

# What's a Harambee?



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A **Harambee** [hah-RAHM-beh] is a Swahili word meaning “all pull together”, or put simply, a “party with a purpose”. In the tradition of many East African countries, these community events have long been important ways for communities to pull together for a common cause.

**Give a Day** to World AIDS is a grassroots movement that proposes to recognize **World AIDS Day**, December 1<sup>st</sup>, each year, by giving one day’s income to an organization that is directly involved in the fight against AIDS in Africa. Recipient organizations are **Dignitas International** and the **Stephen Lewis Foundation**.

In the tradition of East Africa, a **Give a Day Harambee** is a gathering of supporters, talking, listening to great African music, sharing and learning about what they can do to be part of the solution to HIV/AIDS in Africa. It’s an opportunity to come together to do some good.

Hosting a Harambee is easy and hundreds of Canadians take part each year. Visit [www.giveaday.ca](http://www.giveaday.ca) to access our **Harambee Toolkit** and get your own Harambee planned.

Here are some other Harambee tips:

- Once you decide on a day and time for a Harambee, the next step is to choose the venue. The possibilities are endless – yours or a friend’s home, your office, a neighbourhood restaurant, bar or café, or any other venue of your choice.
- Invitations can be extended to colleagues, family, and friends. At the Harambee, all guests are encouraged to give a day’s pay to recognize World AIDS Day. Having a laptop available is a great idea so people can donate online to either or both of Give a Day’s two recipient organizations.
- Participants are encouraged to take photos of their Harambee, which can be posted on the Give a Day blog and on our Facebook page.

For more information, please go to [www.giveaday.ca](http://www.giveaday.ca) and click on “Host a Harambee”.