



H A R A M B E E

Dr. Jane Philpott, Founder of Give a Day to World AIDS

Dr. Jane Philpott is the founder of the “Give a Day to World AIDS” movement. The initiative was launched at Markham Stouffville Hospital and continues to grow in the medical, legal and business communities. Since 2004, under Dr. Philpott’s direction, the effort has raised about two million dollars to help those affected by HIV in Africa. Dr. Philpott is recognized as a leader in combining her professional career with her work as a social activist. For her work as a humanitarian, she recently received the Casey Award. This award was established in memory of June Callwood and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated lifelong values of pioneering leadership and compassionate commitment on behalf of others.

Dr. Philpott studied medicine at the University of Western Ontario. She completed a Family Medicine residency at the University of Ottawa and a Tropical Medicine fellowship in Toronto. She worked in Niger Republic, West Africa from 1989 to 1998 where she practiced general medicine and developed a training program for village health workers. In 2005, she worked with “Médecins Sans Frontières” during a food crisis in Niger.

Dr. Philpott is currently Chief of Family Medicine at Markham Stouffville Hospital. In this role, she is developing one of the newest sites of the University of Toronto’s Department of Family & Community Medicine. This unit will begin training new family physicians beginning in July 2010. The Markham site has been designed by Dr. Philpott to offer an innovative, value-added feature to the Family Medicine residency with a longitudinal focus on global and intercultural health.

Dr. Philpott is representing the Department of Family & Community Medicine in an international partnership between the University of Toronto and Addis Ababa University known as the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration (TAAAC). In this capacity, Dr. Philpott is consulting in the introduction of specialty training in Family Medicine in the country of Ethiopia.

Dr. Philpott has been invited to speak in a wide range of settings over several years because of her advocacy work in global health and social justice. She has effectively inspired thousands of Canadians to join her in responding to the AIDS pandemic. Her story has been told in newspapers and magazines and on radio and television.

She and her husband have four children.

A message from Jane - My Big Dream!

I am a doctor in the Toronto area. I have spent half my medical career working in Africa where I have seen the devastation caused by AIDS.

I'm thrilled to see how Give a Day to World AIDS is growing! It shows that Canadians want to be part of the solution for the AIDS pandemic.

It's been said that a lack of international political will is the missing ingredient in solving the AIDS pandemic. But how will that political will be built? It will happen when large numbers of everyday citizens persuasively demonstrate their commitment to global AIDS.

A massive global injustice is occurring. We must respond. Give a Day is a great way to show compellingly that we care. I dream that every Canadian will acknowledge World AIDS Day by giving one day's pay to help those affected by AIDS.

Please challenge your colleagues to join in the effort. Talk to everyone you know about the AIDS pandemic. Tell them how they can help. When we all work together on behalf of the whole global family, our resolve will be unmistakable. We want to see the end of AIDS in the world.

Please, Give a Day.