



# INTERNATIONAL CHILD ADVANCEMENT

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## SEWING PROGRAM CREATIONS

The 15 children in ICA's vocational sewing program worked hard to sew beautiful dresses and skirts for Mentor and Pen Pal Program Manager, Jessica's wedding.

Funds the children made from this order allowed them to buy food, reinvest back into the sewing program, and purchase necessities for their day to day needs.



*"The generous soul will  
be made rich, and he  
who waters will also be  
watered himself"*  
Proverbs 11:25

*Education is a human right with immense power to transform. On its foundation rest the cornerstones of freedom, democracy and sustainable human development*  
 – Kofi Annan



## International Child Advancement News

### Pen Pal Program Partnership with Canisius College

ICA is proud to announce a partnership with Canisius College of Buffalo, NY. We have launched a Pen Pal Program where Canisius students will communicate with GUAOA children.



### ICA Selected to receive a donation from Crowley Webb's Gives Back Committee!

ICA was selected for a donation from Crowley Webb's Gives Back Committee. They raised funds on our behalf to pay the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester tuition for 17 children and to cover uniform and school supplies costs!



### Partnership with Hope for Cancer Kids – Kenya

ICA has officially partnered with the Hope for Cancer Kids; a non-profit organization in Kenya with a mission to provide quality and affordable cancer care for children while creating public awareness about cancer. Our goal is to help them launch an Indoor Therapy Learning Program.



## Donations Needed



We are grateful for the funds raised by the Crowley Webb's Give Back Committee. The funds allowed ICA to cover 1<sup>st</sup> trimester tuition costs for 17 unsponsored children. Since these children are unsponsored at this time, ICA needs assistance to cover tuition for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester so these children can complete the school year. Any amount helps!

Please help us spread the word of this need by sharing our cause with your family and peers to help us continue to raise funds to keep unsponsored children in school.

Donations can be made on our [website](#). Thank you!

## A note from the ICA's Finance Team

We would like to apologize for any confusion with the billing for the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester. The \$40 that was added was optional and that covers your sponsored child's uniform and school supplies so they can have what they need in class and during the school year. Please note that this is a 1-time supplemental donation if you are able during the start of the school year. Your future invoices will reflect only what is due for your child's tuition and a \$3 maintenance fee if you pay online.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and or concerns at 888-901-4551 or [finance@childadvancement.org](mailto:finance@childadvancement.org).

Thank you for your understanding and patience!

The Finance Team

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## GUAOA Child Special Feature

### **Chaneline Bahati**

Chaneline is 15 years old. She is one of the 15 children enrolled in ICA's vocational sewing program launched in 2017. When asked what she wants to accomplish in the future and what impact she would like to have in her country and/or the world, Chaneline answered:

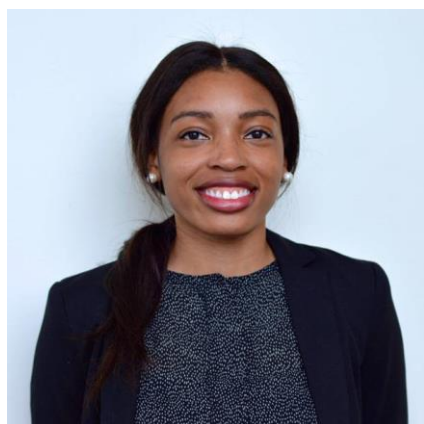


*"I will keep sewing and making clothes forever. I have no money to get me started with a business but at least through the program I am gaining some experience and will continue to improve. I would greatly appreciate help from those that are able so that I can open a big Tailor Shop where I can have modern clothes and material. In my shop I will also train other orphans that live in the Democratic Republic of Congo but more specifically those that live in North Kivu. That is how I will help my country".*



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## Volunteer of the Month (July), Nadia Ogene



Nadia joined ICA in March of 2017, she is a member of our marketing team. Nadia joined us because food security is an issue that she holds close to her heart due to her own childhood experiences. She believes that no family should bear the burden of constantly worrying where their next meal will come from. Nadia chose to volunteer for ICA because she wholeheartedly believes in our mission, and wants to make an impact wherever she can.

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## Volunteer of the Month (August), Alicia Hamilton



Alicia joined ICA in April 2018, she is a member of our marketing team. Alicia joined us because she wanted to be a part of a local organization that directly contributed to improving the lives of children. She enjoys being an ICA team member because it provides an opportunity to meet new people while working towards a common goal. Alicia was instrumental in assisting ICA





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## Pitch 10

ICA was selected as a finalist for the Pitch 10 event in September hosted by United Way of Buffalo & Erie County.

Although we did not win, this allowed us to share with a large crowd who we are and what our mission is. We made some great connections at this event!



ICA presenters left to right: Peter Weber (Board Member), Evelyn Kessler (Founder & Executive Director), Hilary Diodato (Internship Program Manager)

## ChalkFest Buffalo

**Every child is Important!**



September 22 and 23, ICA was present at Chalkfest Buffalo which took place at Buffalo RiverWorks.

Our junior volunteers joined us to help spread the word about ICA! This was a great opportunity for them to work on their presentation skills and network with others in the community.

## Mail to GUAOA

Did you know that you can send mail or a package to the child you sponsor at GUAOA?

If you are sending a package or any correspondence, we ask that you inform us first via e-mail at [info@childadvancement.org](mailto:info@childadvancement.org). This will allow us to alert the orphanage so they are aware a package or letter is on the way.

If you have any questions, please contact us via e-mail or call 1.888.901.4551.



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