



# Grands 'n' More Winnipeg

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### Links to Grands 'n' More Winnipeg:

[Webpage](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Online Store](#)

[Instagram \(Grands 'n' More\)](#)

[Instagram \(Art From the Attic\)](#)

### Member Meetings:

February 19, 2026

April 16, 2026

June 18, 2026

All meetings are from 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
in the large hall.

Riverview Community Centre  
90 Ashland Ave.

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Note: Survey p.3

### Community is at the Heart of the Impact we Support.

We support holistic approaches as the key to fostering real change in people's lives.

Our CLO (Community Led Organizations) partners restore well-being and dignity for people in their communities. Through a holistic approach, they help individuals to build resilience and networks of mutual support. They strengthen the bonds that connect people by nurturing family relationships, and by facilitating child, youth, and granny groups, as well as through community programming. They are committed to gender equality, defending human rights, and working toward a more equal and just future.

(Excerpt from SLF Impact Assessment Framework)



Young Women's Campaign Against AIDS, Kenya | Photo Credit: Alexis MacDonald/SLF

## January Co-Chair Report

Happy New Year to all our Grands 'n' More Winnipeg friends. We hope that you had a happy and healthy holiday season and are ready to face 2026!

Now that we have all had a chance to recover from a very busy and successful fall for Grands 'n' More Winnipeg, it is time to put our hearts, minds and talents into making sure this year to once again increase our financial support for the African grandmothers who rely on our support.

Our first awareness presentation will take place in February when we have the opportunity to speak with the Women's Institute, a group of '60' something women interested in our group. If you know of other organizations or church groups that you may have contact with, please mention that we would be happy to make a presentation to their group. These awareness presentations are an excellent way to not only share our story, but they help to recruit new members and volunteers.

The focus for Grands 'n' More Winnipeg going forward needs to be on recruiting new members and encouraging members to take on leadership roles to ensure new ideas and energy. It remains important that we change and evolve and keep creating a sense of community within Grands 'n' More Winnipeg. We are never too old to step out of our comfort zone and tackle something new, so please consider where you can lend your time and talents.

As reported, we sent a record \$51,189.00 to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, thanks to our merchandise committee, a very successful AFTA, the scarf program, and individual donations. The merchandise committee continues to be creative and successful in their efforts to raise funds and awareness, and we look forward to their continued success. Let's work together to have even a greater impact for our African grandmothers this year!

Do not hesitate to contact Sharon [twilleys@gmail.com](mailto:twilleys@gmail.com) or Patty [pgriff140@gmail.com](mailto:pgriff140@gmail.com) if you are interested in more information on how you can get more involved in leadership. We look forward to seeing you all at our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*-Patty Griffith & Sharon Twilley  
Co-Chairs*

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## GRL Report: January 2026

There have been no new developments since my last report, but planning continues for the 20th anniversary celebration in Ottawa on September 22-24. The Campaign staff are looking for responses to their survey about attendance by group members, in person or virtually, and suggestions for workshops. I am also happy to help communicate your thoughts and ideas for the celebration.

I found that the message to donors from Meg French, the Foundation's Executive Director, at year end was a particularly compelling one, and we can see the hands of the grandmothers connected to SLF partner organizations in all the successful efforts she describes. Some excerpts follow:

*You have helped our partners to support children to go to school, grandmothers to grow climate-resilient crops, survivors of violence to heal, women and girls to become economically empowered, activists to defend health and human rights, and communities to access stigma-free HIV prevention and care. You help ensure that those on the frontlines of the response are never alone.*

*This year has reminded us that we are living in a moment of both crisis and possibility. The HIV movement has always taught us that progress is never inevitable; it is created through courage, persistence and unwavering solidarity. And while the strength and resilience of communities and activists continue to inspire us, we know that their bravery should never be a substitute for political will, shared responsibility or justice.... Human connection, compassion, and solidarity must continue to guide us... Stay engaged.*

I hope 2026 is good to all of us!

-Sharon Twilley

Hello Grandmothers and Grandothers,

As most of you know the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Grandmothers Campaign is next year and we are excited to celebrate this event with you. The plan is to have a National Event to be held **Tuesday, September 22 to Thursday, September 24, 2026**, in Ottawa for those who can attend in person and virtually for those who can not. Please take a moment to complete this survey for us to get a better understanding of the number of in-person attendees, possible workshops and more.

Your participation is greatly appreciated and we hope you will be able to join us in person to celebrate this massive milestone.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZSD8968>



-Thushika Rajendrakumar, Development Officer, Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign