

Brookbanks for African Grannies

Brookbanks for African Grannies is a group of women from Parkwoods UC, Jubilee UC and other United Churches. Our purpose is to raise awareness and funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support Grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren because their adult children have died of HIV Aids.

We have been in existence since 2006 and have had numerous events to accomplish this goal. We raised money by having a one woman play by Rita Deverell, raffled off a quilt, and had a number of small individual dinners. Some women also make jewellery and dolls to sell. In 2009 a dinner was held to celebrate the life of our friend Ann Davies and in the fall, an English tea. We have attended several meetings including the International Aids Conference in 2006 where African Grannies travelled to Toronto to tell their stories and raise awareness. The last regional meeting in fall of 2009 was attended by some of our members. In all we have raised thousands of dollars for the SL Foundation while having some good fellowship in the process.



Our plans for 2010 are to attend the Toronto walk to support African Grannies, to host individual dinners, and to host an African dinner event in order to raise more funds.

We are always happy to have more members. Please telephone Parkwoods or Jubilee United Church and leave a message that you are interested in joining Brookbanks grannies, and we will respond quickly.

**To learn more about the Stephen Lewis foundation please look at the website
www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/**