



# INTERNATIONAL CHILD ADVANCEMENT

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*“And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.”  
Matthew 18:5*

## FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

### Our April Fashion Show was a huge success!

ICA's first Empowered Fashion Show raised funds to support the children of GUAOA Orphanage. Find out what we were able to do with the profits in addition to tuition payments on page 2.

See news coverage of the event here: [Channel 4 News](#)

See more photos of the event on our Facebook: [International Child Advancement](#)



Left: Angela Christoforus of News 4,  
Right: Evelyn Kessler Founder of ICA



Left: Kate Glaser, Right: Janet Jackson

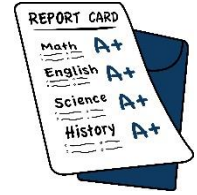


Left: Serah Masika, Middle: Desiree Gibson, Right: Kate Glaser

## International Child Advancement News

### Report Cards

Keep a look out for your children's report cards! The report cards will be distributed by the end of July along with letters from the children to their sponsors.



### ICA Selected to receive free marketing services!

We are fortunate to be one of the local non-profits who have been selected by J. Fitzgerald Group to receive free marketing services from their CreateAthon event.

### Learn more here:

[J Fitzgerald Group - 2018 Createathon](#)  
[WNY Papers News Coverage](#)



*“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he certainly will not lose his reward.”  
 Matthew 10:42*

## GUAOA Vocational Computer Training Program

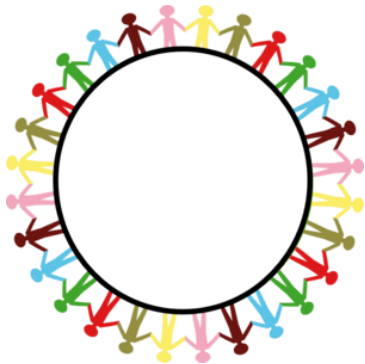


Thanks to funds raised at the Empowered Fashion Show Fundraiser, we are excited to announce the launch of a Vocational Computer Training Program this fall at the orphanage!

We were able to purchase 5 monitors, 5 desktops and a printer.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored and donated to the event! Without you, this program would not have been possible!

More information to come after the program has launched!



## ICA Mentoring Program

We are proud to announce the launch of our virtual Mentoring Program! This program focuses on engaging older teens with young professionals to encourage their personal and career development. The goal is to help our mentees develop a sense of vision for their future through encouragement, self-assessment, self-reflection and affirmations.

*“I hope I can assist you by sharing my skills, knowledge, wisdom and insight on things I have learned as a young woman of African descent. For instance, I learned as a teenager to study lessons, never settle for less, ask questions because even geniuses do this, and be grateful for blessings.”  
 –Tamaría Kelly (to her mentee)*



## GUAOA Child Special Feature

### FIFI AGANZE



Fifi is 12 years old. She is from the Rutchuru Territory which is situated in the Province of North Kivu. Her parents drowned when their boat capsized in lake Vitshumbi as they were out fishing for the day.

She has been at GUAOA Orphanage for over 4 years and has successfully completed 4th grade at EP Pacifique school with a final grade of 66.2%

Fifi was blessed to attend the 2017-2018 school year thanks to a one-time donation, and is currently in need of a sponsor to continue on to 5<sup>th</sup> grade this upcoming school year.



## Interview with ICA Founder, Evelyn Kessler



Evelyn was nominated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row for an Impact Award by Afrimpace Magazine!

The magazine interviewed Evelyn about all the ways International Child Advancement empowers orphans and disadvantaged children.

Within the interview, Evelyn discusses her motivation behind starting the organization, the impact ICA has, and future goals and plans for the organization.

**Read the full article here:**

[Afrimpace Magazine Interview](#)

## 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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## DIY Pallet Party Fundraiser!

We will be hosting a fundraising event with Buffalo Collective. Each attendee will create a 12x12 custom pallet with 10 different designs to choose from.

**When:** August 15th  
6-9pm  
**Where:** North Studio  
4500 Harlem Rd.  
Amherst, NY 14226

Ages 18 & up are welcome to attend.

Spaces are limited! Be sure to reserve your seats as soon as possible. We can't wait to see you there!

See more designs and buy your tickets here:  
[Pallet Party Fundraiser](#)



Every child is Important!



## World Refugee Day



On June 23, ICA was present at Lasalle Park to be part of the World Refugee Day Event.

This was a wonderful opportunity to meet the community and other non-profit leaders.

We gained an educational sponsor and a new volunteer at this event!

## Science Demands Action Festival

On July 14, ICA was present at the Science Demands Action Festival which took place at Canalside.

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.



We're on the Web!  
[www.childadvancement.org](http://www.childadvancement.org)