



March 2019 NEWSFLASH

2018 Tax Receipts

Sincere thanks to everyone who made a donation to INSPIRE!africa in 2018. Tax receipts have been sent to all who made a donation. If you did donate in 2018 and have not received your tax receipt, please send an email to Jae Cowie: jaecowie@yahoo.ca

INSPIRE!africa 2019 Fundraiser

We have set the date for the 2019 Fundraiser. Mark your calendars for **November 14, 2019**.

INSPIRE!africa Supports Youth Survivors through a Helpline

INSPIRE!africa has been supporting the Helpline since it was established by our partner organization SURF in 2013. It supports youth survivors with outstanding legal disputes or suffering from trauma and provides them with access to counseling and legal services regardless of where they live.

The Helpline has grown from a small pilot telephone-based service to an innovative, all-encompassing legal and counselling support service. This is one of the only free and accessible services for youth survivors who lack resources to take their legal cases to court or lack the ability to find someone to talk to about mental health issues. In addition to providing telephone-based support, the Helpline also has field staff who provide support to clients through legal education and orientation, advocacy and representation in court.

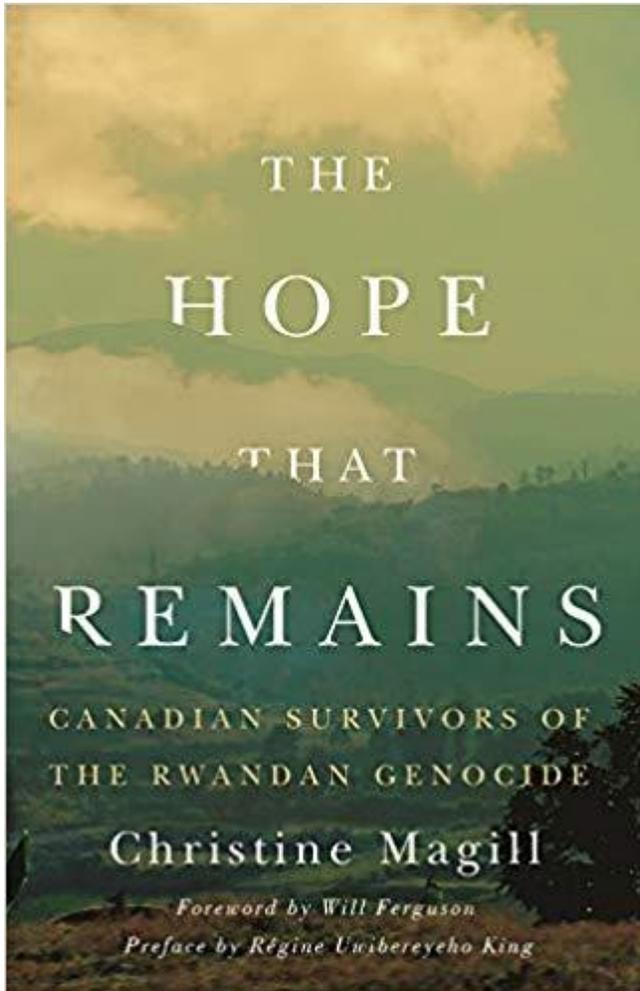
Since the establishment of the Helpline, the project has supported 991 youth with legal issues and has resolved 371 cases. The value of the resolved cases is estimated to be over \$750,000. In addition, the Helpline has provided counselling to 287 youth, and oriented a further 623 cases to other service providers.

This powerful short film illustrates the remarkable work of the Helpline, thanks to INSPIRE!africa. <https://youtu.be/hw8ZxlZiwxs>

- Volunteer coordination

Time commitment: Up to 10 hours per month from September to end of November

The Hope that Remains: Canadian Survivors of the Rwanda Genocide



A new book written by Calgarian, Christine Magill, will be released this April and includes the testimony and journey of several survivors from the Calgary Rwandanese community.

Twenty-five years after the Rwandan Genocide the scars are still very real. Rebuilding and coping with the trauma remains an emotional struggle. Despite their horrific pasts, the survivors share feelings of hope, forgiveness, and a belief in a better future. They demonstrate the strength and courage it takes to leave the known behind to seek a better life in a new country. Their journeys to Canada contain humorous moments, thoughtful insights, and an overwhelming love and pride for the nation they now call home.

The book is available for purchase on Amazon and at Chapters and will also be sold at the 25th Commemoration of the Rwandan Genocide (see below) A portion of the proceeds will support survivors.

25th Anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda

Join the Rwandan Canadian Society of Calgary at The 25th Commemoration of Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda

1994 - 2019

Saturday, April 13th 2019 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Wright Theatre at Mount Royal University

4825 Mt Royal Gate SW, Calgary

Featuring speakers:

Dr. Tim Gallimore is an academic and mass media consultant. He was the Spokesperson for the Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda where he worked from 2004 to 2008.

Rangira Béa Gallimore, Ph.D., is the founder and former president of Step Up! American Association for Rwandan Women. Dr. Gallimore is an Associate Professor Emerita at the University of Missouri—Columbia where she taught for 25 years, and continues to do research on women and violence. Her co-edited book with Dr. Gerise Herndon titled [*Art from Trauma: Genocide Beyond Rwanda*](#) will be published by the University of Nebraska Press in its Spring 2019 collection.

Additional information <https://www.rwacalgary.ca/>