

10th Anniversary of the
ratification of the
Ottawa Treaty

Host a Meal and Change the World



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HOST KIT



Dear Dinner Host,

The Canadian Landmine Foundation would like to thank you for joining us for this year's special Meals For a Mine-Free World. The name of this event has been changed from Night of A Thousand Dinners to reflect our commitment to making the world safe from landmines in ten years.

2009 marks the 10th anniversary of the day the Ottawa Treaty banning the production, use and trade of antipersonnel landmines became international law. Now the challenge is to clear the landmines. That is where you come in. The world will be a better place because you have decided to help solve the landmine crisis. As a participant, your support and efforts are crucial in ending the devastating impact on communities around the world.

You are MAKING a DIFFERENCE!

Over the last year, thousands of Canadians across Canada raised over \$200,000 which went to projects in Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia and toward the training of 9 mine detection dogs – three of which were deployed to Afghanistan in honour of young men killed there. Your support has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of the poorest - most disenfranchised - people around the world.

This year, the Canadian Landmine Foundation is focusing our Night of a Thousand Dinners campaign on helping Bosnia and Herzegovina and other countries to become mine safe as quickly as possible. To do this, we will be funding two particular programs with the proceeds from N1KD:

- A significant demining project in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Canine Demine - Be the TOP DOG! Raise the most money for a mine detection dog (MDD) and you get the opportunity to name it. Demining dogs speed up the work of demining by about 10 times.

What's in the HOST KIT?

We have put together this "host kit" to help you plan and implement your event. In it we are sending a new DVD assembled by former President and CEO, and now volunteer, Scott Fairweather. We have also provided some educational materials for you to share with your guests and our popular 'pick me ups'. Please photocopy the pledge forms to suit the number of guests you expect. We ask you to please take the time to complete the attached Feedback Form so that we can work to make next year's event even better.

Share with US!

Please send us stories and pictures from your event and let us know which project you would like to support. We hope you will enjoy your dinner knowing that you and your guests are contributing to solving the global landmine crisis. Thank you again for your invaluable participation in this important global humanitarian event.

Best Wishes and *Bon Appétit!*

P.S. If you are unable to hold an event we ask that you provide a small donation to cover the cost of providing this host kit.



Sample recipes from mine affected countries

BOSNIAN FRIED AUBERGINE

Ingredients:

1 large aubergine (eggplant)	flour, oil, parsley, salt, black pepper, 1 clove garlic
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1. Peel the aubergine and slice it into 5mm thick discs.
2. Soak them in salty water for 15 minutes.
3. Squeeze the liquid out and dip them in flour.
4. Fry them in oil until golden brown and soft.
5. Garnish with chopped parsley leaves and finely chopped garlic.

BOSNIAN TUSAHI

Ingredients:

6 cooking apples	500g sugar
200g walnuts, finely chopped	200g whipping cream
100g sultana or golden raisins	

1. Peel and core the apples.
2. Mix the walnuts and the raisins.
3. Arrange apples on a baking dish, and fill with the walnut mixture.
4. Dissolve the sugar in 1 litre of water and pour over the apples. Bake until the apples are soft.
5. Bake 350 degrees F for 45 to 50 minutes.
6. Serve cold with whipped cream.

CROATIAN BLACK GRAPE APPETIZER (MANTALA OD GROZDJA)

Ingredients:

4 gallons Grapes (for 1 gallon juice)	2 c Sugar
1 1/2 c Whole wheat flour	1/2 c Lemon juice
1/2 tsp Nutmeg	

1. Crush grapes until you have a gallon of juice; strain and cook boiling until 1/2 liquid is left.
2. Add slowly 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour, stirring constantly over low flame.
3. Add 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg and 2 cups sugar before flour. Add lemon juice.
4. Pour into 9 x 13-1/3 x 2-inch deep pan. Let cool in pan 2 days.
5. Slice in 2x3 inch squares. Serve with drinks. Makes 18 squares.

MOZAMBICAN STRING BEAN SOUP (Sopa De Feijao Verde)

Ingredients:

1 1/2 quarts water	2 teaspoon salt
3 large potatoes cut in chunks	2 medium tomatoes cut in chunks
2 large onions	1 lb fresh string beans cut across in thin slices.

1. In a 3-quart saucepan bring to boil water. Add salt, pepper, potatoes, tomatoes and onions.
 2. Simmer for 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
 3. Puree through a sieve or food mill. (It should be a thin puree.)
 4. Add string beans.
 5. Simmer for about 10 minutes until beans are tender.
 6. Correct the seasoning. Serve in bowls.
- Serves 8.



MOZAMBICAN SQUASH SOUP

Ingredients:

1 – 2 lb. squash, peeled and cubed	1/8 tsp. black pepper
1 bay leaf	1 tsp. fresh ginger, grated
4 or 5 garlic cloves, crushed	¼ tsp. curry powder
1 tbsp. onion, minced	1/8 tsp. turmeric
1 tbsp. oil or butter	1/8 tsp paprika
1 tsp. salt	2 tbsp. lemon juice

1. Peel, cube and boil the squash, drain and mash.
 2. Return squash to cooking water. simmer gently, adding the bay leaf.
 3. Meanwhile, sauté the crushed garlic and the onion in oil or butter.
 4. Combine the remaining spices and add them to the butter mixture.
 5. Sauté over low heat for 5 - 10 minutes until flavours have blended well.
 6. Spoon a little of the squash liquid into the skillet with the spice/butter; stir, and then pour into the soup pot.
 7. Add water, or broth to make about 6 cups and stir in lemon juice to taste.
- serves 4 - 6.

SANCOCHO DE GALLINA (COLOMBIAN CHICKEN SOUP)

Ingredients:

1 and ½ quarts chicken stock	1 t Cumin
1 Yucca, peeled and cut into 1"x1"x1" pieces	1 bunch Scallions, 1 bunch cilantro
2 Plantains, peeled, halved, and each half cut into three long pieces.	1 t Cumin
2 Red Potatoes, peeling optional, cut into chunks	1 bunch Cilantro
3 whole Chicken breast, skinned and quartered with bones left on	Roux (2 T all-purpose flour and 2 T butter, mixed)
2 Lemons, juiced	Salt and Pepper

1. In one cup of chicken stock, simmer scallions, cilantro, and cumin for a few minutes.
2. Set it aside till cool, then process it into a smooth, green-colored flavoring element to be added to the final soup.
3. In the remaining 1 and ¼ quarts of chicken stock, simmer the quartered, skinned chicken breasts.
4. Skim from time to time throughout the hour-long cooking process.
5. Once the chicken starts to simmer, add cut-up, peeled yucca, and cut-up potatoes.
6. About half hour from completion time, add cut-up plantains.
7. Ten minutes before completion time, add the processed scallions-cilantro-cumin, and the juice from 2 lemons.
- 8: Then make the roux and microwave for 30 seconds.
9. Add roux to "bind" the soup, stirring to mix it well. Add salt and pepper to taste.

VIETNAMESE BAKED FISH

Ingredients:

4 fish fillets	Topping
Oil for basting	2 tablespoons finely chopped lemongrass
	3 small red chillies, finely chopped
	2 cloves garlic, minced
	1 tablespoon oil
	1 teaspoon salt
	½ teaspoon caster sugar
	½ teaspoon turmeric

1. Mix together topping ingredients.
2. Oil oven tray and place fish fillets close together.
3. Spread topping evenly over fish fillets.
4. Grill under preheated moderate grill for about 15-20 minutes (depending on thickness of fish) until cooked.
5. Baste with oil during cooking time to prevent toping drying out.



CAMBODIAN SWEET AND SOUR TOFU SALAD

Ingredients:

2 tablespoon vegetable oil	1 tablespoon tamarind concentrate
1 garlic clove, crushed	1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 pound tofu (bean curd), cubed	1 tablespoon tomato puree
1 onion, sliced	1 tablespoon light soy sauce
1 carrot, cut into julienne strips	1 tablespoon chili sauce
1 stick celery, sliced	2 tablespoon sugar
2 small red (bell) peppers, cored, seeded and sliced	1 tablespoon white vinegar
8 ounce snowpeas, trimmed and halved	pinch of ground star anise
4 ounce broccoli, trimmed and divided into florets	1 teaspoon cornflour
4 ounce thin green beans, halved	1 cup water
2 tablespoon sweet soy sauce	

1. Heat the vegetable oil in a large, heavy-based frying pan or wok until hot.
2. Add the crushed garlic and cook for a moment.
3. Add the tofu in batches and stir-fry over a gentle heat, until golden on all sides. Remove with a slotted spoon and keep warm.
4. Add the onion, carrot, celery, red pepper, snowpeas, broccoli and green beans to the pan and stir-fry for about 2-3 minutes
5. Add the oyster sauce, tamarind concentrate, fish sauce, tomato puree, soy sauce, chilli sauce, sugar, vinegar and star anise. Mix
6. Stir-fry for a further 2 minutes.
7. Mix the cornflour with the water and slowly add to the pan.
8. Add the fried tofu. Stir-fry gently until the sauce boils and thickens slightly. Serve the salad immediately, warm.

AFGHAN LAMB WITH SPINACH

Ingredients:

2 1/2 lb lamb stew meat, preferably leg	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/3 cup olive oil	32 oz. can tomatoes; drained & chopped
3/4 lb onions; diced large	1 cup rich brown veal stock or 1 cup rich beef stock
4 tsp. garlic; chopped	1/3 lb. fresh spinach; washed & drained
2 tsp. turmeric	1/2 cup yogurt
1/4 tsp. nutmeg	1 Tbs. lemon peel; grated
1/4 tsp. cardamom; ground	Salt to taste
1 tsp. (or to taste) red pepper; crushed	1/4 cup pine nuts

1. Pre-heat oven to 350° F.
 2. Sear lamb in the olive oil in a cast-iron skillet or Dutch oven.
 3. Add the onions; sauté them for 2 minutes; then add the garlic and sauté it for 1 minute.
 4. Put in the turmeric, nutmeg, cardamom, crushed red pepper and cinnamon and sauté the mixture for 1 to 2 minutes more, being careful not to burn the onions or garlic.
 5. Add the tomatoes and veal stock and stir.
 6. Cover the dish and bake at 350° F. for about 1 hour, until the meat is tender and begins to break up.
 7. Remove the dish from the oven and add the spinach, stirring until the spinach is wilted and blended in.
 8. Allow the stew to cool slightly. Add the yogurt, lemon peel and salt to taste. Sprinkle with roasted pine nuts.
- Yield: 4 to 6 servings. Serve over rice pilaf.

AFGHAN CHICKEN KEBABS

Ingredients:

1 Cup Yogurt	1 1/2 tps salt
1/2 tps ground red or black pepper	3 cloves garlic; finely minced
1 1/2 lbs. Boneless, skinless chicken breasts (cut into kebobs)	3 Tomatoes, sliced
2 Onions; sliced	Cilantro to taste
2 Lemons or 4 Limes; quartered	Flatbread such as lavash, pita, or flour tortillas

1. Mix yogurt, salt, pepper and garlic in a bowl. Mix chicken with yogurt and marinate 1 to 2 hours at room temperature, up to 2 days refrigerated.
2. Thread chicken on skewers and grill over barbecue. Place bread on plates (if using tortillas, toast briefly over flame), divide meat among them, top with tomato and onion slices and cilantro and fold bread over. Serve with lemon or lime quarters for squeezing. Makes 4 servings.



Dinner party (fundraising) games

These games are great fun – but with the inclusion of small fines (a dollar – or two depending on the wealth of your guests) you can raise a lot of money over the course of an evening while still having a great time. The games and fines will take away any embarrassment you might feel about asking your friends for money!

Silent Auction: A great supplement to the dinner fund raiser is a Silent Auction and Wine Tasting. You could make arrangements with a local Wine Boutique to have wine reps offer samples of their products. Hosts get donations of items for the Silent Auctions from various sources.

50/50 Draw: Sell tickets to guests and the winner takes half the purse and the other acts as a donation.

The "No" Game: Every guest at the party is given a paper tag hanging from a string loop that they wear around their neck. The game can be played throughout the party while people mingle.

The object of the game is for people to ask other guests any question they want in order to try and get a no for an answer. If a player gets a no from another player, the player who answered no has to give the 'asker' his or her tag. If you have lost your tag or tags you can still play and ask questions.

At the end of the game period or the end of the evening the person with the most tags wins a prize.

The person with the fewest tags has to pay a fine (whatever you think is appropriate) to clear landmines and help landmine survivors...

Fun and a good-icebreaker.

Plate landmines: Put a sticker with a skull and crossbones drawn on it under a couple of dinner plates. When everyone has sat down ask people to see if they've become a mine victim.

Those that have get fined (indiscriminately) to raise funds to clear real landmines and help real landmine survivors. If you do this for every course – try and make sure you get different guests – otherwise someone could end up very poor by the end of the evening!!

Plates: On small strips of paper write a usable phrase and place the piece of paper under your dinner guests' plates. The phrase could be "My parents breed crocodiles" for example.

When everyone is seated, ask your guests to privately read their phrase and to fit it discreetly into the dinner conversation. See who notices if something is out of whack!

Hint: it helps to select phrases that might suit the group of guests; i.e. politics, religious topics, family related topics etc.

You can make it competitive by making it a race to see who says their phrase last – the last person is fined to clear landmines and help landmine survivors...

Celebrity Couples: If you are looking for an icebreaker this game is guaranteed to get people talking!

On arrival at the party, each person has a post-it note (or similar) stuck on their back without them seeing what it says. The post-it notes have been pre-written with the name of one half of a celebrity couple on each one.

The aim of the game is to find your partner without knowing who you are!

You can ask other people yes or no questions about your identity, until you have guessed who you are and can find your partner...

- Starsky and Hutch; Laurel and Hardy... the opportunities are endless.



Name Game: Each person has to say the name of a famous person. The person to their right then has to do the same but the name must start with the first letter of the surname of the previous name mentioned. This continues around the table/group.

Rules:

- The same name cannot be mentioned more than once (which gets a bit tricky the more you drink and the longer it goes on for)
- If the famous name has the same start letter for first and surname then you change direction around the group.

E.g. If I were to say Minnie Mouse (moving to the right) the person to my left would have to say the next name. (This could also be a double letter name (Marilyn Monroe) in which case it would come back to me!

Fines should be paid if people:

1. Pause
2. Repeat a name
3. Can't answer
4. Answer instead of someone else
5. Don't realise it is your go and need prompting

Press Conference: A person is sent out of the room while those remaining behind decide who or what this person is going to be.

When the person returns, everyone begins to ask him questions pertaining to his persona as he tries to guess who or what he is. The fun is in making the questions as creative as possible and in the person answering the questions he's given.

For example if you could make someone "Darth Vader."

Questions might be along the lines of :

"What is your favourite colour?"

"Do you have respiratory problems?"

"Describe your relationship with your offspring."

"Is it true that you're known to have a bit of a temper?" etc.

The person who is Darth doesn't know it and might answer "Pink", "Occasionally", "Warm and affectionate", and "Oh, no. I am as meek and gentle as a lamb."

This can get very funny.



Landmine Information Sheet

What is an anti-personnel mine?

According to the 1997 Treaty to Ban Anti-Personnel Mines (a.k.a. Ottawa Convention, Ottawa Treaty, Mine Ban Treaty), an anti-personnel mine is "a mine designed to be exploded by the presence, proximity or contact of a person and that will incapacitate, injure or kill one or more persons".

Why are anti-personnel mines illegal under international humanitarian law?

1. They are indiscriminate. They cannot tell the difference between the footsteps of a child and those of a soldier. There are an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 new landmine casualties a year. 76% of the casualties are civilians and 34% are children.
2. They last long after wars are over.
3. The harm caused by anti-personnel mines is disproportionate to their military value.

What are the most severely mine-affected countries?

Afghanistan, Colombia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Somalia and Sudan. The Landmine Monitor Report finds that 78 countries in the world are affected by landmines or unexploded ordnance (UXO). From country to country, there is a huge difference in the levels of contamination and in how mines affect development.

Despite the enormous scope of the problem, there has been significant success in dealing with landmines over the last ten years.

In 1996, Canada challenged the world to eliminate landmines. Lloyd Axworthy, Canada's then Foreign Minister, issued the challenge that changed the effort to ban the weapon dramatically and in doing so created a new method of dealing with humanitarian crisis called the Ottawa Process.

In 1997 122 States signed the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-personnel Mines promising an end to the use of this perverse weapon, the destruction of stockpiles, clearance of mined areas, assistance to mine victims and mutual aid in achieving these goals.

In 1999 the Ottawa treaty became international law.

In 2009 156 States are party to the Convention and another 2 have signed the Convention but not yet ratified. Millions of mines have been destroyed and clearance efforts are taking place throughout the world. In a number of countries the level of anti-personnel mine casualties has fallen dramatically.

- The use of anti-personnel mines has decreased dramatically since the Convention was adopted. The Convention's norm of non-use of anti-personnel mines binds 156 States. In addition, the norm of non-use has enjoyed acceptance among many States not party to the Convention. The Landmine Monitor 2008 has reported a decline in the use of anti-personnel mines even by States not party to the Convention.
- The production of anti-personnel mines has also decreased significantly, with 38 nations having ceased production, including 5 States not party to the Convention.



- The legal trade in anti-personnel mines has virtually halted worldwide. Most States not party to the Convention that possess anti-personnel mines have export or transfer moratoria in place (e.g. China, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Singapore, South Korea, United States).
- States party to the Convention have destroyed a total of over 37.2 million anti-personnel mines. All States whose stockpile destruction deadlines have occurred have reported completing their destruction programmes.
- Fifty-one States party to the Convention have indicated that they have mined areas that must be cleared. Guatemala, Suriname, Costa Rica and Djibouti - have already reported completion of their clearance obligations.
- Since the adoption of the Ottawa Convention in 1997, more than US\$1 billion has been invested in mine-clearance, stockpile destruction, victim assistance and other mine action activities by States party to the Convention. Of this amount, more than US\$190 million has been generated by mine-affected States Parties themselves.
- Most importantly, the number of new mine victims has fallen. The International Committee of the Red Cross has found that where the Convention's norms and requirements are being respected and implemented, the annual number of new mine victims has fallen significantly, in some cases by two-thirds or more.

Despite the successes mentioned above great challenges remain. The coming five years will be critical.

The landmine crisis is far from over. Millions of anti-personnel mines continue to threaten populations around the world, claiming thousands of new victims each year, and impoverishing communities. Vast tracts of valuable land remain unusable due to the presence of anti -personnel mines.

One of the Treaty elements is the commitment to remove all landmines from the soil within ten years of ratification. Mine affected countries continue to need the support of the international community.

At the 9th meeting of States Parties in Geneva November 2008 mine clearance deadline extensions were requested and granted to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chad, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Jordan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Senegal, Thailand, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

What remains to be done to have a "mine-free" world?

- Ensuring full and universal ratifications to the Convention;
- Destroying all stockpiles
- Removing landmines in the ground;
- Ensuring that survivors and the families of victims get the physical and psycho-social care they need.



Landmines: True or False?

- 1) There are millions of landmines in the world today.

TRUE. There are millions of landmines still in the ground in approximately 75 countries. Our program countries are some of the most mine-affected in the world. The threat of one mine is enough to immobilize a village, and only one to kill or maim.

- 2) Some of the most mine-affected countries include Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Colombia, Croatia, Mozambique and Vietnam.

TRUE. Your donations are clearing landmines, providing mine risk education and providing survivor assistance in these countries.

- 3) Landmines killed or maimed in 35 countries last year.

FALSE. According to the Landmine Monitor, people in 68 countries were hurt or killed by landmines and other unexploded bombs.

- 4) Mines kill or maim an equal number of fighting personnel and civilians.

FALSE. 76% of the victims of landmines are civilians and approximately 34% are children.

- 5) About 100 countries have signed on to the 1997 Ottawa Convention banning landmines.

FALSE. In fact many more have signed – over two thirds of the nations on earth have joined the Convention. As of October 2008, 157 have signed and 156 have ratified the Ottawa Convention. On March 1st 1999, the Convention entered into force making it the most rapidly ratified international treaty in history.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is *Meals For a Mine-Free World*?

Meals For A Mine-Free World (formerly called *Night of A Thousand Dinners*) is an event that helps to raise awareness of the global landmine crisis and to raise funds for mine action. Individuals, families, friends or groups host dinners in their homes, offices, or with others in their community. Instead of guests bringing wine, flowers, or dessert, they are invited to make a donation.

Launched in 2001, events have been held in over 50 countries around the world, with tens of thousands of participants raising millions of dollars for mine action. *Meals For A Mine-Free World* provides a rare opportunity for individuals, businesses, and community-based organizations to directly participate in solving a global problem.

By participating, hosts and guests help to clear minefields, save lives, share information, and provide essential resources for survivors of landmines explosions. In many countries, mine removal is the first and vital step toward a clean and productive environment, enabling civilians to reclaim their land from the terror of landmines, rebuild their economy, and regain their lives.

When is *Meals For A Mine-Free World*?

There are two key dates for participation: December 3rd, recognising the signing of the Ottawa Treaty; and March 1st commemorating the day that the Ottawa Treaty became international law. On these special evenings, tens of thousands of individuals around the world will join their friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues in their homes, restaurants, community centers, and other venues to have dinner and raise funds for mine clearance and survivor assistance. However, it should be noted that the event is flexible enough to allow participation whenever it is convenient to the Host.

How are the funds raised used?

Net proceeds from *Meals For A Mine-Free World* are used to fund mine action projects. Projects include mine clearance, mine risk education for children, survivor assistance and mine detection dog training.

Are donations tax deductible?

Yes, we will issue tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more. Please make cheques payable to **the Canadian Landmine Foundation** or submit a pledge card with your contact information if you are donating by another means.

How do my guests get tax receipts?

Guests who use the convenient online credit card payment system will have their tax receipt emailed to them. Guests who submit their donation at the dinner will receive their tax receipts by mail.

Please note the Host's name so the donation can be credited to their dinner.

Where do I send the donations collected at my dinner?

Canadian Landmine Foundation
c/o Financial Services, University of Winnipeg
515 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2E9 *Please ensure that all donations refer to the host's name*

How can I get more information?

To find more information about *Meals For A Mine-Free World* please visit www.clmf.org.



Sample Speeches

We have provided you with two speeches that you might wish to deliver at your dinner. The first speech is for Hosts that are directing their donations to the purchase and training of a mine detection dog. The second sample speech is for Hosts focusing on the significant landmine clearance project in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sample Speech 1 - Canine Demine

For many of us the first memory of the landmine issue was in early 1997 when Princess Diana put on the demining outfit and took the issue from the editorial pages to page 1. In fact, government and non-government organisations (NGO's) had been grappling with the issue for many years. It is a fascinating story. As with any issue, however, it is the human face that is so compelling:

On April 10th, 2000, a 11-year-old girl named Ema Alic and two of her friends were playing in a field north of Sarajevo and they were killed by an antipersonnel landmine. It's tragic when young lives are cut short. It's tragic that they died while they were playing. And it's tragic that Ema didn't die immediately, she suffered for some time. And the people of the area stood on the edge of the field unable to offer aid or comfort - because the children were in a minefield. But what is more than tragic is that the landmine that killed those children was put into the ground as part of a military conflict that ended 5 years before the tragedy occurred.

When wars end the surviving soldiers take their weapons and go home - not so for anti-personnel landmines, they stay in the ground. They are ready; they are waiting. They don't know the difference between war and peace. They don't know the difference between the footsteps of a soldier and the footsteps of a child. They don't wear out.

Witnessing the impact of landmines on civilians, mine action advocacy groups were created in the early nineties pushing governments to ban the weapon. Later a number of these NGOs, joined together to form the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

Following a challenge by Lloyd Axworthy, Canada's then Foreign Minister, on October 5th 1996, the effort to ban the weapon moved rapidly through what is now called the Ottawa Process. When government representatives met in Ottawa on December 3rd 1997, they had developed a comprehensive agreement, called the Ottawa Treaty, banning the production, use and trade of antipersonnel landmines. 122 countries signed the document on that day. On March 1st, 1999 the Ottawa Treaty became international law. Today 156 countries have passed laws making the use of landmines criminal.

Let me put this progress in real terms - before the Ottawa Treaty 34 countries traded in anti-personnel landmines. Today no country is known to have traded over the past four years. Even countries that have not signed are respecting the no-trade approach. The United States has a ban on trade in place; four other countries including Russia have a moratorium in place; China has issued strong policy statements against trade. Millions of landmines in stockpile have been destroyed.

One of the compelling things about this issue is the simplicity of its solution. You remove landmines from the international arsenal and create a finite number; you remove that finite number from the ground.

The Canadian Landmine Foundation has been working since 1999 to raise awareness and funds for humanitarian mine action. One of the original purposes in setting up the Foundation was to provide an opportunity for individual



Canadians to participate in this important international initiative by Canada.

One of the Foundation's activities that has had considerable success is the event you are enjoying tonight, *Meals For A Mine-Free World*. This event, previously called Night of A Thousand Dinners, is the most significant mine action support event in the world. Tonight you are joining with thousands of people across Canada in one of our oldest rituals: breaking bread together. Through *Meals For A Mine-Free World* we are all sharing this activity in the interest of peace. Since its inception in 2001 over 5000 dinners, held in 50 countries, have raised over \$5 million. The list of projects that has been undertaken is truly impressive; including demining, mine risk education and survivor assistance in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Colombia, Croatia, Mozambique and Vietnam.

Tonight the proceeds of this dinner will go toward the Canine Demine program. This is a program that trains mine detection dogs to sniff out landmines around the world. Why Dogs for demining you may ask? These incredible animals are remarkably adept at identifying the location of mines, without coming into direct contact with them. Their sense of smell is so great they can smell an explosive charge up to 20 inches below the surface of the ground. The dogs are especially effective at finding non-metallic or plastic encased mines which are difficult to find using conventional metal detector technology. And they work faster! The dogs speed up the work of manual demining by about 10 times. If a manual deminer can clear 100 square metres per day, the addition of a MDD can increase the rate to 1,000 square metres per day. These dogs save lives!

The dogs are very accurate and the safety level is high. There has never been a Canadian-trained dog killed or injured in the field. The traditional approach to these working dogs had been to purchase puppies and train them for two years. There were a number of cases where dogs trained by this method were injured. The Canadian approach, now practiced by other training facilities, is based on the knowledge that you don't understand the personality of the dog until they are about 18-months old. This approach leads to the selection of only those dogs who are well suited for the work. They are then trained for six months before beginning their work life

If we raise a lot of money at our dinner, we can be the TOP DOG! By being the TOP DOG we will get the opportunity to name one of these exceptional dogs. Remember each mine a dog finds is a life or limb saved.

I believe that the end of the chapter on landmines in our human history will say that every country signed the Ottawa Treaty: production was stopped, stockpiles were destroyed. It will also say that every single one of these dreadful weapons was removed from the ground and that landmines then went the way of myth and legend. This is going to happen. That is not in question. The only thing we are talking about is time: how long is it going to take. The amount of time required is influenced by two things: effort and money.

The hard fact is that somewhere in the world someone is killed or mangled by a landmine every twenty-eight minutes. In some countries fifty percent of victims are children. We must do something about this. We must do something about this quickly so that the next generation of world citizens can walk without fear. Thank you!



Sample Speech 2 – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tonight I want to take you back to a war most of us remember, in a place which is now all but forgotten. From 1992 to 1995, Bosnia and Herzegovina was hell on earth. As part of the general dissolution of Yugoslavia, the multi-ethnic state of Bosnia and Herzegovina declared its independence in 1991. Because of its ethnic composition (with sizable Serb, Croat and Muslim populations) and its geographical location (bordering both Serbia and Croatia) the result was the bloodiest civil war in Europe since the Second World War. Over 200,000 people were killed and close to a million landmines were planted in the ground.

One of the hardest hit areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina was the historic city of Sarajevo. Encircled and entrapped for a 15-month period the citizens of Sarajevo endured an indiscriminate campaign of sniping and shelling that resulted in death and injury to many civilians. There was no safe place in Sarajevo; one could be killed or injured anywhere and at anytime.

Thankfully, in 1995 the civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina ended. The Dayton Peace Agreement was signed by all the combatants and a new beginning was hoped for in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In some ways Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1995 has been going through the same process Canada has been since confederation in 1867. Canada at that time, as John Ralston Saul put in his work "Reflection of a Siamese Twin", was an experiment. The experiment was for men and women of aboriginal ancestry, of French and British heritage, and from diverse cultures around the world, to share this land in peace, in justice, and with mutual respect. Now we know Canada has had its many challenges and bumps along the way, but for the most part the Canadian experiment has worked.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is at the beginning of the experiment. It is trying to put the pieces together. It is trying to bring together different ethnic and religious groups and have them equally represented in one government. The role of President is alternately held by a Serb, Croat and Muslim.

However, there have been many impediments to the peaceful rebuilding of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The greatest challenge is the physical rebuilding of Bosnia and Herzegovina; the greatest impediment to this is the presence of landmines. Bosnia and Herzegovina recognized this challenge and became a State Party to the Ottawa Treaty in March 1999. A key part of the Ottawa Treaty banning landmines was that those who signed, with the help of the international community, would be mine free within 10 years.

While progress has been made Bosnia and Herzegovina it is evident that the country will not be landmine free as hoped by 2009. There are an estimated 220,000 mines and unexploded bombs still in the ground. This fact was highlighted in March 2008 when three people were killed by two landmines in the Bosnian town of Gorazde.

This is a tragic reminder that many mine-affected countries simply do not have the money to meet their international obligation. And the longer it takes the greater the toll - more injuries, more deaths, slower recovery of the country.

This is why the Canadian Landmine Foundation is focusing the *Meals For A Mine-Free World* campaign efforts on Bosnia and Herzegovina this year.



The removal of landmines gives hope to the community. Your participation in *Meals For A Mine-Free World* tonight means we clear minefields and save lives. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, as in many countries, mine removal is the first and vital step toward a clean and productive environment, enabling civilians to reclaim their land from the terror of landmines, rebuild their economy, and regain their lives.

In 2007, the Mayor of Srebrenica wrote to the Foundation to describe the impact that of a Canadian sponsored mine clearance project had on his city. He said "as you are no doubt aware Srebrenica continues to suffer from the presence of landmines left over from the war and it is particularly heart warming for people here to know that friends in far away places like in Canada care about our situation. Although much work needs to be done your generous contributions are making a difference. Every year we clear more landmines, recover more of our land, rebuild more homes and resettle more people. Our safety and security improve and so do our prospects for a better life."

By attending this *Meals For A Mine-Free World* event we signal once again to the rest of the world that Canada has not forgotten; that Canadians are willing to do our part to build a peaceful and sustainable Bosnia and Herzegovina. Canada has faced its own challenges in the past and flourished. With our help tonight, Bosnia and Herzegovina can too. Thank You!



Sample Press Release

EAT AWAY AT LANDMINES (YOUR NAME/GROUP HERE) HOSTS A MEALS FOR A MINE-FREE WORLD EVENT - AN INTERNATIONAL BENEFIT FOR GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(December 3rd, 2008 - Your City) – On March 1st 2009, **(Your date)** area residents will join many others for the *Meals For A Mine-Free World*. Previously called Night of A Thousand Dinners, this is the eighth annual global event. World leaders, celebrities, and caring citizens join together to dine and raise awareness and resources to address the international landmine crisis. Every year, approximately 10,000-15,000 people are killed or maimed by landmines and according to the Landmine Monitor Report, 34% of all mine victims are children.

(YOUR NAME/GROUP HERE) is taking action in these uncertain times to help save the lives of people living in mine-affected countries by hosting a dinner. Our event will be one of hundreds taking place around the Canada and the world to celebrate the signing and ratification of the Ottawa Treaty. This effort is part of the *Meals For A Mine-Free World* - an international initiative by the Canadian Landmine Foundation (CLMF) to address different aspects of the global landmine crisis - from mine clearance to survivor assistance to advocacy work.

The concept for *Meals For A Mine-Free World* is simple: individuals host meals or gatherings in their homes for their friends and family and collect contributions from their guests. Hosts then forward the collected funds to the Canadian Landmine Foundation. The contribution size is determined by the host or donor, and has ranged from \$10 per guest to \$1,000 or more. Registered hosts receive a host kit, which includes a landmine DVD and informational material.

Lloyd Axworthy, former Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister and current CLMF Board member said "Canadians from all walks of life have offered generous support with their time, money and belief that this work will lead us to a world where people can walk without fear."

Meals For A Mine-Free World is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to make a positive difference in the lives of those living in mine-affected communities, while at the same time sharing a meal with loved ones. Every contribution, no matter how little or small, will affect change on a global scale.

"I am excited to play a part in creating a safer, mine-free world," said **(local host)**. " *Meals For A Mine-Free World* enables everyone to make a meaningful difference."

Contact: Dinner Host Name
Phone Number:

Note: To search for community newspapers in your area go to <http://www.ccna.ca/database/>. This is the website of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association (CCNA).



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Mr. Scott Fairweather
President and CEO
Canadian Landmine Foundation
1623 Yonge St
Toronto, Ontario
M4T 2A1
Canada

Dear Mr. Fairweather,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the people of Srebrenica to express our sincere gratitude for all the support the Canadian Landmine Foundation and the Adopt-a-Minefield campaign has provided for clearing landmines from the farms and communities in our municipality.

Pišem Vam ovo pismo u ime naroda Srebrenice da Vam izrazim našu veliku zahvalnost za svu podršku koju su Canadian Landmine Foundation i Adopt - a - Minefield pružili u čišćenju od mina naše opštine.

As you are no doubt aware, Srebrenica continues to suffer from the presence of landmines left over from war, and it is particularly heartwarming for people here to know that friends in far away places like Canada care about our situation. Although much work still needs to be done, your generous contributions, and the help of others like the Canadian International Demining Corps, are making a real difference. Every year we clear more landmines, recover more of our land, rebuild more homes and resettle more of our people. As our safety and security improve, so do our prospects for a better life.

Kao što ste bez sumnje svjesni, u Srebrenici i dalje je prisutan problem prisutnih mina iz rata i ljudima u Srebrenici je posebno drago kada znaju da prijatelji iz dalekih mjesta kao Kanada brinu o našim problemima. Ostaje svakako još puno posla da se uradi, ali Vaš ljubazni doprinos i pomoć ostalih kao što je C.I.D.C., čine stvari drugačijim. Svake godine čistimo sve više mina, oporavljamo našu zemlju, rekonstruišemo domove i vraćamo naše ljude. Kako se bezbjednost i sigurnost poboljšavaju, tako se povećavaju naše nade u bolji život.

Please convey our appreciation to all of your donors, members and staff, and to all of your associates in the Adopt-a-Minefield campaign. We want them to know that their kind assistance is responsible for much of the progress we are making.

Molimo Vas prenesite našu zahvalnost svim donatorima i njihovom osoblju i svim Vašim partnerima u kampanji Adopt-a-Minefield. Hoćemo da oni znaju da njihova ljubazna pomoć puno doprinosi našem napretku.

Yours sincerely,


Abdurrahman Malkić
Mayor




Canadian Landmine Foundation projects recently funded

2009 CIDC \$`19,360

Location: *Afghanistan*

Donor: *Royal Canadian Legion, Canadian Forces, Rotary across Canada.*

Purchase and training of "A Dog named Jimmy", named for Cpl. James Hayward Arnal. The mine detection dog will be trained in Bosnia and transferred to southern Afghanistan. Half the funds were raised at an event organised by Cpl. Arnal's mom Wendy. The event was held on September 26th 2009 at the Officers Mess-17 Wing CFB, Winnipeg.

2009 \$100,000

Location: *Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Donor: *Rotary across Canada, the United Church, the UBC International Student Association, and schools across Canada.*

Support to CIDC's 2008-2009 program of landmine clearance and technical survey in the municipality of Ravno. The project included removal of human security hazards by clearing and destroying landmines contaminating 14,633 square meters of land and confirmation that human security is not endangered by landmines by conducting technical survey operations covering 40,748 square meters of land.

2008 CIDC \$15,360

Location: *Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Donor: *The Rotary Club of Toronto*

Purchase and training of the mine detection dog 'Sapper'.

2008 CIDC \$46,206

Location: *Afghanistan*

Donor: *1 Field Ambulance, Rotary across Canada, Rotary District 7090, NIKD general.*

Donations sponsored the purchase and training of 3 mine detection dogs (MDDs) supplied by the Canadian International Demining Corp named in honour of Cpl. Paul Davis, MCpl. Jeffrey Walsh and Cpl. Andrew Eykelenboom. Once trained, the MDDs will support mine action programs in Afghanistan.

2008 CIDC \$61,606

Location: *Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Donor: *Rotary District 7080, Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore, International Centre for Sustainable Cities, University of British Columbia, schools, NIKD - general*

Donations sponsored the training of 4 mine detection dogs supplied by the Canadian International Demining Corp named in memory of MCpl. Mark Isfeld, and his parents Carol Isfeld and Brian Isfeld. The fourth MDD named Agnes Jane was funded through efforts of one member of the Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore with some matching funds from the Club. Once trained, the MDDs will support mine action programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2008 CAM \$37,089

Location: *Cambodia*

Donor: *United Church in Canada participation in NIKD*

The selection of the minefield is still underway and will be undertaken by priority need based on the threat to human life and the economic recovery of the community.



Feedback/Evaluation Form

Please take a moment to complete this form. Comments from last year were very helpful!

How did you hear about *Meals For A Mine-Free World*?

Did you find www.canadianlandmine.org useful? Please explain why or why not.

Did you find the materials provided helpful when planning your meal and conducting outreach in your community? Please explain why or why not.

Do you have any friends who would be interested in learning more about *Meals For A Mine-Free World* and/or the Canadian Landmine Foundation? If so, please provide their name, address, and email below.

Please share your suggestions for how *Meals For A Mine-Free World* can be improved upon for next year. Use extra sheet(s) if necessary.

Thank you for your feedback. Please return completed form to:

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