people by 2030 which our planet cannot sustain.

In addressing the idea of population control, Dr. Orbinski suggested that the best solution is the education of girls! Not just as it pertains to the population piece, but to the furtherance of a more civil and collaborative approach to solving problems at every level of society. This statement of truth has resonated among the highest level of change makers globally for some time now.

Make no mistake, what Change Her World, and you as our supporters are doing, matters! Let us not lose sight of the big picture. We are bringing hope and opportunity to not just the girls of Northern Malawi but to future generations. "If you want to change the world...start with her."

## Shipment Being Prepared To Send to Malawi



A special thank you to Trey and Quinton Byfield and their parents who donated 8 totes of nursery school materials to be shipped this Fall!

**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

**9th Annual Change Her World  
Fundraising Dinner  
Saturday April 13, 2019**

**Best Western Plus Arden Park Hotel  
552 Ontario Street, Stratford, Ontario**

## Canadian Midwest Report from Donna Milbrandt

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Once again, my team and I will be participating in the Yorkton Harvest Showdown in Yorkton, Saskatchewan on **November 8 to 10, 2018** with a CHW table. If you will be in attendance, we look forward to meeting you!

If you would be interested in assisting at this event, please don't hesitate to contact me! Thank you for all of you who support this charity!



Thank you the children at **Knox Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School** who raised over \$571.00 to send soccer balls to the schools of Northern Malawi!

**St Marys Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School** also raised funds for Change Her World. Thank you for \$234.00 donated!

# CHANGE HER WORLD

**Founded in 2010, this organization is dedicated to removing the barriers that prevent girls and women from being educated in the developing world.**

Currently, girls and women in our project in Northern Malawi are receiving support but the need is great.

**Our Corporate Objects include:**

- ◇ Education of girls
- ◇ Relief of poverty
- ◇ Clean water and sanitation
- ◇ Promotion of Health
- ◇ Provision of micro financing

**If you want to change the world...start with her**

## ... from the Board of Directors

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> issue of our CHW Progress Report. Much progress had been made in the fulfilling of the mandate to educate girls. Much is left to be done. In 2020, two short years away, Change Her World will celebrate ten years since we were registered as a Canadian charity and subsequently launched the organization in April of 2011 at the Golf and Country Club in Stratford.

We are looking ahead with great anticipation to marking the ten year milestone in a variety of exciting and innovative ways. The first planning meeting was held last March and another is scheduled for October with a core group who have expressed an interest and desire, to not just help plan

the celebration, but to be an integral part in moving our charity work forward seeking new ways of raising awareness, innovation in fundraising and expanding our profile in the city and beyond. 2020 will be an exciting year! Stay tuned!



*Carol , Lorraine and Linda at the CHW Annual Dinner held on April 21, 2018 which had to be postponed due to an ice storm the weekend before.*

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