

**For Immediate Release**  
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**NO MOUNTAIN TOO HIGH  
FAMILY FUN FAIR & BBQ  
IN AID OF THE STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION'S  
GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS CAMPAIGN**

**Ottawa, Canada** - Excitement rules at the **NO MOUNTAIN TOO HIGH family fun fair and BBQ!** Our very own Emily Vinette - 2005 Canadian Idol Top 10 Finalist will open our Idol Competition. A special guest artist, all the way from British Columbia, will perform her latest hit CD for the first time live in the Ottawa area. Not to be missed are talented local artists Missy Burgess, Kate & Hollis and Linda Grenier who will showcase their talents to prove to all our young and upcoming performers that dreams do become reality – Dare to dream, dare to share, dare to be happy!

Aspiring up and coming talents from the Elaine Hunter Dance School and the West Carleton School of Performing Arts will dance their way right into your hearts. The Crazy Soles, a group of community minded social line dancers, will hit the stage a number of times over the course of the day. For one special performance they will partner with the Bytown Boots. If West Coast Swing is your thing, come watch Four-Play, four couples trading partners as they dance.

Come to vote and encourage our very own 'Gigi Climbs Kili' Idol competitors – could the next Canadian Idol see their debut on our stage? Bobby T's DJ Service will keep the ball rolling with his extensive library of music, including your favourite karaoke tunes to sing along with.

Try your luck at any of our many games of chance to win a variety of prizes or any of the many door prizes, silent auction and raffle items. Stroll through our marketplace, food court or sit and relax in the beer and wine tent. All proceeds from this fundraising event go to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

Five Ottawa area women: Gisèle Lalonde Mansfield, Trudy Stephen and Barbara Carriere-three grandmothers; Liza Badham-a great-grandmother; and Tina Cuerrier-a 'wannabee' grandmother are climbing Tanzania's Mt. Kilimanjaro in October 2007 to raise awareness of the plight of the African grandmothers who are being faced with raising their grandchildren, after having buried their own children who have died of AIDS. IMAGINE that these destitute and despairing grandmothers have very few resources in a world where survival is a daily challenge. To alleviate some of their pain and suffering and help them ensure a future for their grandchildren, we have pledged to raise at least \$50,000 by October. We are almost halfway there with over \$24,000 in donations already in the hands of the Stephen Lewis Foundation helping to support over 170 grassroots' projects in 14 countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

"Africa's grandmothers are not victims --- these women are heroes to be looked up to and revered." says Gisèle Lalonde Mansfield, founder of the group. "These women bear the weight of an entire continent and do it with humility, grace and love beyond our wildest imagination."

Lalonde Mansfield proclaims "However, small my role I will be able to hold my head up proudly and say that I did all that I could to help. But mostly I pray that my actions will help and never hinder these wonderful women and their suffering children. And may the fruits of my efforts be distributed to the most needy and vulnerable; the grandmothers and orphans of Africa."

The **NO MOUNTAIN TOO HIGH family fun fair and BBQ** will be held on June 30, 2007 from 10 AM to 7 PM at the Dunrobin Community Centre. Advance admittance tickets are currently on sale at \$8 per person or \$20 for a family of 3 or more. Admittance tickets on the day of the event will be \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of 3 or more. Discounted tickets for seniors (65+) or groups of 10 adults or more are also available immediately at \$7.50 each.

The web site is [Gigi Climbs Kili for Family](#). For further information, please call Trudy at 613-828-9313. See also Don Butler's article in the Ottawa Citizen - [No Mountain too High](#).

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