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SPECIAL FEATURE ORPHANAGE VISIT!

Educational Sponsor Karin Daun visited GUAOA orphanage in April 2022 and had the pleasure of meeting her sponsored child!

Check out page 4 to learn more about her visit.



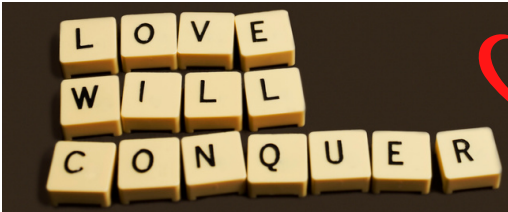
Karin Daun with her sponsored child Ami Bahati. Photo source: Karin Daun.

WE GRIEVE TOGETHER



When the children at GUAOA Orphanage heard of the mass shooting that happened in Buffalo, NY on Saturday, May 14th, they were heartbroken knowing all too well the negative impact such a traumatizing experience can have on one's mental state and community. They gathered for a moment of prayer and created signs to let Buffalo know:

"We are praying for you Buffalo. We love you."



"We cry with you Buffalo!"

"DRC GUAOA - We are Buffalo."



To all Buffalo, NY and Texas sponsors and supporters, we are grieving with you and are praying for change that will prevent similar senseless attacks from happening again.

The following links list available resources and ways to support the impacted families:

Leadership Buffalo www.leadershipbuffalo.org/

Support Uvalde Families: www.npr.org

DRC NEWS

OVER 37,000 DISPLACED

Heavy fighting between the Congolese National Army and M23 (rebel group) has escalated over the last few weeks in the Kivu region of the Democratic Republic of Congo; 12 miles away from the city of Goma where the orphanage is situated.

This conflict has forced over 37,000 people to flee their homes in an attempt to find safety.

Learn more here: www.theguardian.com and www.bbcnews.com.



Displaced Congolese civilians carry their belongings near the border with Rwanda. Photograph: Djaffar Sabiti/Reuters.

GUAOA ORPHANAGE UPDATES

LAND PURCHASE TO FIGHT CHILD HUNGER

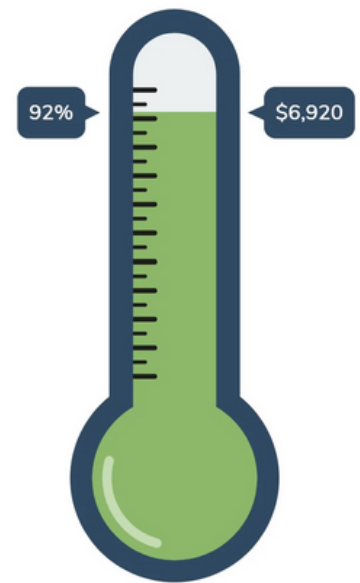
Ripple effects of the Ukraine/Russian war are being felt across the world, negatively impacting the ease of commerce, trade, food security and so much more. We have seen prices for food drastically increase impacting the nutrition we can provide to the orphans at GUAOA Orphanage in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.

We held our first 2022 fundraiser event with a goal raising \$7,500 to purchase a 3-acre plot of land to expand our agriculture vocational training program.

This land will be used to teach the children how to grow crop giving them knowledge and skills that can be used in future employment opportunities. The fruits and vegetables they grow will be used for their consumption, addressing the gap of their nutritional needs. Surplus crop will be used to create revenue for the children's needs and to re-invest into the agriculture training program.

We're only \$580 away from meeting this goal! Join the fight against child hunger by donating here:
www.childadvancement.org/support-us.

GOAL: \$7,500



Scan to Donate!



GUAOA children learning to grow vegetables from a volunteer



Left: Queen | Right: Chaneline

2021-2022 Report Cards

We have received the first batch of 2nd trimester report cards which have been distributed. As we receive additional batches, we will send them out as soon as received.

SPECIAL FEATURE

GUAOA ORPHANAGE VISIT!



Karin greeting a group of orphans.



Karin visiting building purchased in 2021

We're beyond excited that Karin had the opportunity to visit with the children at GUAOA Orphanage, tour their living quarters, meet sponsored children and tour the building we purchased last year to see the ongoing renovations.

Karin has been an educational sponsor since 2020 and has been a strong advocate of ICA, connecting us to much needed resources and support; she introduced ICA to Food For Orphans, a nonprofit organization that has provided monthly funding to feed approximately 60 GUAOA orphans.

Her visit left such a positive imprint on the children; they hope to see more sponsors visiting them in the coming year(s)!

"I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to meet Ami, Pastor Isaac, the other children and many people in the nearby community. I am thankful for ICA and their supporters doing what we can to make life a little better for these orphaned and vulnerable children in DRC. They are living a life that we can barely comprehend but that does not mean we cannot help. I strongly encourage sponsors and supporters to visit the children of GUAOA. Amid the suffering, there are smiles and hope for a better future." Karin Dawn



Karin with sponsored child Dorcas Lusombo



ICA UPDATES

We're looking forward to holding our remaining 2022 events and fundraisers! Interested in volunteering for one of these events? Contact James@childadvancement.org!

2022 Events & Fundraisers

Ongoing: Land Purchase to Fight Child Hunger

July 16, 2022: Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

July 10 - August 13, 2022: Back to School Drive

July 16, 2022: Give716 Fundraiser

November 29, 2022: Giving Tuesday

December 5-17, 2022: Toy & Food Drive



WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING FUNDRAISER

A great big thanks to everyone who attended and supported our April Wine & Chocolate Tasting Fundraiser. It was truly a great time for a great cause!

We would like to Give a special Thank You to our Sponsors and businesses that donated to our online auction. We could not have done it without all of you!!



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Facebook Fundraiser

Have a birthday coming up? Do a FB Fundraiser to help raise money for ICA, minimum goal for each is \$200. The goal is for supporters to pick a month in which they will do their fundraiser and raise money and create awareness for these children and the organization. We still have 3 months left before the end of the year.

Amazon Smile

When you shop at www.smile.amazon.com (or on the app) and select International Child Advancement as your preferred nonprofit, .5% of your purchases will go towards supporting our mission!

Steps to add ICA to your Amazon account:

- Sign into your Amazon account at <https://smile.amazon.com>
- Click "Get Started"
- In the search box, enter "International Child Advancement"
- We are the first one listed - Click "Select"
- Check off "YES" and Click on "Start Shopping"

Get Community Kids Involved!

Coin Jar

Are you a parent, a teacher, school administrator or work in a daycare? Get them involved to raise funds for less fortunate children! Ask your children, school or daycare to keep a jar by a prominent location (near the entrance of your home/office/school/daycare) where visitors can drop their coins.

Encourage children/students to put some coins in. Once it is full, donate that amount to ICA! **Great way to get kids involved!**

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER!

We're forming various committees and could use your help! Do you have management, accounting, project management, event planning, fundraising, administrative and/or communications experience? We would love for you to join our efforts in empowering underprivileged children! Visit our website to see all the different committees [here](#).

Have questions? James@childadvancement.org.



ICA is a Certifying Organization, now able to give out Presidential Service Awards.

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity.

This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Share our social media posts!

Tell your friends and family about us!

Forward our newsletter!

Do a bake sale fundraiser for ICA!

