

## **Ottawa Grandmothers To Scale Mt. Kilimanjaro**

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From Ottawa to the top of Kilimanjaro. That's how far four local women are willing to go in their bid to raise \$50,000 for grandmothers caring for Aids orphans in Africa.

Three of the four women are grandmothers including one great-grandmother. So leader Gisele Lalonde Mansfield says they feel a kinship with African grandmothers, who having just had to bury their adult children who died of Aids, are now having to care for their grandkids with little or no income.

She says all proceeds from her campaign will benefit the Stephen Lewis "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" Campaign. You can donate by going to [gigiclimbskili.com](http://gigiclimbskili.com) or by calling (613) 720-4599.

Due to their age, Lalonde-Mansfield expects it will take them eight days to climb the over 19,330 foot Mount Kilimanjaro. They embark on their adventure in October.