

Revolution

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effects of the medications she takes leave her feeling exhausted, but Betty continues to work in the school, clinic and homes of Kangoma.

The smile of Cherry Matimuna, a gifted nurse and loving spirit, and the grace and strength of her special friend, Towela, are always with Carla.

Her list goes on and on. Carla's intention was to help them, but they, in turn, have enriched her life beyond measure.

"I picture the beautiful children in their blue shorts and checked shirts," she said. "I see Davey Zimba, a beautiful man with a kind soul. I see 15-year-old Mary, who loved to paint, grew stronger each day and looked beautiful in her nightgown donated by a fellowship member. I wonder about them and all of the other patients who touched our hearts in Kabwe."

Carla and her colleagues have been encouraged by the response to their efforts, not only in Zambia but also in Southern Illinois.

"The people of Southern Illinois have joined in the effort by (giving) donations, paying school fees for orphans, asking questions and spreading the word about the pandemic," Carla said. "We have also been involved in planning candle-light services for the Southern Illinois HIV/AIDS community and providing support and assistance as we are able."

On Sat., Feb. 13, the partnership is sponsoring a benefit concert and silent auction to raise funds for this worthy cause. The event will be held at the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, 105 North Parrish Lane. A wine and finger-food reception and silent auction will start at 6:30 p.m. The auction contains items from Africa as well as donations from local artisans.

At 8 p.m., the award-winning activist musicians, emma's revolution, will be taking the stage. Their song "Peace, Salaam, Shalom," has been called the anthem of the anti-war movement. The duo of Pat Humphries and Sandy O. consider their music to be an expression of their love for what is possible.

"We are all challenged by difficulties and disappointments, and we celebrate the triumphs and achievements of everyday life," they said. "As activist musicians, our work is to bring those events and issues not just to people's minds, but to their hearts and bodies, through melody, harmony, rhythm, rhyme and humor."

Emma's revolution took their name from a citation attributed to political anarchist Emma Goldman: "If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution." In that spirit, Pat and Sandy have brought their own devotion to truth, hope and a little healthy irreverence to hundreds of peace and justice events nationally and internationally over the past eight years. Pat's performances number in the thousands over her 30-year

career.

Among their accomplishments, emma's revolution performed at the First Inaugural Peace Ball in 2009 and Sing Out the Vote Ohio in 2008. They also performed for a record 500,000 people at a rally in Washington, DC.

"We are motivated by the belief that every one of us has the power to make the world better, whether it's in our communities or on the next continent," they said. "We are continually inspired by the people and organizations we work with around the world like the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship's partnership with Ranchhod Hospice and Orphan Care in Zambia.

"Through the commitment and determination of one woman in the fellowship, this partnership is doing on-the-ground work to bring hope and humanity to the lives of women, men and children living with and dying from AIDS.

"We are also inspired by musicians who've come before us doing this work, like Pete Seger and Holly Near, who are both friends and supporters of our music. We are lucky to have experienced our music making a difference in people's lives," they said. "People tell us how they've used our songs in their homes, churches, synagogues, schools and to mark the milestones of their lives."

All proceeds from the concert and auction will go to assist both the Zambian HIV/AIDS partnership and local HIV/AIDS services. Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door (\$10 for



Debby Czarnopys-White, a member of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, has visited Zambia twice and has started a project to sew and send nightgowns to the AIDS patients and dolls to the children.

students). However, no one will be turned away if they can't afford to pay. All are welcome.

Come out and show your support for this important work.

Get your tickets for the *Zambian HIV/AIDS Benefit Concert and Silent Auction* by calling the Carbondale

Unitarian Fellowship at 529-2439, Carla Feldhamer at 201-4947 or Kathy O'Laughlin at 529-7808. You can also get information online at cuuf.net/programs/Zambia/Zambia.html. For more information on emma's revolution, go to emmasrevolution.com.

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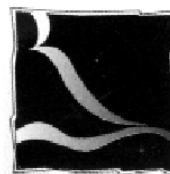
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