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--Save the Mothers November 2016 e-Newsletter--

Canadian Dinner and Auction *delivers*



Record amount raised

It has become a critically important fundraiser for Save the Mothers. On Friday, November 18, 230 friends and supporters gathered for *Jazz It Up*, a beautiful evening of delicious food and fantastic entertainment in North Toronto, Canada. More than 200 items (everything from artwork to vacations to restaurant gift certificates and tickets to sporting events) were auctioned off. Canadian broadcast journalist Steve Paikin (from TVO) was emcee and Matt Penthouse did a fabulous job of being the auctioneer.

The event took place because of the dozens of volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make it happen. Whatever their contribution - large or small - we are grateful for each one them. Our thanks to:

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Together, they put on an event that raised more than 140-thousand dollars for the work of Save the Mothers in East Africa. (See photos by volunteer event photographer Darryl Chapman here.) Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made this outstanding result possible. If you weren't able to attend the event but would like to donate to our fall fundraising campaign, simply click on the button below.

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Doubly proud

Late last month, another six students joined the ranks of graduates from the Save the Mothers Master of Public Health Leadership program at Uganda Christian University.

They celebrated with staff and faculty, families and friends. Among the family members present were two new babies, one born on *the day before* her mother's graduation.

Congratulations, graduates! And congratulations to the new mothers! May you take your degrees, knowledge and skills back to your respective communities and use them well to save the lives of women and their babies.

MORE GRADUATION PHOTOS

Here *and* there



Calling all Game Changers

Communications director and co-author of *The Game Changers*, Patricia Paddey, spoke last month to women's groups at Sheridan Park Alliance Church in Mississauga, Ontario (Canada) and at Kingsview Free Methodist Church in Etobicoke, Ontario about the work of Save the Mothers. Former STM Intern Victoria Shaw spoke to the women at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Parry Sound, Ontario. Our thanks to all three groups for their interest in Save the Mothers and for their kind donations.



Debating the use of TBAs

In the midst of a busy season of campus tours, lectures, and assignments last month, our first year Ugandan class took part in a debate on the use of traditional birth attendants (TBAs).

Students learned that while **many East African**



Travelling the Road2Hope

Save the Mothers' board chair Mary Harvey (pictured above, centre) and volunteer chaplain Diane Reader Jones (above, right) and others spent several hours over several days staffing the booth at the Hamilton Marathon Road2Hope earlier this month. Still others ran to raise funds for our work.

Such events are important for raising awareness of the problem of maternal mortality, and visibility and support for the work of Save the Mothers.



Field Trip

First year students also took part in a **field trip to the Women and Infants programs at Mulago National Referral Hospital (at the Kawempe hospital site) in Kampala.**

Twenty-eight students participated in this

women rely on TBAs for help during labour and delivery, a TBA's lack of training and medical knowledge makes them a risky choice for mothers and their babies.

component of the *Foundations for Safe Motherhood* course. Students were asked to identify whether the Pillars of Safe Motherhood were present at the hospital, and to learn about some of the challenges facing staff at the large facility.

On the blog *and elsewhere*

A Game Changer talks about her book, "The Game Changers"

In this video, STM executive director Dr. Jean Chamberlain Froese talks about the significance of Save the Mothers' work, her own work, and the work of the hundreds of students and graduates of the Save the Mothers program who are bringing about systemic and cultural change throughout East Africa.

Change for the sake of change isn't always positive. But change directed at bringing about societal transformation so that lives will be saved, cannot be seen as anything other than good.

WATCH VIDEO



Small acts of caring

This is a lovely story about how small acts of caring (on the part of STM volunteer chaplain Diane Reader Jones) changed the life of one young woman, and promises to leave a legacy that will result in saving the lives of mothers and babies for years to come. By journalist Thomas Froese, published in The Hamilton Spectator.



Meet a graduate

Jane Mulumba Nabunnya, 47, is a journalist and policy analyst who graduated from Save the Mothers' Master of Public Health Leadership (MPHL) program in February. Communications intern Fortunate Kagumaho brings us this interview.

When *learning* leads to action



"When I started the course, I became so emotionally touched. ... I had always known that mothers were dying, but I learned that they were dying because of bleeding and infections, carelessness and delays."





Virginia Plan

School director. Graduate of the Save the Mothers program. *Game Changer.*

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