

**Hunger Season Arrives in Northern Malawi**



An amazing response came as a result of our Chilumba team telling us during a video call on January 21 about how concerning this particular hunger season was. We were asked if we could assist. We issued the appeal January 31 and by Monday February 6, more than \$5,500.00 had been received – a heartwarming response. We were delighted by your support and quickly sent off funds to purchase the maize and cover the transport costs. The Board wishes to express our most sincere gratitude for the outpouring of donations that were received. We, as a Board and you as donors can be gratified that we could do something to help this part of the world in a their time of hunger. Any amount in excess of

what was allotted to the purchase of maize will be used to begin the creation of an orchard and a garden on the CHW property which will also address the reality of food scarcity in the area.



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**CHW Annual Dinner—Saturday April 15, 2023**  
**Best Western Arden Park Hotel, Stratford, Ontario**  
 5:30 PM—Social Hour 6:30 PM—Roast Chicken Dinner  
*Special Malawian Guests: Fiskani Chirwa—Founding Coordinator*  
*Wezzie Moyo—Current Coordinator*  
 Special Music Guests: The Gee Gees from St. Marys, Ontario

Currently the present coordinator and the founding coordinator are making Passport and Visa arrangements for travel from Malawi to Canada. We hope to welcome them to the Stratford area and for them to be present for the April 15 Annual Dinner. You may recall that plans to bring our first two graduates were thwarted by the pandemic in 2020 so we are very hopeful that all will go according to plan this time. Please plan to join us to hear from **Fiskani Chirwa**, who is now an Advisor to the Chilumba Project. She will be speaking about her role in the founding of Change Her World in Chilumba.

**Wezzie Moyo**, who currently is responsible for the management of the project with a team of 9 committee members and aided by 70 other volunteers, will also be speaking. It should be a wonderful night of remembrance, gratitude, excitement and inspiration. You will hear, firsthand, the impact on the lives of so many girls and young women in Malawi that Canadian donors have supported.

To date we have shipped 17,767 pairs of underwear to girls and women in the Chilumba area. In order to make it an even 20,000 pairs, we are asking that you bring girls and women cotton, full brief underwear (Girls - Size 4 and up and Women - Size S/M/L) to the Annual Dinner on April 15. They will be shipped along with other items later in April. The goal 2,233 pairs!



**Wezzie Moyo is the current coordinator of CHW in Chilumba, Malawi**

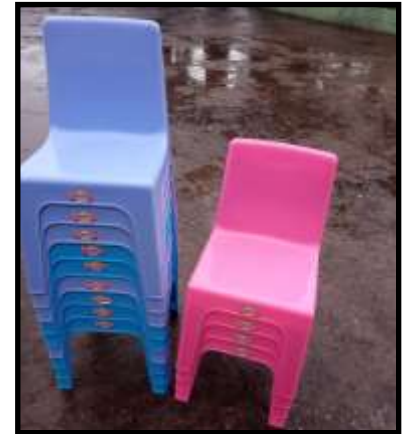


**Fiskani Chirwa is Advisor to Chilumba Project Committee.**

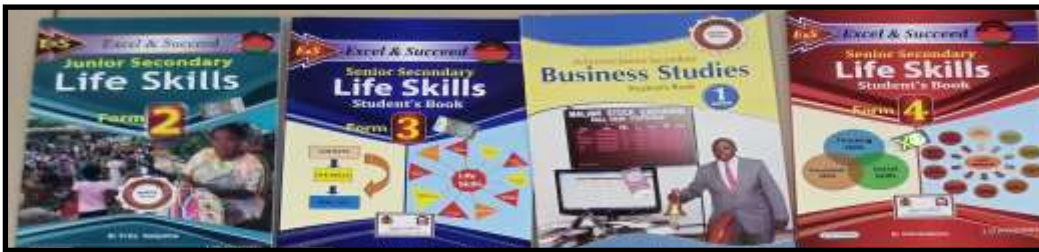
# Library Update

Locally made furnishings for the library and the office have been ordered with many thanks to a donor who responded to fund this significant expense. We have ordered tables, chairs and shelving for the main library as well as for the children's corner. A table and 8 chairs have been ordered for the office as well.

A shipment of children's books is due to go in late April and many avenues are constantly being explored in Malawi to provide books of interest in a variety of subject areas for all age groups in addition to other publications that we may be able to access in order to serve as many people as possible. A set of secondary textbooks has been ordered and received and we are planning to order another set as soon as we are able.



*Chairs for the Children's Corner have been purchased. Textbooks and Charts have also been purchased for the library.*



Six computers for students and public use and one for the librarian, who is still in training, will be placed in the library. Our guests from Malawi will take back the 4 wall maps we have purchased - a map of Africa, Malawi, the world and one of Canada.

A memorandum of understanding regarding how the library will function will be a joint task with the Board in Canada and the project team in Chilumba in the coming months. Many decorations, puzzles, books and charts will create an inviting space for children and provide an early exposure to literature that, until now, has not been possible.

It is our hope that representatives of the Board will make the trip to Malawi during the summer to celebrate the grand opening of this library—a momentous accomplishment for future literacy possibilities in the community of Chilumba!

# Other Project News



*Above are the nursery school graduates (with white hats) in the Fall 2022, along with other students who will continue this year. Observe the condition of the uniforms after three years of use.*

## New T-shirts, Skirts and Uniforms

Every three years as our new class of Nursery School girls begin, we replace worn tops and skirts. We were delayed in doing this last September because of budget constraints but happily the new T-shirts are here and the skirts are being made... a big thank you to Marilyn Binns. We also replace the uniforms for the primary and secondary school girls every other year. This year it is the primary girls who receive new uniforms. Additional notebooks, pens and school bags have been purchased as this was another area needing to be addressed.



## Donations for Change Her World Are Greatly Appreciated!

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

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

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

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

I wish to make a monthly credit card donation (details below) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed payment by  CASH     CHEQUE (Made Payable to Change Her World)

VISA     MASTERCARD

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

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

*Change Her World has a TD Waterhouse Account. We are now able to receive donations of stock, bonds and securities. Please contact Linda Willis at [lwillis@changeherworld.ca](mailto:lwillis@changeherworld.ca) for more information.*

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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)**

# Increasing Our Number of Beneficiaries

In the Fall of 2023, 19 girls will graduate from their post- secondary programs. For the Chilumba project, that is a total of 43 college or university graduates. There were 10 girls that graduated tertiary programs from the former project in Mzuzu/Ekwendeni. This is a very exciting reality!

As of the present time this leaves 11 girls enrolled in tertiary programs after the fall graduation. It is our plan to increase the number of girls substantially at the secondary level as the average yearly cost of secondary (\$500) is much less than the average yearly cost of college/university (\$2,500). It is our plan to admit approximately 50 or more additional beneficiaries in September 2023.

## Linda Willis and Carol Hamilton-Williams (Co-founders) Are Back Speaking To Community Organizations And Churches In-person!

It has been a long wait for community groups/organizations and churches to resume in person meetings. However, it appears that the general public are finally feeling comfortable to mix and mingle with others. In January 2023, Linda and Carol had the opportunity of sharing with CFUW Orillia (Canadian Federation of University Women) via Zoom due to the potential of a major weather storm. In February 2023, Probus Stratford (a social organization serving the people of Stratford), invited Linda and Carol to speak about the work of Change Her World to a gathering of 80+ people. Below you will see pictures of Linda and Carol at this event!



If your church or organization would be interested in having Linda and Carol come and speak about the amazing work of Change Her World, please call Linda at (519) 271-5598 or email her at

[l.willis@rogers.com](mailto:l.willis@rogers.com).



## Books 2 Books Fundraiser

Are your newest books piled on the floor because there's no longer room on your bookshelf?

Have your children outgrown some of their books?

Are you moving and need to pare down your personal library?

**CHANGE HER WORLD CAN HELP!!**

Call/text Lorraine in Stratford (519-852-6784) or Pat in Ingham (519-450-8479) to donate your used books.

We will arrange drop off or pick up of those books and work with a reputable book seller to convert your used books into funds for new books for our new library in Malawi. Your books may also be dropped off at the Annual Dinner in April.

Fiction and all areas of non-fiction are accepted and appreciated.

# Fundraising Events— Past and Future



## Chocolate Extravaganza—2022

The aroma of dark chocolate wafted through the air as participants attended to Chocolate Extravaganza event on Saturday November 5, 2022. Not only did people come and pick up their online orders of treats donated by local merchants, but a wider display of chocolate items were offered for sale. A few weeks later, Pat Evers, who is an amazing chocolate baker, raised additional funds for CHW at a local bake sale! Special thanks to all our volunteers who helped to make this event such a success. Approximately \$2,000 were raised.

**Our Next Chocolate Extravaganza will be on Saturday November 4, 2023 with a different format! Stay tuned!**

## CHW 13th Annual Dinner—Saturday April 15, 2023

Best Western Arden Park Hotel 552 Ontario Street, Stratford

Meet and Greet—5:30 PM

Chicken Dinner—6:30 PM

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Guest Speakers: Wezzie Moya — Coordinator of Chilumba Project Committee

Fiskani Chirwa — Advisor for CHW Malawi

Special Music by the Gee Gees from St. Marys

Tickets may be purchased online beginning March 15 at:  
[www.changeherworld.ca](http://www.changeherworld.ca)

Or in-person at:  
Blowes Stationery  
54 Wellington Street in Stratford

Sunday April 23, 2023

St Marys Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship—10:30 AM

Our Malawi Guests will be sharing during this Service!

All are welcome!

You are invited to attend

An Afternoon with the Change Her World Co-Founders and Coordinators from Malawi

Sunday April 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM

St Marys Presbyterian Church - 47 Widder St. E., St. Marys, Ontario

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend this event as stories are shared of the impact Change Her World is having in Northern Malawi!

## Report from Midwest Coordinator— Donna Milbrandt



We are looking forward to greeting you at our table at the...

**2023 Spring Expo**

**Saturday & Sunday  
April 15 & 16, 2023  
Yorkton, Saskatchewan**

Thanks to the volunteers who sold **Rheo Thompson Chocolate** to raise funds for CHW!

A special thanks to Pete Jensen and the employees of Cooper Standard in Stratford who raised \$945.00 through this fundraiser!



If you would like to raise funds for CHW by way of selling **Rheo Thompson Chocolate** at your workplace or business location, please contact: **Lorraine Stevenson at (519) 852-6784 or [lorrainestevenson@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainestevenson@gmail.com).**

# 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
- ◇ Income Generating Activities

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

## From the Board of Directors

The last trip to Malawi by CHW Directors was in 2016. Our usual schedule of visiting every 2-3 years was not possible due to a variety of factors and then of course the planned trip of Malawi visitors here and our subsequent trip to Malawi for 2020, was cancelled due to Covid. Combinations of ensuing travel chaos, health concerns, and budget constraints meant that circumstances did not seem wise for travel. We hope that this coming August 2023, the founding Directors will be able to make the trip to reconnect with all stakeholders and celebrate the opening of the new library.



The newly elected Board of Directors gathered on December 17 for an informal time of conversation and sharing. Rt—Back to Front—Caroline Jensen, Lorraine Stevenson & Heather Browning. Lt—Back to Front—Pat Evers, Shirley Weitzel, Linda Willis & Carol Hamilton-Williams.

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