



# CHW PROGRESS REPORT

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— All Are Invited! —  
Saturday April 14, 2018

## 8th Annual Change Her World Fundraising Dinner

Stratford, Ontario

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### CHANGING HER WORLD...Margret's Story

My name is Margret Munthali and I am the second born child in a family of six. From the time I can remember, it has been a challenge to attend school because



Margret outside her home in Chilumba

a vast river separated my home and Sangiro Primary school. During the rain season (mi-November to April), water from the mountains pours into Lake Malawi making it impossible to cross this river as there is no bridge. Most of the time, I would miss classes waiting for the water levels to drop. However, I worked hard at my studies and was granted a place at the boarding school at Chilumba Secondary School. The next challenge was to pay my school fees and although my mother

worked very hard to raise

the necessary fees, by the time I entered Form 2 (Grade 10), the struggle was becoming to great for her. Change Her World came to my rescue and I continued my education with this charity paying my school fees, uniform, solar lamp and other supplies.

With this support, it was no surprise that after completing Form 4 (Grade 12), I passed my National Exams with very high marks and qualified for University. In 2015, I was admitted to Exploits University (one of the public universities)



"Here I am with my mother and my siblings!"

(Special thanks to Alick—CHW Vice-Chair for photos and interview with Margret)

where I have been

studying in a four

year degree pro-

gram and will graduate this year with a **Bachelor's Degree**

**in Human Resource Management.** Change Her World

has been so supportive in all areas of my academic studies

from paying college fees, allowing me to purchase learning

resources, providing college upkeep each month and so much

more! Thank you to the Change Her World Directors for all

you have done to help me over these seven years! I urge you

not to stop this important work but to continue to find ways to

support girls just like me. I pledge that I will support my fami-

ly in Chilumba once I graduate and secure employment.

Thank you for everything!

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Margret explains, "This is the river I had to wade through to reach my primary school!"





### 60 Goats and Growing.....

The goats continue to multiply bringing much needed food and income to the 60 women and their families who will benefit when the rotation is completed. Upon completion of the rotation, the project committee will provide to the Board a detailed and comprehensive summary of the goat project. The project afforded many women the opportunity to acquire and use new skills, to begin an income growth opportunity and also experience the pride that comes with accomplishment.

### Secondary and Post Secondary CHW Girls in Chilumba

In December 2017, our committee in Chilumba gathered most of the girls Change Her World is supporting in secondary school and university to distribute school supplies.

***“Thank you to everyone in Canada who is helping us to further our education!”***



Construction continues on girls' hostel in Chilumba. An additional \$10,0000 US is required for cement, a roof, doors and windows to complete construction for this hostel which will accommodate 50 girls.

**The tuition of a student in post secondary education is 3 times that of supporting a student in secondary school. We now have 26 students in post secondary institutions.**

**Fees for 1 year in secondary school**

**\$125 X 3 terms = \$375.00 US/year**

**Tuition for 1 year in university**

**\$400.00 x 3 terms = \$1,200.00 US/year**

**Upkeep:**

**\$140.00 X 3 terms = \$420.00 US/year**

**Cost for 1 year at university  
= \$1,620.00 US**



## March 3, 2018—Looking Towards the Future — An Evaluation and Planning Event —

From time to time we all take stock of our lives, examine relationships and ponder future goals and our path forward. We look inward to determine changes we need to make and outward to new insights and horizons. Such was the agenda of the planning meeting held at the Best Western Arden Park in Stratford on the afternoon of March 3.

The Board invited long-time supporters of Change Her World in the local area to come together to offer their thoughts on the current status of the charity in terms of what continues to be appealing, relevant and successful. As well, time was taken to identify specific areas which could be improved or new activities yet to be explored. In addition, fundraising aspects of the charity were examined and ideas were generated as planning for the tenth anniversary celebrations in 2020 commences.

Thank you to all those who attended and participated in this collaborative activity! As the work of the charity expands there is a greater need for support in many areas and the Board welcomes input from those who make all Change Her World does possible.



*Back Row Left to Right: Bessie, Shirley, Heather, Felicity, Barb, Jackie, Penny, Sarah, Moe, and Pat. Front Row Left to Right: Sharon, Jen, Jill and Jacquelynne.*

**All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop those talents.**  
**John F. Kennedy**

## CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA FUNDRAISER —November 4, 2017



**L to R : Cake judges were Laura Cudworth, Anne McDonnell and Eddie Matthews**

This year's event was a huge success with the addition of a table featuring chocolate from across Canada for CANADA 150 but also the first cake judging challenge. We had entries from Madelynes, Keystone Alley, Kandy Cakes and home baker, Anne Skubowius. The judges were indeed challenged by choosing the best chocolate layer cake based on the criteria they were given. Our judges, Anne McDonnell newly retired Executive Director of Optimism Place, Eddie Matthews from CJCS Radio and blogger and former reporter for the Beacon Herald, Laura Cudworth sampled, savoured, consulted and finally chose Kandy Cakes as the winner. Thanks to all bakers and judges!

Many talented home bakers offered their finest culinary efforts to sell to the public at large. It was a sold out event so a heartfelt thanks to each of you who contribute yearly to this fundraiser. As well, Lois Tutt offered her culinary skills with icing demonstrations! We hope to keep this event growing and expanding so this fall, we will explore new ways to enjoy the world's favorite flavour—CHOCOLATE!

**Save the date— Saturday November 10, 2018**

# Shout Out to St. Marys Presbyterian Church!

Change Her World enjoys and appreciates the support of many churches, organizations and individuals. Our gratitude for all is immense.

We would however be remiss in not giving kudos to the congregation of St. Marys Presbyterian Church and its leadership for the enthusiasm, advocacy and energy which the people have demonstrated since the inception of the charity.

Rev. Gwen Ament literally sings our praises (figuratively and yes, sometimes literally), prays regularly for the work in Malawi and encourages congregational support. At Christmas, she commandeers a host of people of all ages for the cookie baking, decorating, packaging and selling of these delectable treats. Change Her World is the sole beneficiary of the sales!



Bessie Hounsell leads the charge in getting the birthing kit group together, ensures that the Sunday school children are aware of how the lives of children in Malawi differ from theirs and even during VBS, children bring coins to add to the collection for the work of Change Her World...quite astonishing really. She is a very compassionate and giving person, willing to do whatever she can and we are grateful for her wonderful spirit.

Don Vanstone is a force...*the* force behind the Pie Auction. The Board thanks him & his team for their drive and support! Where else can you find generous and caring people who bake a variety of up to 40 or more delicious pies and will then turn around and pay sometimes nearly \$200 for a single pie...all for charity. Certain expert bakers have garnered a reputation for a particular kind of pie and so the competition can get heated and hilarious. On Sunday, February 11, 2018 there was \$1,900.00 raised at this fundraising for Change Her World. Job well done, Don & Company!



Left to right: Rev. Gwen Ament, Don Vanstone (Pie Auction Organizer), Linda, Carol and Ross McIntosh (Auctioneer)

**We have over 200 girls attending school in our projects including 26 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

CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRY DATE \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Charitable Registration No. 81600 9252 RR0001**

Mail to: **CHANGE HER WORLD**  
P.O. Box 1057  
Stratford, Ontario  
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**



# Change Her World 8th Annual Fundraising Dinner—April 14, 2018

***You are invited to attend the***  
**8th Annual Change Her World**  
**Fundraising Dinner**  
**Saturday April 14, 2018**

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

5:30 PM—Social Hour

6:30 PM—Full Course Dinner

**Cost: \$45.00**

Tickets go on sale on **March 17** and will be available at Blowes Stationery on Wellington Street or by calling Linda Willis at (519) 271-5598



Come and hear the co-founders and directors share about the ongoing work of Change Her World in Malawi.

On February 21, 2018 Sellah, one of the first Change Her World girls supported by this charity graduated with her **Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and Midwifery**. A video of her speaking to the Canadian directors and supporters will be shared as part of the evening presentation.



A silent auction, door prizes and a quiz will provide for an evening you will not want to miss! Bring a friend and introduce them to this grassroots charity that is growing and impacting girls and women in a significant way!

## Collection at the Dinner!

**School supplies are being collected including scissors, pens, tape, markers, rulers, glue sticks, crayons, math sets, math and alphabet flash cards for the next shipment to Malawi!**



## **Canadian Midwest Report from Donna Milbrandt**

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Once again, our mid-west co-ordinator Donna Milbrandt participated in the Yorkton Harvest Showdown in Saskatchewan on **November 1-4, 2017** with a CHW table. Thanks to her persistent efforts, the awareness of Change Her World continues to grow as evidenced by the monetary donations which were made in addition to the people now engaged in sewing sanitary protection as well as gathering clothing for our girls.

We are grateful to Donna for her time and support and look forward to meeting our supporters in this region in the near future.

## **Yorkton Spring Expo—April 6 to 8, 2018**

Change Her World will be at this event!  
If you would like to assist as a volunteer, please contact Donna.



## 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**

It is with great joy that we greet our supporters! As a Board, we continue to be in close communication with our project committees in both Chilumba and Mzuzu/Ekwendeni as together, we carry out the corporate objects of our charity and oversee the ongoing work on the ground. As more and more CHW girls graduate from secondary school and begin their studies at college or university, we are finding our budget stretched to its limits. We continue to seek out sources of funding from corporations, grants and foundations in addition to the generous donations made by many individuals across the country. One of the roadblocks we frequently face is the reality that our charity is supporting girls and women outside of Canada. Many organizations and corporations will only provide monies to those charities that benefit the local community or Canadians.

If you are aware of a corporation/foundation which might be a possible source of funding for Change Her World, please contact Linda and she will pursue any leads she receives. Her email address is [lwillis@changeherworld.ca](mailto:lwillis@changeherworld.ca).

We are also seeking office/warehouse space in the Stratford area where we can continue to collect and sort the items received for shipment to Malawi.

Thank you for your continuing encouragement and support as we seek to change the world of girls and women who only require the opportunity and some assistance to rise above the circumstances of abject poverty!

We could not do this work without the support of each one! We are grateful!



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