

# CHW PROGRESS REPORT

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**It's Going To Be A  
Night To Remember!**



Mark your calendars, get your tickets and book your rooms early as the **10th Annual CHW Dinner** to be held on **Saturday April 18, 2020** will be a sold out event. This dinner will mark 10 years of the work for Change Her World. We will honour the compassion and dedication of countless volunteers in Canada and Malawi, celebrate girls' lives changed and brighter futures created. We have stayed the course. There is much to celebrate! We have indeed created hope, opportunity, possibility and excitement! We began the celebrations 10 months out with a Cookie/Refreshment/ Information table in front of Stratford City Hall in July, August and September 2019. This will continue at various venues leading up to the April 18 dinner. We have included (on page 4), a list of events planned that we trust you will support.



**Esther and Sellah in Lilongwe to inquire about getting their visas for travel to Canada**

The dinner itself will follow a little different format as we will have entertainment and yes, our very first two post-secondary graduates, Sellah Ngwira and Esther Chawinga will travel from Malawi to be present. You will hear their inspirational stories and have the opportunity to see, first-hand, that what we have all done and continue to do together is real! Together we will reaffirm that ***"where there is a will...there is a way!"***

We have asked the Best Western Arden Park, Hotel at 552 Ontario St., Stratford to hold a block of 30 rooms for the event

which they will do until March 17, 2020. Call 1-877-788-8818 and ask to book under the **Change Her World Group Block**. The cost is \$139.00 plus tax for a room with one king or two queen beds. Please plan to book early. There are also other accommodations available in the area which you may seek out on your own. April in Stratford is a busy time so please make your arrangements early to avoid disappointment.

**All tickets for the April 18 Annual Dinner must be bought and paid for by April 11, 2020.** They may be picked up at the door but they **MUST** be paid for in advance. If you wish to reserve a table of 8 for your group, please call or email Linda Willis directly at (519) 271-5598 or [lwillis@changeherworld.ca](mailto:lwillis@changeherworld.ca) before April 11.



Special guests, who have continuously and generously supported our work since its inception, will be invited and acknowledged during the evening. Supporters from Ontario, Western and Eastern Canada, and New York will also be in attendance. There will be an outstanding silent auction and 10 door prizes (as opposed to 3) in honour of it being the 10 year celebration. There is no limit to the excitement and gratitude that permeates our present thinking as we look toward this milestone. **Please plan to join us!!!**



**Two Change Her World secondary students preparing to return to school in September 2019.**

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### CHW Nursery School

We had our second cohort of graduates in July 2019 and the 10 girls supported by CHW will now be beneficiaries as they transition into Standard 1. A small ceremony was held and a certificate presented. Violet, who was one of the original teachers, left her position early in the spring for health reasons.



*Marion with a CHW graduate*

A young woman named Marion has been assisting Modester in the Nursery School. Permission was granted for this to happen on the condition that Marion agree to take the ECD training in order to keep the position. She attended the training in August in Mzuzu.

We appreciate her enthusiasm and initiative and hope she will find satisfaction in her position. We are grateful for the oversight of the project members, the involvement of parents and the dedication of the teachers who continue to support and maintain the vital learning environment of these young girls.

### Current Numbers of Beneficiaries

#### Chilumba Project:

Nursery School – **20 students**

Elementary (Primary ) School – **54 students**

Secondary School – **41 students** (includes 8 who had to wait last year to enter secondary)

Tertiary (College/University)– **29 students** (includes 10 girls that have waited for the past year). Five students will complete their programs in December 2019 after which we will have 24 in post-secondary in this project. The five young women who will finish are:

Wakisa Mkandawire  
Margret Munthali  
Gift Mwafurirwa  
Lusunga Nyasulu  
Ivy Ngirwa

Diploma in Law  
BA in Human Resource Management  
Diploma in Rural and Community Development  
Diploma in Rural and Community Development  
Certificate in Hotel and Catering Management



#### Mzuzu/Ekwendeni Project:

Elementary-**14 students**

Secondary-**5 students**

Tertiary (College/University) - **8 students**

### Update on the Wells

The Chilumba community have enthusiastically received the news this summer that 4 more wells would be drilled in the communities of Kayera, Humbu, Mgabi and Jalajata, thanks once again to the generosity of the Hope for Haiti group in St.Marys with Mr. Murray Mitchell as our liaison person. The pictures and videos we receive speak to the joy and gratitude that the people, especially the women and girls, express for this life-saving and life-changing gift.

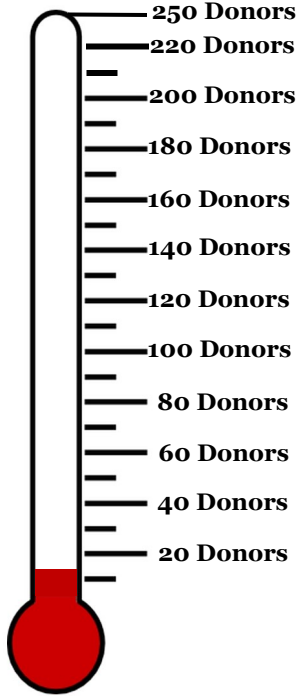
In the late Summer, we had a call from a CHW supporter who donated funds for 3 additional wells to be drilled. Two of these well will be located in Mkakatavu village and Mtoweravifa village. Drilling began in Mkakatavu in mid-September. Our vice co-ordinator, Alick tells us that nearly every week a village headman or a village leader comes to the CHW office asking for a well for their community.





# The Power of 50 Campaign!

## The Power of 50



In July 2019, the Board of Directors asked for your serious consideration of the following matter via email.

### The Power of 50!

As a Board of Directors we believe in a culture of giving! The directors all contribute on a monthly basis because we know – first-hand, how lives have been changed. The power of education ensures a life of hope not despair for girls in Malawi!

Two hundred and fifty people donating \$50.00 per month means that we enter our next 10 years ***changing her world*** with hundreds of girls in one of the poorest regions of the world—Northern Malawi—being able to attend school.

Go to our website – **changeherworld.ca** and make a General Donation online (Include ***“The Power Of 50”*** in the comment line)

**Call/Text (519) 949-8701** to speak with Carol (our treasurer) who can arrange for your donation to be processed by cheque or credit card.

*As of September 2019 we have had **11 donors** join us in this financial endeavor! This is a start but we need you to give this serious thought and consideration. If Change Her World is to continue to meet the needs of the girls we are supporting and grow as a charity, we need you to join in the Power of 50 Campaign.*

**Because of your generous support, these Change Her World beneficiaries are working towards or finished their college/university education. These young women are beginning their working lives in a much better place than most girls could ever dream of in Malawi!**



### TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

**I wish to support the education of CHW girls with \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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

☐ Cheque (payable to CHANGE HER WORLD) ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

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

Cardholder Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ SECURITY CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**

**1-888-909-2491**

**Charitable Registration No. 81600 9252 RR0001**

## Upcoming Events to Celebrate 10 Years!

### Come and Celebrate With Change Her World!

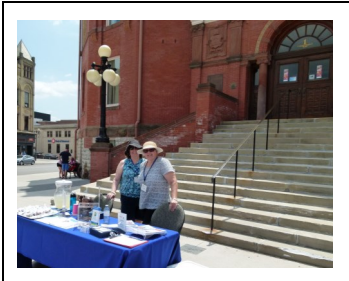
(For the latest happenings and updates about these events—go to [www.changeherworld.ca](http://www.changeherworld.ca))

**Stratford Mayor's Community Breakfast**—Thursday October 10, 2019 at 7 AM—8:45 AM  
Linda and Carol are the Guest speakers at this event. To reserve your free seat, call Pat Shantz at (519) 271-0250 or email [pshantz@stratford.ca](mailto:pshantz@stratford.ca)

**Movie Matinee** - Saturday October 12, 2019 at 2 PM— Commemorate the International Day of the Girl with the showing of the film: Queen of Katwe. A free event for all ages. Location is the Quality Festival Inn in Stratford

**5th Annual CHW Chocolate Extravaganza**—Saturday November 2, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Army, Navy & Air Force Veteran's Hall 152 Lorne Avenue in Stratford. A free event for the whole family! Come and indulge in some unique chocolate treats!

**Cookies/Refreshments/Information**— Come and greet our friendly volunteers!



**Saturday, September 21, 2019** from 12:00 – 3:00 PM at Stratford City Hall

**Saturday, October 26, 2019** from 11:00 – 2:00 PM at the Stratford Festival Market Place

**Saturday, November 16, 2019** from 11:00 – 2:00 PM at the Stratford Festival Market Place

**Saturday, December 14, 2019** 11:00 – 2:00 PM at the Stratford Festival Market Place

**Soups On** – Saturday January 11, 2020 Watch for us at this event as we create a great soup using the dried soup mix that we send to our Nursery School donated by the Ontario Christian Gleaners.

**Travelling Photo Exhibit** February 16 to 22, 2020 — Proposed Location: St. Andrews Church Stratford

**February 23 to 29, 2020** — Confirmed Location: Stratford Library

**March 1 to 7, 2020** — Confirmed Location: Huron County Museum 110 North St. Goderich

**March 8 to 14, 2020**—Proposed Location: MacKay Centre Knox Presbyterian Church, Goderich

**March 15 to 21, 2020**—Proposed Location: Royal Canadian Legion 804 Ontario St. Stratford

**March 22 to 28, 2020** - Confirmed Location: Ten Thousand Villages 65 Heritage Drive, New Hamburg

**March 29 to April 4, 2020**—Proposed Location: Knox Presbyterian Church 142 Ontario St. Stratford

**April 5 to 11, 2020**—Confirmed Location: Stratford Festival Market Place

**10th Annual CHW Fundraising Dinner** - Saturday April 18, 2020 at the Best Western Arden Park Hotel— 552 Ontario Street in Stratford. 5:30 PM Social Hour 6:30 PM Dinner with Special Music by the Gee Gees and Special Guests Sellah Ngwira and Esther Chawinga. Call Linda Willis (519) 271-5598 or [lwillis@changeherworld.ca](mailto:lwillis@changeherworld.ca) for advanced booking of tables of 8. Tickets \$50.00 per person.

Watch for stories, information and updates about the global situation for girls and women on our website and social media platforms!

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

**Pick up a free CHW Bumper Sticker at any of these events and spread the word!**

# Change Her World 5th Annual Chocolate Extravaganza

*You are invited to attend the*  
**5th Annual Change Her World  
Chocolate Extravaganza**  
Saturday November 2, 2019

**10:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**Army, Navy & Air Force Veteran's Hall**  
151 Lorne Avenue E., Stratford, Ontario

**Free Admission**

**Chocolate Café, Chocolate Sampling,  
Decorating for Kids, Icing Demo,  
Chocolate Gifts and Treats,  
Silent Auction of Chocolate Items**

**Ontario Chocolatiers will be present including  
ChocoSol Traders & Habitual Chocolate**



**Donations of New  
Face Cloths for the  
CHW Birthing Kits  
are appreciated!**



## Chocolate Bakers Needed!

**Please drop off your donations at the Army  
Navy Hall at 151 Lorne Ave. on  
Friday November 1 between  
6:00 PM and 7:30 PM**

Our baking donations have decreased in the past couple of years and so we encourage as many as are able to contribute this year if you have not done so before. The saying **“that we eat with our eyes first”** encourages us to make our baking decorative and perhaps donate something that the average baker might not normally do. There are a host of websites with simple, creative and tasty chocolate treats. Here are a few:

- ⇒ Gather For Bread: 50 Creative Chocolate Recipes
- ⇒ Country Living: 15 Easy Chocolate Desserts
- ⇒ Ambitious Kitchen: 11 Healthy Chocolate Recipes That Are Easy
- ⇒ Hello Creative Family: 37 Decadent Chocolate Recipes

**For more information, call Linda at (519) 271-5598 or email:  
lwillis@changeherworld.ca**



## Movie Matinee—Saturday October 12, 2019 at 2 PM

October 11 is the International Day of the Girl- a day set aside to honour the rights of girls, their abilities, contributions and their potential.

To acknowledge this day, CHW will hold a free matinee at the Quality Festival Inn in Stratford at 2:00 PM. All are welcome. The movie is called **Queen Katwe**. It was debuted at the Toronto Film Festival in Toronto in 2016 and stars David Oyelowo, Lupita Nyong'o and Madina Nalwanga depicting the life of a Ugandan girl living in a slum in Katwe. It is the story of how a young girl's life changes when she meets Robert Katende at a missionary program where he coaches soccer and teaches children how to play chess.... a powerful story of change, hope and how one person can unleash the potential of another. Popcorn and refreshments provided. Hoping to see you there!



*Pat Evers receiving a monetary  
donation from the District 9  
Retired Teachers organization!*

### District #9 Retired Teachers

We acknowledge the continued generosity of this organization that has supported Change Her World for several years with financial resources. As well, many teachers have contributed by making games and collecting school supplies - all under the guidance and leadership of Pat Evers.

**Great work Pat!**

### Canadian Midwest Report - Donna Milbrandt

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**Watch for Change Her World at the  
Yorkton Grain Millers' Harvest Showdown**

**Thursday November 7 to Saturday November 9, 2019**

**12:00 Noon— 7 PM**



## 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**

As the Board looks to the tenth year anniversary celebrations in 2020, we are excited to be working with a wonderful group of Change Her World volunteers. Actions happen because of the dedication of many hands and hearts! We could never hope to meet the far-reaching audiences across this vast country without the help of each one of you!

In April 2019, we reached our first significant financial milestone—1 million dollars has been donated since Linda and Carol conducted the 1st Annual Fundraising Dinner on April 11, 2011. Would anyone imagine that in 10 short years, the vision to empower girls and women in the developing world would be what it is today? There continue to be no paid staff in Canada and the volunteers in Malawi—almost 100 determined participants, work tirelessly to enable this charity to operate with integrity and transparency.



If you attended the 9th Annual Dinner in April 2019, you would have seen the new promotional video about CHW which was created to promote the aims of this charity, thanks to a generous supporter. Carol, Linda, Keara Flood and Shirley Weitzel were all interviewed by Melissa Schenk of MS2 Productions who created several promotional tools. These are posted on our website and also on our YouTube channel so please look for them and share them with your friends and family. We are in the process of submitting a 30 second Public Service Announcement to air on local and national TV. One of the goals as we enter our 10th year is to expand awareness of this charity beyond our current support base.

It is said that, ***"Many hands make light work!"***. Thank you to those many hands!

We wish to thank Kevin Hill, Commercial Printers Stratford, for the charity discount provided for the quality printing of this report.

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