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gogos



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Press Release

Local Pub Night Raises \$7000

With the help of local merchants, a group of Delta grandmothers has raised in excess of \$7,000 with a pub night and auction at the Riverhouse Pub. "It's been extraordinary," relates organizer Hilary Sanders. "The local merchants jumped right in with merchandise for the auction and we had a lot of help from Louise at the Riverhouse Pub as well." Musicians Andreas Basson and Shaun Van Der Westhuizen, now locals but both South Africa born, had bidders up on their feet – dancing and bidding!

There was a fabulous range of auction items from the practical to the luxurious. While most items went to silent auction, the live auction elicited healthy bids for an autographed Vancouver Giants Jersey, two rounds of golf at a prestigious course, an extraordinary hand-quilted wall hanging, a custom-made retractable screen door, and a hand-painted garbage can by artist Jim Bavis. Most useful item auctioned? No doubt four hours of "Handy Husband" services!

The organizers are part of the South Fraser Gogos, a group of local women who raise funds, raise awareness and advocate on behalf of African grandmothers. With 13 million orphans in Africa, robbed of their parents by HIV/AIDS, their grandmothers have taken on the burden of raising this next generation. Old, impoverished, and often in poor health themselves, the African grandmothers cannot do it alone.

That is where the South Fraser Gogos and 170 similar groups across Canada come in. All funds raised are donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation for use in projects that benefit the African grandmothers.

With the successful pub night and auction behind them, the South Fraser Gogos are now focusing on the sale of greeting cards. These beautiful cards feature a graphic of a mother and child with the word "Peace." They are appropriate to all faiths and all occasions, but particularly useful during the coming holiday season. The production and printing of these cards has been fully donated by Kits Graphics. They sell 12 for \$10. The cards can be viewed and ordered through www.lifewellspent.com/gogos.

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