

# CHW PROGRESS REPORT

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**Hope! Possibility! Excitement!**  
**A Motivational Seminar**  
**Held in Chilumba for CHW Students**

A buzz of excitement filled the air as a large gathering of CHW beneficiaries filed into the Marine Hall in Chilumba on January 3, 2020. They gathered for a time of sharing and creative insight. As many of the tertiary girls were home for the holidays, the Project Committee thought it a good idea to bring them together with girls currently in secondary programs in order to motivate them to work hard, inspire them to high goals and answer their questions about various career choices.



The morning program consisted of formal presentations by the tertiary girls on their chosen careers. To see the photos of this happening was quite an emotional moment for the Board! Girls who had attended elementary and secondary schools without computers, were seen giving PowerPoint presentations! Girls once vulnerable, needy and shy stood at the front to the hall with confidence, self-esteem and encouraged their younger “sisters” to aim high and work hard. Current tertiary students and recent graduates are now young women leading change within their communities, being role models for other girls and demonstrating that one should never underestimate the potential and possibilities of these girls. After a lunch of rice and beef the day continued.

In the afternoon, girls were divided into groups in a workshop format with the opportunity to learn first hand information about the challenges and benefits of various career choices and to have their questions answered. Many CHW girls have only seen women in the role of a nurse when perhaps they had to visit a clinic when ill. Many are unaware of the limitless options available to them. Hope! Possibility! Excitement! We are thankful to the Chilumba Project Committee who organized this event and to all who participated. The meeting was concluded with words of encouragement from Coordinator Wezzie Bandamoyo and a word of appreciation to Change Her World supporters in Canada from Margret Munthali, a recent graduate.



*Esther (second person on left) leads a discussion group about a career in teaching. She will be travelling to Canada in April to speak at the CHW Annual Dinner.*

Some of the CHW tertiary students who attended and/or shared at this seminar!



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## Other CHW Project News

### Well # 12 has Been Completed!



The well at Hara F.P. School has been completed. The pump was installed and training conducted. We are indebted to **Hope for Haiti Group** for the installation of 8 of these wells and to another donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The life-changing gift of clean water from 12 wells is a significant contribution to the school and village communities that could not have happened without these donations and again, we say- thank you - on behalf of the people in the Chilumba area.

### First CHW University Graduate for the Mzuzu/Ekwendeni Project

There are now 13 students being supported in College and University Programs in this Project. The first Mzuzu/Ekwendeni CHW graduate was Chikondi Chigalu who completed a Diploma in Irrigation Technology from Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources in December 2019.

Congratulations Chikondi!



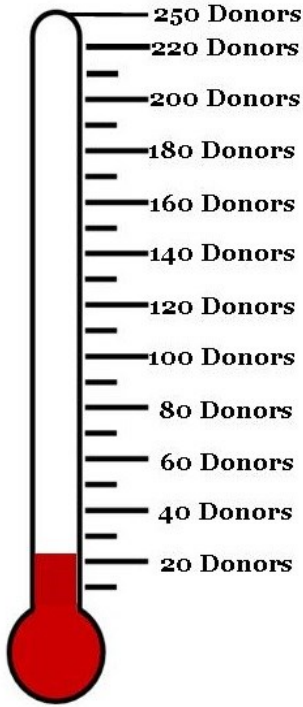
### Three CHW Tertiary Graduates in the Chilumba Project

There are now 25 CHW beneficiaries completing their studies at the college and university level in this project. Recent graduates in December 2019 were Margret Munthali (**right**) who graduated with Degree in Human Resources, Ivy Ngwira (**middle**) with a Diploma in Hotel & Catering and Wakisa Mkandawire, (**left**), a Diploma in Law from Exploit University. To read more of their stories, go to the CHW website at [www.changeherworld.ca](http://www.changeherworld.ca).



# The Power of 50 Campaign

# Upcoming CHW Events



Thank you to all those who have recently donated \$50.00 a month as we seek to stabilize our financial commitment in paying school fees for girls in both the Chilumba and Mzuzu/Ekwendeni Projects.

We have 22 people who have contributed to **The Power of 50 Campaign.**

**Will you becoming a Power of 50 Supporter as we celebrate 10 years?**

**Saturday April 18, 2020**  
**CHW 10th Year Celebration Dinner**  
 Best Western Arden Park Hotel  
 552 Ontario Street, Stratford



All travel documents have been completed for our two Malawian guests, Esther Chawinga and Sellah Ngwira . They will arrive April 14 and will return to Malawi April 28. The itinerary for their visit is being finalized with the dinner being the highlight of their time with us.

**Ticket Price—\$50.00.** Tickets are available at Blowes in Stratford, or at [www.changeherworld.ca](http://www.changeherworld.ca) or by calling 519-271-5598. Last day to purchase tickets will be **Saturday April 11!** Hotel rooms must be booked by **March 16** (\$139.00 per room) by calling (519) 275-2936.

**Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening of celebration, achievement and gratitude!**

**Soft covered story books for GRADES 1–3 would be appreciated as a donations for our Collection Campaign.**

**Sunday April 26, 2020**

**Celebrating 10 Years With Change Her World**

**St Marys Presbyterian Church**  
 147 Widder Street East, St Marys, Ontario  
 2:00—3:30 PM

Both Esther and Sellah will join co-founders, Linda and Carol at a special program of celebration hosted by St. Marys Presbyterian Church and Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrington. Everyone is invited to attend!

## Your Donations Are Changing The World... One Girl At A Time! Thank You!

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

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

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

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

**I wish to support Change Her World with a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**I wish to be a Power of 50 supporter 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  
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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**

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.changherworld.ca](http://www.changherworld.ca))

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

### LAST EVENT!

**Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 12:00 – 3:00 PM**  
**at Stratford Festival Market Place**

### Travelling Photo Exhibit

**February 23 to 29, 2020** — Stratford Library 19 St Andrews St., Stratford

**March 3 to 7, 2020** —Huron County Museum 110 North St., Goderich

**March 9 to 16, 2020**—Window at Stratford Tourism 47 Downie Street, Stratford

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

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

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



We would like to express special thanks to Heather Browning and Mary-Lou Wuksinic for their volunteer efforts in rain, wind and storms to represent CHW at the Cookie/Information locations around Stratford! We also wish to acknowledge the baking contributions of Penny Gladwish who ensured a sweet treat for all who stopped by!



*Travelling Photo Exhibit on display at the Stratford Market Place from February 2 to 9, 2020.*

*All photos will be available for sale at the 10th Annual CHW Celebration Dinner on April 18.*

**Tuesday September 8, 2020—(Pending) Change Her World Day in the City of Stratford!**

**Watch our website for a special announcement about this day!**

### Canadian Midwest Report - Donna Milbrandt

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Great news! Donna Milbrandt will be attending the CHW 10th Annual Celebration Dinner in Stratford on April 18 where she will bring greetings to those in attendance. Since 2014, Donna has been representing this charity in the Saskatchewan/Manitoba area of Canada. Not only has she spoken in churches and social groups in the area but has also hosted a CHW Display Table at the Yorkton Spring and Fall Fairs where significant donations have been given in support of this work. A passionate and skillful group of volunteers assist her with these events on a yearly basis.

**Stay tuned! The Board of Directors are planning to visit Yorkton and the surrounding areas October 1 to 5, 2020 to celebrate the 10th year with local supporters.**



*Donna Milbrandt, the Midwest CHW Coordinator, and her volunteers at the CHW Display Table at the Yorkton Fall Fair in November 2019.*

## A Great Success!



On November 2, 2019, the doors opened at 10:00 AM sharp and a waiting crowd entered the Army, Navy and Air Force Hall on Lorne Avenue in Stratford. Lois Tutt and Leah Stevenson– Hastings were poised to conduct cake demonstrations and assist young visitors with cookie decorating! New this year were two vendors— Ben Prowse with ChocoSol Traders in Toronto and Phillipe Lehner of Habitual Chocolate in Woodstock who displayed their various products to attendees as well as provided educational insights on the chocolate making process. The silent auction, chocolate sampling table and bake sale were a huge success with more than \$2000.00 being raised for Change Her World.

Thank you to all our outstanding bakers and volunteers whose contributions ensured its success! This could not happen without your passion for chocolate and the hard and creative work of your hands!



*Phillipe of Habitual Chocolate watches as Ben of ChocoSol Traders explains the chocolate making process to Pat Evers, a CHW Volunteer.*



*A fantastic display of baked goods ready as the doors opened on November 2 at the 5th Annual CHW Chocolate Extravaganza!*

**Mark your Calendars!**  
**6th CHW Chocolate Extravaganza**  
**Saturday November 7, 2020!**

## HELP NEEDED!

### SEWER NEEDED!

We are in need of a sewer to sew 20 royal navy skirts for our nursery school students in Malawi. We hope to send these in our shipment on May 1, 2020.

### STORAGE SPACE NEEDED!

A heated space with easy accessibility in Stratford is needed to house the collection campaign for the charity. If you know of such a space, please let a member of the Board know?

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ESTHER CHAWINGA!

Esther Chawinga will be travelling from Malawi to Canada in a few weeks and we hope to send her home with much needed school supplies. Call (519) 271-5598 and speak to Linda about dropping off your donations.

**Items required are new pens, crayons, erasers, alphabet cards, math drill cards, soft covered picture storybooks, markers and teaching charts for Grades 1 to 7.**

# 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 pleasure we can announce that both hostels, the one at Thinduti, part of the Chilumba Project (housing 56 girls) and the other one at Thimalala in the Mzuzu/Ekwendeni Project (housing 76 girls) are now completed. We are immensely grateful to all groups and individuals who supported this effort to provide opportunity for girls to complete their secondary education in a safe and supportive environment, close to their schools.

The Board also wishes to express its gratitude to the *Hope for Haiti Group* in St. Marys who has graciously supplied us with funds to purchase 28 beds metal bunk beds which will be made locally, 56 mattresses, sheets, pillows and blankets for the hostel in the Thinduti school community. The Project Committee is overjoyed.

Quoting from a recent email:

*We are simply speechless with the way individuals and groups in Canada are responding to the needs of the disadvantaged girls and the community at large in Malawi. Please extend our gratitude to the group for the gesture they have made towards the work of the hostel. Pass our words of thanks to Mr. Mitchell who has been one of the key supporters of Change Her World in the recent times. We are very amazed at the support they have rendered so far.*



CHW Project Committee members inspecting completed hostel.

As the Board prepares to celebrate all the accomplishments of these first 10 years, we look forward to meeting and greeting many of you! Carol and Linda are also making plans to visit both projects in Malawi in August 2020 to celebrate all that the volunteers in Malawi have done to transform the lives of many girls! We are reminded each day that *if you want to change the world... start with her!*

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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