

Good Afternoon Everyone,

I thought I would just put a quick note together to bring all of you up to date. So many of you have shown me through your words and actions that all my efforts are worthy and appreciated, that I'll take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your help, kind words of encouragement and support, participation in past and future fundraising events and of course your very generous donations.

The fundraising kick-off BBQ that was held on July 8<sup>th</sup> raised \$4,049.35. We had a wonderful day and a lot of fun was had by all who attended. We're planning a much larger BBQ for next year at the Dunrobin Community Centre that will be open to the public. If we can raise over \$4,000 with only a few family, friends and neighbours --- imagine what we can do if the entire community is involved.

CBC informs me that the documentary (of which I have a small bit part) is scheduled to air on August 10<sup>th</sup>. It will run in the back half of the National (unfortunately I can't be more specific as final line-up times will not be known until air time), 10PM on the main CBC channel and also on Newsworld at 9PM the same evening. If you have a chance to watch it, I would love to hear your thoughts.

On August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the Grandmothers Gathering in Toronto hosted by the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which will give me the opportunity to meet some of these wonderful African heroines and hear their stories first hand. I will also get to meet other grandmothers like myself who have created groups across Canada to support their peers in Africa. I am sure that these will be extremely emotional and heart wrenching days but I hope to bring their stories home to all of you to help us understand their needs and what we can do to help make their life easier and increase their chances of surviving the horrors of the HIV/AIDS African pandemic.

Our next fundraising event is a Line Dancing Workshop sponsored by The Crazy Soles at the Churchill Community Centre on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Since I've never tried line dancing, I will only be joining the beginner class. Why don't you join me? Register early for the day's workshops or simply come out for the evening's dinner, dance, raffle and silent auction. Hall capacity is limited to 150. The Crazy Soles have generously donated all proceeds to the '[Gigi Climbs Kili for Family](#)' for the Grandmother's Campaign.

If you or anyone you know has any ideas for future fundraising events, I am always open to suggestions and will participate in any way that I can.

Have a safe and happy long weekend... Gigi