

## LENDING TO END POVERTY

by Clare Douglas

n May 8th, Alice Fazooli's restaurant played host to the annual Lend To End {Poverty} fundraiser. On hand to raise awareness were artists such as: Low Level Flight (headed by the first Canadian Idol Ryan Malcolm), Kirsten Jones and Kush. Over 400 guests enjoyed cocktails, live music and a silent auction. "The difference in this event is it has the possibility to make a real difference and not just throw money at a problem," states Malcolm, who was honored to be invited to perform. "It provides people with the means to create their own solution."

A mere \$50 can change a life in Africa – the \$70,000 raised will make a huge difference in over a thousand lives and help change the face of projects aimed at ending global poverty. For more information please visit: thetownshipsproject.org, lowlevelflight.com, kirstenjones.com



is now" states Martha Deacon, founder of The Townships Project a powerful initiative aimed at promoting selfsustainability in Africa through micro-lending. Loans are granted to start new businesses and act as a foundation for personal growth and sustainability. The Townships Project firmly believes in this philosophy and hopes to help millions of Africans break free from poverty within the next 10 years. For more information visit thetownshipsproject.org.

