



## REPORT TO General Committee

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**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Barbara Nanninga – EA to Mayor & Council

**PREPARED BY:** Barbara Nanninga – EA to Mayor & Council

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 6, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Sponsorships – If I had a Million Dollars Gala –  
Wednesday, May 3, 2006

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That tickets be purchased for Councillors wishing to attend the “If I had a Million Dollars Gala” for the Stephen Lewis Foundation on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. The event will be held at Le Parc, Richmond Hill. Costs will be charged to account 840 8415840, not to exceed \$3000.00.

**PURPOSE:**

The event is a fundraiser for the York Region Committee supporting the Stephen Lewis Foundation fighting HIV/AIDS.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Platinum Sponsor - \$10,000  
Gold Sponsor - \$5,000  
Corporate Sponsor - \$2,500  
Individual tickets - \$150.00

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Invitation

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'B. Nanninga', written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Nanninga  
Executive Assistant to Mayor & Council



If I had a million dollars...

The York Region Committee in support of the  
**Stephen Lewis Foundation**  
Easing the pain of HIV/AIDS in Africa

I'd ease the pain of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

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Wednesday, May 3, 2006  
Le Parc Banquet Hall, Richmond Hill

04 December 2005

Dear Mayor Cousens

We want to thank-you once again for your sponsorship of the **"If I Had A Million Dollars" Gala** on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> last year. You joined our sell-out crowd of over 1100 people who celebrated International AIDS Day by "broadening the borders of their compassion".

On that one day alone **Town of Markham** helped us raise over \$150,000 and became an important partner in our York Region-wide campaign to raise awareness about the AIDS pandemic and to help ease the pain of HIV/AIDS in Africa through the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

In the past year, the number of grassroots initiatives assisted by the Foundation has grown to over 60 in 12 countries. You helped to provide care to women who are dying, and to assist orphans and AIDS affected children. You also supported associations of people living with HIV/AIDS so that the courageous men and women who have openly declared their status can educate themselves and share information with the broader community on prevention, treatment, care and the elimination of stigma.

Due to the success of this sold-out event, we have been asked to provide another similar opportunity for the community to show it's support and continue to raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

This will be our final Gala event, your last chance to join with concerned York Region businesses and residents who want to send a meaningful message of compassion and assistance to a distant community in desperate need. With the assistance of school students, church groups and service clubs, we are approaching the **half million dollar** mark in our campaign. **"If I Had A Million Dollars"** is a becoming a reality, but only with your continued support.

Last year, **Town of Markham** was a sponsor at the level of **\$1,500**.

We are writing to invite you to match or surpass this generous support. On Wednesday May 3, 2006, The **York Region Committee in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation** would be honoured to include you, once again, at this important community event.

#### **Recognition of your participation continues**

Recognition of your participation in the event and awareness raising continues long after the event programs have been taken home. Rogers Cable produces an hour-

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long special with event highlights. This is broadcast in rotation across the GTA for months afterward. Media participation and public relations efforts are a key component of our planning. Literally dozens of articles have covered our various events over the last two years and the Gala garners sizable press coverage due to its sweeping involvement and the community spirit that it represents.

### **Special Salute to Youth and the Education Sector**

This year, we have a special salute to the youth and education sector of the region. Schools, teachers, parents and most importantly students, have come together in an unprecedented wave of compassionate support. Stephen Lewis exclaimed at a recent Woodbridge High School that "the support from schools in York Region is simply unparalleled". Thousands of students have bought bracelets, organised fundraisers, held walk-a-thons, learned African music, written to African pen-pals, attended informational assemblies and shown that they are part of a Character Community – one that empathizes with those in need and can rally to their support. At the time of this writing, several hundreds of thousands of dollars had already been raised by the education sector of York Region.

Our dedicated group of volunteers is working diligently to ensure the success of the Gala Dinner. However, we rely on the generosity of many individuals and organisations like yours to make our campaign goal a reality. ***We trust that we can count on your support for this event.***

Once again, the format of our evening is a reception, dinner, musical entertainment and silent auction. Stephen Lewis and Steven Page will be our Special Guests and Steve Paikin is once again our MC. All donors will be acknowledged that evening in the printed program and event signage – where advertising space may also be acquired.

***Don't delay, last year we sold-out to over 1100 attendees.***

Please contact us if you would like to obtain further information on attending the **"If I Had A Million Dollars" Campaign Gala Dinner**. Ticket prices and sponsorship package offers are described in the attached pocket folder.

Sincerely,



Steve Falk  
Co-Chair



Mary Anna Beer  
Co-Chair

# Our 2nd Event! You're Invited!

## Help Us to Support

### The Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Over 1000 people celebrated this event last year - come join us again this year for an unforgettable evening that will help ease the pain of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Our campaign goal is to raise awareness of the tragic HIV/AIDS situation in Africa and motivate and inspire the people of York Region to assist those in most dire need.

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## Gala Dinner Committee

**Belinda Stronach M.P. Honorary Chair**  
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Sylvia Belicki-Jones, Dean Bodkin, Paula Cook,  
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Mary Ellen Ledbury, Heather Lostchuck,  
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# Let's Had A Million Dollars Gala Dinner

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

*Le Parc* 8432 Leslie Street  
(at Hwy #7) Richmond Hill



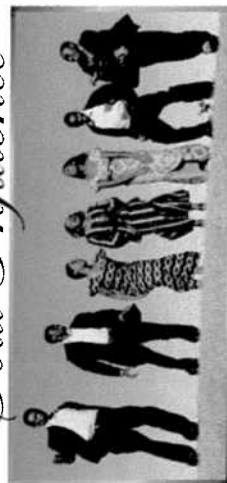
**Special Guest**  
*Stephen Lewis*  
**Director,**  
**The Stephen Lewis Foundation**



**Special Guest Performer  
and Campaign Patron**  
*Steven Page*  
**of The Barenaked Ladies**



**Master of Ceremonies**  
*Steve Paikin*  
**TVO Host**



**Special Performance**  
*Soul Influence*

**Reception and Silent Auction 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm**  
**Business Attire**

*Yes, I'd like to help.*

☐ **Platinum Sponsor \$10,000**

☐ **Gold Sponsor \$5,000**

☐ **Corporate Sponsor \$2,500**

OR

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table(s) of 10 @ \$1500**

OR

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ individual tickets @ \$150**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your seating preferences. I wish to be seated with:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to

"Stephen Lewis Gala Dinner"

And mail c/o Cathy Gapp,

40 Manning Cres., Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6H4

Or contact her at 905-853-3178

[gapp@sympatico.ca](mailto:gapp@sympatico.ca)

I am unable to attend but wish to make a donation  
in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

My cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Please make cheque payable to

The Stephen Lewis Foundation.

## ***The Stephen Lewis Foundation***

The Stephen Lewis Foundation received its charitable status in early May of 2003. As of July 1st, 2005, the foundation funds over sixty initiatives in twelve countries.



The Foundation's grants are not large by international standards, but the money is going directly to the grassroots, directly to the communities which desperately need support.

### ***The Foundation's purpose is threefold:***

- 1. Provide care at a community level to women who are dying, so that their last weeks, days, hours are free from pain, humiliation and indignity;***
- 2. Assist orphans and other AIDS-affected children, in every possible way, from the payment of school fees to the provisions of food;***
- 3. Support associations of people living with HIV/AIDS, so that the courageous men and women who have openly declared their status can educate themselves and share information with the broader community on prevention, treatment, care and the elimination of stigma.***

***Get a sense of the kinds of projects that the Foundation supports,***

***These 4 recipient projects demonstrate the wide range of potential for support:***

#### ***The Umoyo Girls School in Lusaka, Zambia***

*This is one of the best girl's empowerment schools in southern Africa. All of the girls are orphans, aged 14 to 17. They learn to deal with the trauma of loss, to be confident, especially about their own sexual and reproductive rights, and to absorb serious academic studies.*

#### ***WOFAK: Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya***

*Over 300 women, the great majority of whom are HIV-positive, do home based care for the sick and the dying, as well as looking after orphans.*

#### ***Catholic AIDS Action, Windhoek, Namibia***

*Support for this wonderful organization allows them to pay school fees for 500 orphans, and to provide food and psycho-social counseling.*

#### ***Reach Out Mbuya, Masaka, Uganda***

*Counseling, testing, healthcare, orphan care, supporting grandmothers, and making sure that many of the clients whom they serve have some sort of income-generating project in order to guarantee future security.*

*Visit the Foundation's website for complete project listings.*



*Visit the websites:*

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***Your Invitation to the***

***Helped A Million Dollars Gala Dinner***

***York Region is helping to ease the pain of HIV/AIDS in Africa***

***Special Guest***

***Stephen Lewis***

***Director,***

***The Stephen Lewis Foundation***

***Wednesday, May 3, 2006***

***Le Parc, Richmond Hill***



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