

LCA Spring 2022 Newsletter

Leadership Committee for Africa

2021-2022
05/20/2022 Edition



LCA Color Run, August 2021

2021-2022 LCA Highlights

August: LCA Color Run, Activities Fair

September: Steering Committee Retreat, All Committee Meeting, Fall Parent's Weekend Sale, Cross Country Concessions, Bake Sale, Beading Sessions

October: All Committee Meeting and Poverty Activity, Beading Sessions, Mentee Time Beading, Poster Making

November: All Committee Meeting, Hockey Concessions

December: World Aids Day All Committee Meeting, Basketball & Hockey Concessions, LCA Bake & Beading Sale

January: Basketball & Hockey Concessions

February: Basketball Concessions, Penny Wars, Beading Sessions

March: Bake Sale, Beading Sessions

April: Compassionate Listening Workshop, All Committee Honors Presentations, Spring Parent's Weekend Sale

May: Reunion Weekend Sale, Bake Sale, Beading Sessions



LCA Steering Committee Retreat
Climbing Tower & Cookout (Sept, 2022)

LCA's mission is to educate ourselves and the community about issues of poverty in Africa while hosting LCA and campus events to support our partner organizations.

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BECOMING A MEMBER

We welcome all students, faculty, staff, and family members to our events. To officially become a member of LCA you must attend at least 5 events, whether that be meetings, concessions, or other events.

New LCA members are recognized on schoology, earn a certificate at the next LCA all committee meetings, and can purchase an LCA pin.

In 2021-22 so far we have recognized over 20 new members and have had over 100 students attend LCA events.

2021-2022 Financial Update

This year we have raised the following for our partner organizations:

Amani \$959

(our goal is at least \$1000)

Christel House South Africa \$560

The School of St. Jude \$700

LCA Concessions :

\$5176.64 towards LCA scholarships and support of future LCA GPS trips

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Abby Krouse and Faith Martinez

2022-23 Steering Committee Chair and Executive Officer

Hello! My name is Abby Krouse, and I am a third-year junior from Valparaiso, Indiana. Currently, I serve as LCA's Work Projects Chair which means I oversee concessions and other fundraising events including the bake sale. Throughout my time at Culver, I have grown to love the Leadership Committee for Africa and its mission. Some of my favorite activities this year have included the color run and LCA bake sale. I can't wait for next year, and I hope to continue to maintain the impact of LCA and navigate towards bringing back the GPS trip to either South Africa or Tanzania.

Hey LCA! I'm Faith Martinez and I am from Lowell, Indiana. Since the beginning of my freshman year, I have been an active member of LCA and always have sought more ways to be involved in the club. This coming year, I will serve as the Executive Officer, meaning I help to organize and run meetings and events alongside Abby and Mrs. Strobel. I look forward to growing LCA's membership in the new year, developing deeper connections with our partner organizations and schools, and sharing LCA's mission!



LCA Bake Sales

2020-2021 LCA was unable to host any sports concessions, which was a main fundraising event of LCA. In an effort to raise spirits on campus and help raise money for our partner organizations, LCA came together to create a new fundraising event- bake sales. We have hosted several bake sales and have divided the money between our partner organizations.

Thank you to the adults and students who have baked, donated supplies, volunteered, and who have bought from the LCA Bake Sales.



Compassionate Listening Workshop



Thank You CGA Hockey!



CGA Hockey's commitment to service is appreciated by many, especially LCA. They helped with the LCA Color Run by hosting 2 color stations and running as a team. CGA Hockey also helped with LCA Concessions, selling shirts, and parking for the Cross Country Invitational.

Thank you!!!



Our Partner Organizations

AMANI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Do you know the story of our beads?

This is a common question at LCA beading sessions and at LCA sales. Our Kazuri beads are donated to us through the Amani Children's Foundation and all the money we make selling beaded items is donated to Amani to support orphans in Kenya. The beads are from the Kazuri bead factory in Kenya (kazuri means "small and beautiful" in Swahili). The surplus or slightly imperfect beads get donated to organizations like Amani for charity use. We also use many filler beads in our bracelets, key chains and other items and these beads have been donated by students, faculty, staff, and parents from leftovers they have at home or supplies they picked up when there was a sale at the store. For every \$1000 we are able to support a baby for a year at the orphanage and each year we hope to raise at least a **\$1000** from our jewelry sales which would put us at \$35,000 over the years (35 babies).



LCA Concessions

LCA Concessions raise money to support the LCA GPS Trips to South Africa and Tanzania. The money goes towards LCA Scholarships, lower the cost of the trip, and to help buy supplies and donations when on the trip. We hope to sponsor at least 2 scholarships the next time we can travel to Tanzania or South Africa and are grateful for all of your support with LCA Concessions this year at Cross Country, Hockey, and Basketball games.

CHRISTEL HOUSE SOUTH AFRICA

CHSA recently celebrated their 20 year Anniversary and all the incredible ways that they have put their mission into place. Their mission is "To break the cycle of poverty by offering a holistic character-based and career-focused education to our students." LCA has supported Christel House this year by selling stationary and from the LCA December Bake Sale.

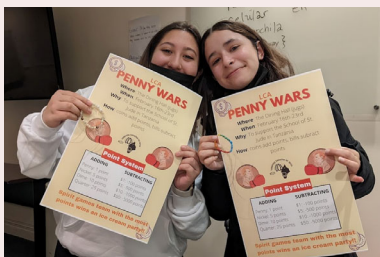
In December we raised **\$560** (providing 40 buckets) to support CHSA's "Buckets of Hope" project, which sends non-perishable food items to Christel House families that experience food insecurity.

LCA has sponsored 7 GPS trips to South Africa since 2006 and has watched the school grow and evolve over the years. We hope to return soon.



SCHOOL OF ST. JUDE

The School of St. Jude in Arusha, Tanzania has a mission to "give bright, poor Tanzanian students quality education so they are able to lead their family, community and country with Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Kindness to growth and prosperity." With the slogan of "Fighting poverty through education," the School of St. Jude supports and educates over 1000 students every year with the hopes that the students will return to serve their home communities in the future, breaking the cycle of poverty. We raised **\$700** this year through Penny Wars to support The School of St. Jude and hosted one of their poverty activities at an All Committee Meeting. LCA did a GPS trip to Tanzania in 2018 and had one planned in 2020 which was cancelled due to COVID-19. We hope to return soon to continue our relationship with TSOSJ.



Class of 2022

Ally Barath

3 year LCA Member
Steering Committee Chair (12)
Research & Education Co-Chair (11)

From: Munster, IN and Ithaca Dorm

LCA highlight: Planning and hosting the Color Run the spring of my junior year and fall of my senior year.

Why you love LCA: Ever since I was new to Culver, LCA has always been a place where I could meet people and help the community and the wider world at the same time.



Katherine Beeson

4 year LCA Member, Executive Officer, Dorm Rep, Team South Africa 2019

From: Culver IN and Atrium Dorm

LCA highlight: The South Africa GPS trip from my freshman year had some of my most memorable moments in LCA. I enjoyed bonding with the other students from Culver and Christel House, learning the compassionate listening workshop, and seeing incredible sights such as table mountain.



Why you love LCA: I love LCA because I think the on-campus community is very connected and also welcoming. I have met so many new people through LCA and I love hearing all the new ideas that people have for future events.



Jacqueline Cao

3 year LCA Member, Communications Co-Chair, Linden Dorm Rep

From: Centerville, Ohio and Linden Dorm

LCA highlight: beading sessions, filming the color run and making a video of it

Why you love LCA: LCA is a student driven endeavor that pushes for real actions while having fun.



Enzo Costanza

3 year member of LCA
Unit Rep and Communications Co-Chair
From: Ogden Dunes, In and Troop A

LCA highlight: Making hotdogs and hamburgers with other LCA members at the football games. I got to go out into the bleachers and see the joy on peoples faces when they could watch their favorite high school football team while enjoying a hotdog. I loved it.

Why you love LCA: I try to always find environments with people who are focused on helping others. These people usually have great attitudes and are fantastic at planning fun events because of their consideration of others. LCA is a group of workers who sacrifice personal time and effort to make other people's lives better. It's important to me to be around people who care about others -as it will be for new Culver students in the coming years- and LCA has provided me a place to spend time with and work with



Jordan Larese

3 year LCA Member

From: Highlands Ranch, Colorado and Battery A

Positions on LCA Steering Committee: CMA Unit Representative

LCA Highlight: Being able to learn and spend time with the Tanzania group, despite not being able to go on the trip due to covid.

Why you love LCA: LCA creates a larger sense of appreciation for me that gives me a deeper understanding of those less fortunate.



Cellestine Harig

3 year LCA Member,
Harbor Dorm Rep, Project Manager for the School of St. Jude, Work Project Co-Chair
From: Deerfield, IL and Harbor Dorm

LCA highlight: One of my favorite memories is when I would sell concessions with other LCA members, especially at football games. It was so much fun running through the stands selling hotdogs and popcorn. I also loved throwing color on people during the color run earlier this year as well as baking at Beason!

Why you love LCA: LCA provides a community that is open-minded with the goals of education, service, and leadership. I have loved my time with LCA because it has shown me what servant leadership is and has given me a group of friends that will last a lifetime.

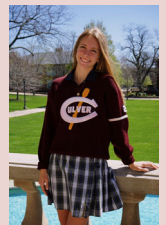


Ellen Shepard

3 year LCA Member
Secretary and Harbor Dorm Rep

From: Indianapolis, Indiana and Harbor Dorm

Why you love LCA: I love the variety of activities and depth that LCA provides – I really think that there is a spot for everyone!

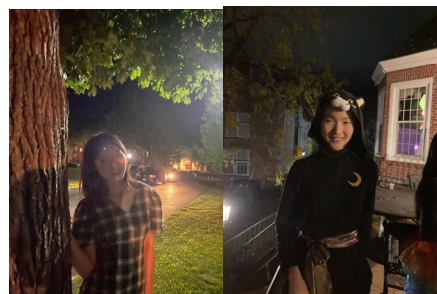




2021-2022 LCA Steering Committee

Jingzhi (Helen) Wang
4 year LCA Member

From: Shenzhen, China and Tower Dorm
LCA highlight: Concessions, bonding activities for South Africa and Tanzania GPS trips
Why you love LCA: "Fighting poverty through education." I resonate with this mission



Wade C Harrison

From: Little Shawnee and Band
3 year member

LCA highlight: beading with my friends
Why you love LCA:

It was always a place where I could come, clear my head while helping to support a common good

Caitlin Nicholson

1 year LCA Member
From: Norwich, England and Harbor Dorm
LCA highlight: Baking for bake sales

Why you love LCA: It's a friendly and welcoming community continuously striving to help those struggling in Africa.



Maya Jyothinagaram

3 year LCA Member, NCGS Grant Team

From: Forsyth, Illinois and Benson Dorm

LCA highlight: Our Compassionate Listening Workshop every SINGLE time has allowed me to deepen a friendship with someone who I didn't know very well before. The ability to listen critically to a tough situation is one I wish we could teach more students!

Why you love LCA: I love LCA for the students who participate, the fun baked goods we get to eat (!), and Mrs. Strobel's incredible mentorship!



Brianna Small

4 year LCA Member, NCGS Grant Team

From: Culver, Indiana and Benson Dorm

LCA highlight: Keeper of the Beads, Co-Chair for Work Projects, NCGS Grant Team

Why you love LCA: I loved working with LCA because it strengthened my leadership skills and allowed me to be a part of something genuinely impacting.





LCA Mission:

“Respond to the AIDS and poverty crisis in Africa by supporting programs that promote the health, welfare, education and advancement of women and children.”

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:



Christel House
South Africa



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