

## The Passage of Time

**Look who is starting secondary school!** What a joy and full circle moment for the Board and the Canadian supporters of Change Her World.

Soon after Carol, Lorraine and I visited the Nursery School in 2016, the first cohort of little girls graduated. We were sorry it happened after our departure but it marked a milestone... our first graduation class.

This September 2024, those same Nursery School graduates will enter Secondary School in Form 1 and we wish them all the best !

**Top Photos:** Two of the 2016 graduates ready to enter Form 1.  
**Bottom Photos:** 2016 Nursery School graduation.



## Last Call for Chocolate

The Chocolate Extravaganza is winding down... only 60 available! This will be the **last time for this fundraiser** and so ONLY chocolates boxes will be available. Cost is \$20/box and you can order online at [www.changeherworld.ca](http://www.changeherworld.ca) - use General Donation and enter the number of boxes being ordered in the Comment Section.

Pick up will be on November 2, 10:00am until 12noon at the Cambria Professional Centre (parking lot entrance), 386 Cambria Street, Stratford.

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## Asimanye in the Library

In the month of August, our librarian trainee spent mornings in the library with students, helping them to find books, discussing pictures and familiarizing them with the features in the library. We are still awaiting the delivery of more book shelves to complete shelving the books. This order has taken quite a long time to be ready for delivery and requires a trip to Blantyre. New more secure doors for the library will be picked up at the same time. **The community at large has been most welcoming of the library - so much so, that the Chilumba Committee feels the need for more chairs.**



## Girls Empowerment – Planning for the Future

In addition to zone meetings, gathering the Secondary students in Forms 3 & 4 for an Empowerment time is also important. This is an opportunity for current college and university students, as well as recent CHW graduates, to share their stories about their college and university experience. Also, local community professionals attend and offer information

about their varied careers. Often times, the girls may not know what their future career options are. **It is a time to provide encouragement for the girls and reinforce the value in working hard and staying in school.** It has been some time since an Empowerment gathering has been held but hopefully, we will be able to return to this practice yearly.





## Speaking Engagements

**Looking for speakers for your church congregation, social club or educational or business organization?**

Linda Willis and Carol Hamilton are available to share the amazing story of founding, developing and growing the Canadian Registered Charity – Change Her World. Established in 2010, Linda and Carol have been instrumental in impacting the northern region of Malawi, Africa through their joint vision. Be inspired as you hear of their first trip to Malawi in 2006 which impacted them so significantly that they knew they had to do something.

To book the cofounders of Change Her World to speak to your organization or for more information, contact Linda Willis at [l.willis@rogers.com](mailto:l.willis@rogers.com) or call (519) 271-5598.

## Big News!

### New Venue! New Menu!

Our **15th Anniversary Celebration Dinner** April 12, 2025 celebration will offer a new site, new program and lots of prizes and surprises! Please stay tuned!

On April 12, we will hold our celebration at the Stratford Country Club where our initial launch of the charity took place. Please plan

to attend and watch for details in the spring.



## Zone Chair Meeting June 15 in Malawi

As you may be aware, when we started our work in the Chilumba area, our target area was divided into 6 zones with a zone chair and a committee of 10 people in each zone. **These people are the backbone of the organization in many ways** as they identify the neediest and most vulnerable in their particular area who would benefit immensely from support.

Two of these zones were quite large. Because it is a very rural area involving walking long distances, often over rough terrain, these particular zones have since been divided into an A and B zone. First to do this was Fulirwa Zone and more recently, Mazungamika Zone. Each Zone Chair was given a bicycle to help in travelling. Their primary function is to gather the

names of the needy in their assigned zone, identify those needs and then channel that information through to the main committee at the Office/Library in Chilumba. The committee in turn relays it to the Board for consideration and action. These people met in June at the CHW Chilumba Community Library for just these purposes. Below are photos of this most recent gathering.

As the complement of girls and women increases, more efficiency in following the progress of the girls is needed as well as tracking the other activities which have been done in the respective zones i.e. wells, school roofs, hostels, pig and goat projects.





# Underwear Update!

**On Thursday May 15 we officially reached, and exceeded, the goal of 20,000 pairs!** Deliveries from Jackie Schidmt from London and Evelyn Arthur from Browns United Church helped us exceed the goal! The number of girls and women's underwear shipped as of June 2024: 20,189 pairs! Quite a milestone!

**We did it!**

Thanks to everyone who brought underwear to the dinner and to those who have handed it to us at various occasions and in a variety of venues!!!

Heading for 25,000 thousand pairs! We can do it! Yes, we can!



# Help Needed



Do you have a penchant to be part of Social Media? Do you check, FB, X daily and enjoy posting pictures and videos and expanding your following? **If so, Change Her World is looking for some assistance in this area.** If this work speaks to you, please contact Linda Willis at [lwillis@changeherworld.ca](mailto:lwillis@changeherworld.ca) or 519-271-5598

# Shipment

On May 31, CHW sent 23 totes to Chilumba, our smallest shipment to date. High shipping costs have been influential in this part of the charity work but we strive to send the most needed items – sanitary protection, birthing kits, medical supplies and the nutritious food to the Nursery School.



*Above, thank you again to Station 1 firefighters for helping to load the shipment.*



*Unloading the shipment at the library in Chilumba.*

# Fundscrip

## Fundscrip: A Great Fundraising Strategy for Change Her World At No Cost To You!

Do you frequently purchase groceries at Sobeys, Zehrs, Food Basics, Loblaws, or No Frills? Do you enjoy eating out at Swiss Chalet, East Side Marios, McDonalds or Wendys? Is a coffee or tea at Tims or Starbucks one of your weekly relaxing activities?

Purchasing gift cards for over 100 restaurants and retailers in Canada through Fundscrip will allow Change Her World to receive a donation at no cost to you. For example, if you purchase a \$100.00 gift card for Walmart – 3 % (\$3.00) is donated to Change Her World. Just go online to [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) to view all the various retailers that you can purchase from.

**Important Payment Notice:** Do not use your credit card for purchase due to a 1.99% fee being withheld from Change Her World's donation - earning us next to nothing on purchases. Rather, use one of the e-transfer options at check-out (no fee charged). At checkout, you can use (at a fee) Canada Post or courier for shipment of your cards right to your home.



Live in the Stratford area? You can place your orders with our Fundscrip Coordinator Carol Hamilton at (519) 949-8701 or [chamilton@changeherworld.ca](mailto:chamilton@changeherworld.ca). Christmas Deadline for orders through Carol: November 26, 2024.

**When you combine purpose with passion you are pretty much unstoppable**

# Mid-West Regional Coordinator's Report



All those residing in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are invited to stop by the Change Her World Display Booth at the 2024 Grain Millers' Harvest Showdown! Show runs October 31 to November 2, 2024 at the Yorkton Exhibition Fairgrounds 455 Broadway Street, W. Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

We hope to see you there as we celebrate the amazing work of Change Her World.  
– Donna Milbrandt

## Donations for Change Her World Are Greatly Appreciated!

TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

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

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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)

*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.*

**Charitable Registration No. 81600 9252 RR0001**

# 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**

## Board of Directors Message

Looking toward our **15th Anniversary Celebration** in April arouses excitement for the Directors, a sense of satisfaction and a feeling of immense gratitude. The Board is grateful to all of you who continue to place girls' education at the forefront of your charitable giving, even through the tough times of COVID.

The work of Change Her World is expanding. There are challenges to meet, new horizons to greet and innovative projects to explore. The administration aspect of the charity in Chilumba has grown. There is much information to track and record. Our volunteer committee has done yeoman's work over these 15 years.

Year 16 in Malawi will be a time of re-birth, re-organization and reimagining the future for the people of the Chilumba community and for the work of Change Her World.



**CHANGE HER WORLD**  
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