



# INTERNATIONAL CHILD ADVANCEMENT

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From the bottom of our hearts we wish all of our sponsors, our partners, supporters and volunteers a very happy holiday season. We hope your holiday season and the new year is filled with peace, joy, and love. Thank you for continuing to support our mission to provide a more promising future for these beautiful children. We truly appreciate all you do. Here's to making 2020 our best year yet!

*Children do not care how  
much you know until  
they know how much you  
care*

— T. Roosevelt





## ICA in 2019

A look back at some of our 2019 highlights!



Empowered Fashion Show!

[Channel 4 Event Coverage](#)

[Channel 7 Event Coverage](#)



Land Purchase & Launch of Agricultural Vocational Training Program



ICA Turned 3!



Fashion at the Daily Planet

## THE GRIFFIN

ICA was featured in Canisius College's newspaper - The Griffin. The article was written by ICA summer intern; Stephanie Wetzel:

[The Griffin Newspaper Article: International Child Advancement](#)



Back to School Event



## Other Ways You Can Help

### BUILDING CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$5,000

We ask you to join us in our continued efforts of expanding and enhancing our vocational training programs. One of our 2020 goals is the purchase of a small building to run the programs.

Currently, space is rented twice a week to teach the children. Having ownership of a building will allow classes to take place Monday through Friday.

Thanks to these programs, the children are gaining skills that will help them either get employment or start their own business. Donations accepted on our website: [Click to Donate!](#)



### Support International Child Advancement through AmazonSmile!

When you shop at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), .5% of your purchases will go towards supporting ICA!

All the same products you find on Amazon are also available through Amazon Smile.



## Lemons to Lemonade

Every Friday we're sharing a Lemons to Lemonade story, to inspire and encourage one another.

Follow us on Facebook to read more stories like Nsimire's. [ICA's Facebook Page](#)

Email us your story at: [info@childadvancement.org](mailto:info@childadvancement.org)



### LEMONS TO LEMONADE

**Nsimire | 2017 Graduate**

Nsimire's father died of diabetes, and her mother was killed by rebels. Subsequently, she was taken in by GUAOA Orphanage in 2010.

She excelled at school therefore was able to skip several grades, culminating in graduating from high school in July 2017 thanks to the support of her ICA Sponsor.

Nsimire obtained a certificate in computer science & English and is now a college sophomore. She often volunteers at the orphanage and mentors the children with a goal of sponsoring an orphan's education when she begins her career post college!

## Congo News



### [Is the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the Brink?](#)

More than 80 people have been killed in recent weeks in continuing attacks by rebel groups in the northeast.

### [‘More deaths than Ebola’: Measles outbreak hits DRC](#)

More than 5,000 people, mainly children, have died in what is currently the world’s biggest measles outbreak in the DRC

## ICA Volunteer News



**Raymond Kemp Sr.**  
Volunteer Associate Director



**James Jackson**  
Volunteer HR Generalist

## GUAOA Child Special Feature

### Maseni Masende



Maseni is 13 years old. He is one of the 15 children enrolled in ICA’s vocational sewing program launched in 2017. When asked what he wants to accomplish in the future and what impact he would like to have in his country and/or the world, Maseni answered:

***“I’m in the sewing program, and I love it so much. I sew because I have nobody to sponsor my education. I wish to teach sewing and other subjects”.***



## Mail to GUAOA



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

If you are sending a package or any correspondence, we ask that you inform us first via e-mail at [info@childavancement.org](mailto:info@childavancement.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.

### **Mailing Address:**

GUAOA Orphanage  
Attn: Isaac Balume Zibira  
P.O. Box 456  
Gisenyi, Rwanda

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it"*

*Proverbs 22:6*

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**Every child is Important!**



**We're on the Web!**

[www.childadvancement.org](http://www.childadvancement.org)

## Salesforce Consulting for Social Impact

ICA was recently offered The Nonprofit Success Pack by Salesforce for free!

We are extremely grateful to the UB School of Management for building us the Salesforce Donation Management system!

This system will allow us to streamline our donation management process, increasing our efficiency.



## Bryant & Stratton College Fair



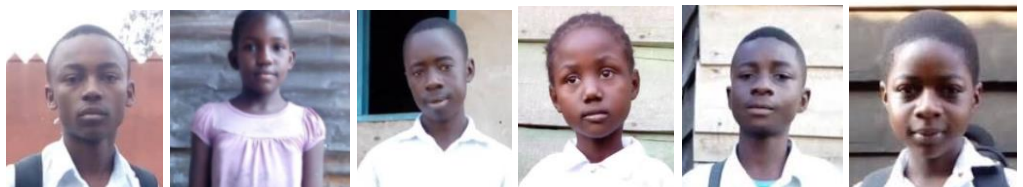
ICA attended Bryant & Stratton College's Career Fair in November.

Thanks to Board Member Serah Masika and Volunteers James Jackson and Raymond Kemp Sr. for their assistance handing out information to candidates!

If you are interested in volunteering with us, email us at [info@childadvancement.org](mailto:info@childadvancement.org)

## 2019-2020 Sponsorships

We're excited to have found new sponsors for the below children. We welcome our new and returning Sponsors!



**Left to Right:** Riphin, Marceline, Dieumerci, Lareine, Promesse and Exocee.