

DARE TO DINE

October 17-25, 2009

STAND UP IN SOLIDARITY



The Grandmothers' National Advocacy Committee asks you to stand – for a moment – in silent solidarity with grandmothers in Africa and the children in their care.

October 16th is World Food Day and October 16th-18th are days on which the United Nations asks people around the globe to stand up in support of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

So, this is a perfect opportunity to remember those in need.

Once everyone is standing, you can read the following statement or one like it:

Grandmothers and the children in their care in sub-Saharan Africa face hardship and challenge beyond what many of us in Canada face. Most live in extreme poverty, and deal with inadequate medical care, educational opportunities and an absence of financial security. Often they face food shortages and don't know where the next meal will come from. Despite these seemingly overwhelming challenges, grandmothers and their families and communities in sub-Saharan Africa stand up in defiance of despair. They have hope and they are Turning the Tide of AIDS in Africa.

Before we partake in the delicious food in front of us, please join me/us to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in sub-Saharan Africa.

Silence

May those who are hungry be fed and may we who are fed hunger for justice.

Invite your guests to be seated and enjoy your dinner together!

You can find out more about standing up at: www.standagainstopoverty.org.

