Leadership Committee for Africa

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LCA Timeline

2004 - 2024

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The Leadership Committee for Africa (LCA) was founded in 2004 by members of the Culver Girls Academy. LCA's membership represents all ages, dorms and nationalities.

LCA's mission is to study, learn, and educate the community about the AIDS and poverty crisis in Africa and support programs that promote the health, welfare, education, and advancement of women and children.

The Committee supports the following organizations:

- The Amani Children's Foundation (2005-present)– an organization serving children orphaned by poverty and AIDS in Africa.
- Christel House South Africa (2006-present)– a Christel House International school with the goal of breaking the cycle of poverty.
- Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO) (2006- – which fights hunger through effective sustainable agriculture and technology.
- Rwanda Women's Bakery (2014-2016)
- The School of St. Jude (2016-present)—Educating the poorest and brightest in Arusha, Tanzania to break the cycle of poverty through education.

LCA Leaders & Members plan and execute fundraising activities such as the annual Penny War and create handcrafted items (bracelets, key chains, stationery, earrings) they sell locally and across the world. Also as part of the Culver's Global Pathways Spring (GPS) program, LCA members partner with Christel House students to facilitate leadership and life skills training workshops unique to CGA's program at Christel House School, Cape Town, South Africa and with The School of St. Jude in Arusha, Tanzania.

2004



Founding members of LCA in 2004

In the spring of 2004, after learning about the orphan crisis in Africa inspired by the "Christmas Kindness" episode of *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and Oprah Winfrey intention to create a girl's leadership academy in South Africa, a group of Culver Girls Academy (CGA) coeds gathered together to established *The CGA Committee in Support of the Oprah Winfrey's Academy for Girls South Africa.* The girls wanted to help and extended their support by sending a letter to Ms. Winfrey explaining how Culver Girls Academy would be a worthy sister school. In the fall of 2004 six returning members defined their goals and objectives.

Goal:

Respond to the AIDS and poverty crisis in Africa by supporting programs that promote the health, welfare, education and advancement of women and children. We want to help women and children in Africa in their battle against poverty and AIDS. The crisis there is our problem as well, and we wish to do all that we can to reverse it

Objectives:

- Become a sister school to Oprah Winfrey's Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa
- Initiate and support experiences for CGA students to visit and work in Africa
- Educate the CGA, Culver and wider communities about the AIDS crisis in Africa
- Raise money to support programs that promote the health, welfare and advancement of women and children

They showed CGA girls Oprah Winfrey's Christmas Kindness video, considered disconcerting statistics about the orphan crisis in Africa the result of the AIDS pandemic.

Committee membership increased to over 40 girls representative of all ages, dorms and nationalities. so they decided to set up a sub-committee structure that would enable them to work efficiently.

The girls established four sub-committees: Communications, Work Projects, Research and Education, and Fundraising.

2004-2005



- The Leadership Committee for Africa, then known as The CGA Committee in Support of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls South Africa, was founded after being inspired by the "Christmas Kindness" episode of *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.
- Jane Stevens, co-founder of the Amani Children's Foundation, which serves children orphaned by AIDS and poverty in Africa, visits CGA to help girls *put a face* on the AIDS crisis in Kenya.
- Sub-committees (Fundraising, Communications, Work Projects, and Research and Education) are formed, each with a clear purpose to advance the committee.
- The first Penny War raises eight hundred dollars (and a few cents). Ciel is the winner.
- LCA sponsored Culver's first recognition of World AIDS Day. LCA members met with speakers Kimani Wangai, son of Drs. Mary and Paul Wangai, Doctors who care for the abandoned infants at New Life Homes and Rob Stephens (pictured with Mr. Wangai and LCA members), son of Jane and Chad Stevens, co-founders of the Amani Children's Foundation.
- LCA members meet Drs. Mary and Paul Wangai, at a teen forum at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, sponsored by the Amani Children's Foundation.
- Assistant CGA Dean Lynn Rasch '76 connects with Christel House via Seminars International. Tave Reser from Seminars International attends an LCA work project meeting, April 13, 2005.

2005-2006



- In November, Dean Rasch visits South Africa and Christel House Learning Center to scout locations and set up the first trip.
- The first South Africa spring break trip included twenty-eight CGA students along with Dean Weaser (Dean of Girls), her daughter Monica ‘12, Dean Rasch ’76 (Assistant Dean of Girls), Trustee Jane Eberly ‘72, two CGA staff members and a parent. The trip itinerary included a visit to Hector Pieterson Museum, Nelson Mendela Museum in Johannesburg, the Pilannesburg National Park, Lessedi Cultural Village, Christel House Learning Center, the Cape of Good Hope, Robben Island and Boulder’s Beach.
- LCA meets Dick Dugger, founder of Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO).
- Mr. Dugger introduced LCA members to the ancient nutritious grain, amaranth,
- LCA members and the Culver Academies choir support a local Harvest Festival that celebrated harvest of the soybean crop to generate funds for Foods Resource Bank and benefit a self-help project for farmers in Uganda, Africa. “Foods Resource Bank, in partnership with church and community, responds to World Hunger by helping hungry people know the dignity and pride of feeding themselves.” (Source: Culver Citizen newspaper)

2006-2007



- Margaret Tagwira, medical laboratory scientist at the University of Zimbabwe visited Culver Academies and shared her knowledge about the development and use of Amaranth in relation to the hunger crisis in Africa as keynote speaker for World AIDS day 2006.
- Stationary supporting Christel House is launched by Brady Banks ‘09. The images on the stationary, such as the elephant pictured above, are painted by Christel House South Africa students and are printed and sold by LCA with the permission of CHSA.
- Summer 2007 LCA Brady Banks ‘09, Morgan Henshaw ’08, Claire VanLandingham ‘08, Ana Pedrajo ’08, and Jodie Davenport ‘07, planted 10 varieties of amaranth (donated by Dick Dugger) to support an Iowa State University and USDA Agricultural Research Centers amaranth cross pollination study.

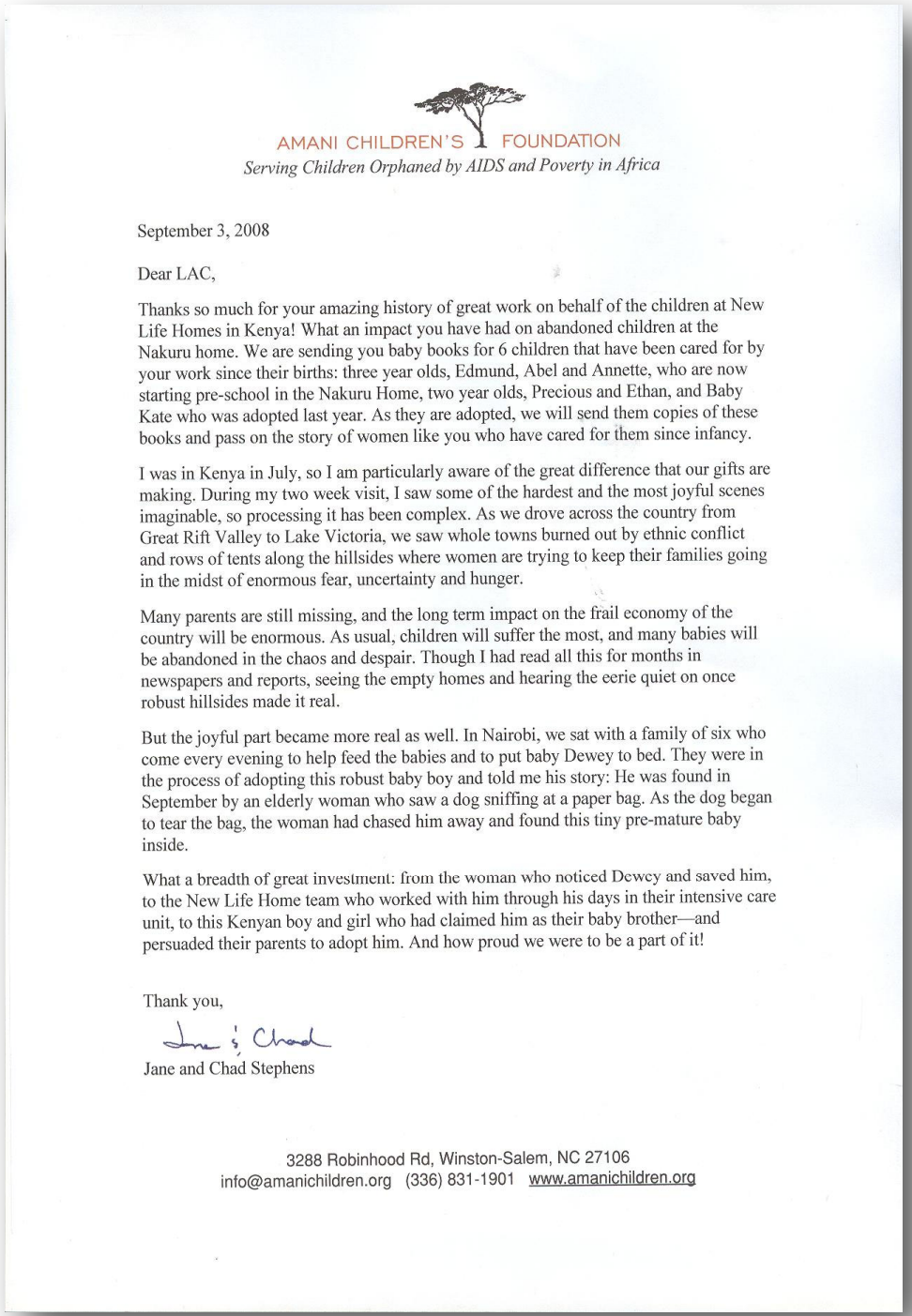


2007-2008



- During the summer of 2007, Clara MacNeil '08 joined the Amani Scholars trip and visited New Life Homes in Kenya.
- Culver Academies Seasons of the Heart for the Children of Africa album was launched to a resounding success. Under the leadership of Romina Clemente '08 and Alex Banfich '08 the CD features the Culver choirs and Naval band and the first recordings of CGA *Treasured Memory*, Margie Raub '96, Jessica Bletzinger '96, John Gouwens and Gay Hurst and *Woodcraft Friends,* Robert A. Nowalk.
- CD and stationary sales contributed to LCA's biggest fundraising year ever, raising over nine thousand dollars for Amani and eighteen hundred dollars for Christel House. The nine thousand supported nine babies through their first year of life.
- Beading with Amani Beads begins. A popular fundraising activity, LCA girls make and sell beaded jewelry to support infants in Kenya.
- Ms Fulton 98 leads 2nd trip to South Africa with Chair Ana Warr '08 and 14 other CGA students, Mrs. McKinnis, Ms Ryman, Mrs. Warr, Mrs. Lewis-Blake.

2008-2009



AMANI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
Serving Children Orphaned by AIDS and Poverty in Africa

September 3, 2008

Dear LAC,

Thanks so much for your amazing history of great work on behalf of the children at New Life Homes in Kenya! What an impact you have had on abandoned children at the Nakuru home. We are sending you baby books for 6 children that have been cared for by your work since their births: three year olds, Edmund, Abel and Annette, who are now starting pre-school in the Nakuru Home, two year olds, Precious and Ethan, and Baby Kate who was adopted last year. As they are adopted, we will send them copies of these books and pass on the story of women like you who have cared for them since infancy.

I was in Kenya in July, so I am particularly aware of the great difference that our gifts are making. During my two week visit, I saw some of the hardest and the most joyful scenes imaginable, so processing it has been complex. As we drove across the country from Great Rift Valley to Lake Victoria, we saw whole towns burned out by ethnic conflict and rows of tents along the hillsides where women are trying to keep their families going in the midst of enormous fear, uncertainty and hunger.

Many parents are still missing, and the long term impact on the frail economy of the country will be enormous. As usual, children will suffer the most, and many babies will be abandoned in the chaos and despair. Though I had read all this for months in newspapers and reports, seeing the empty homes and hearing the eerie quiet on once robust hillsides made it real.

But the joyful part became more real as well. In Nairobi, we sat with a family of six who come every evening to help feed the babies and to put baby Dewey to bed. They were in the process of adopting this robust baby boy and told me his story: He was found in September by an elderly woman who saw a dog sniffing at a paper bag. As the dog began to tear the bag, the woman had chased him away and found this tiny pre-mature baby inside.

What a breadth of great investment: from the woman who noticed Dewey and saved him, to the New Life Home team who worked with him through his days in their intensive care unit, to this Kenyan boy and girl who had claimed him as their baby brother—and persuaded their parents to adopt him. And how proud we were to be a part of it!

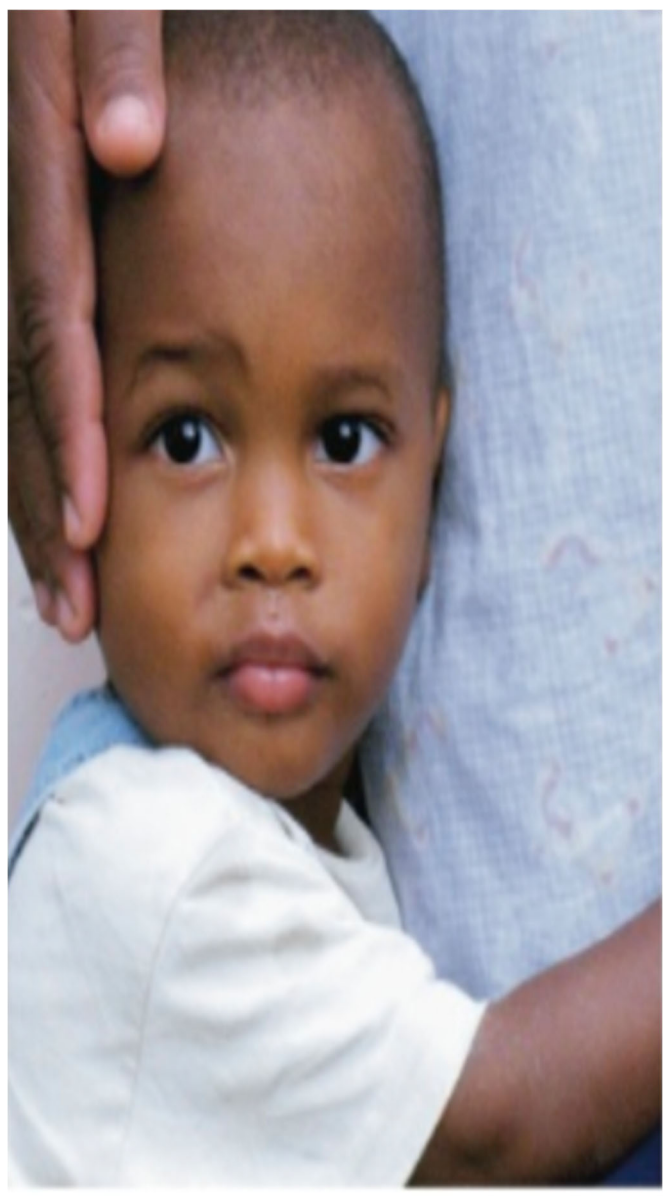
Thank you,

Jane & Chad

Jane and Chad Stephens

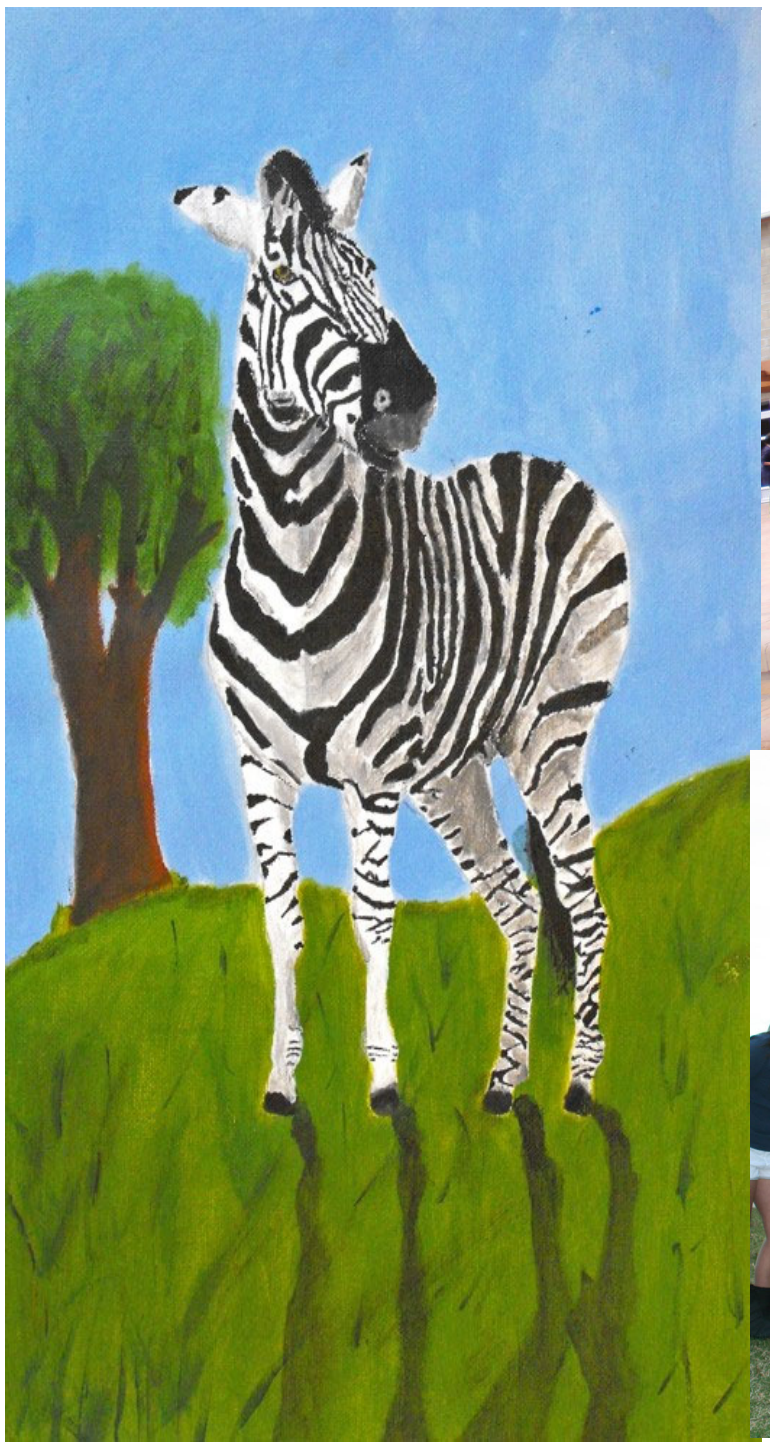
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- Over the years, we have begun to better understand the importance of the Amani beads, their journey, and what they represent. The beads we use to create our bracelets are made by women working in a fair trade business called Kizuri Kenya near Nairobi . The beads are formed out of clay from the base of Mount Kenya and fired and glazed in kilns there. Amani then send the beads to different non-profit organizations in the USA, (such as LCA) so that they can be made into bracelets and sold to raise money for the babies living in New Life Homes.
- Up above, a letter from Jane and Chad Stevens written to LCA thanking them for all they have done in support of New Life Homes is featured. Every $1000 raised supports a baby through her first year of life.

2009-2010







- Our new Christel House stationary line was established. This entailed not only adding new images to our collection of templates but also offering the cards in smaller sizes.
- Third trip to Christel House South Africa through Culver's Spring Break in Mission program: 15 CGA students, Ms Fulton '98, Ms. Wheeler '03, two parents: Mrs. Lesperance, Ms. Uzelac, and younger sister led workshops with their student leaders focusing on communication, strengths, and teambuilding.
- Student Leaders: Asia Ingram '10 and Michele Anguloye '10, Kim Asenbeck '12, Carina Conti '12, Emily Ford '12, Phoebe Hall, '12 Mary McKinnis '13, Shawna Lesperance '12 visit Christel House Academy Indianapolis to lead workshops and share Christel House South Africa experience.
- Emily Ford 12 takes LCA beading sales to Farmers Market in Culver.

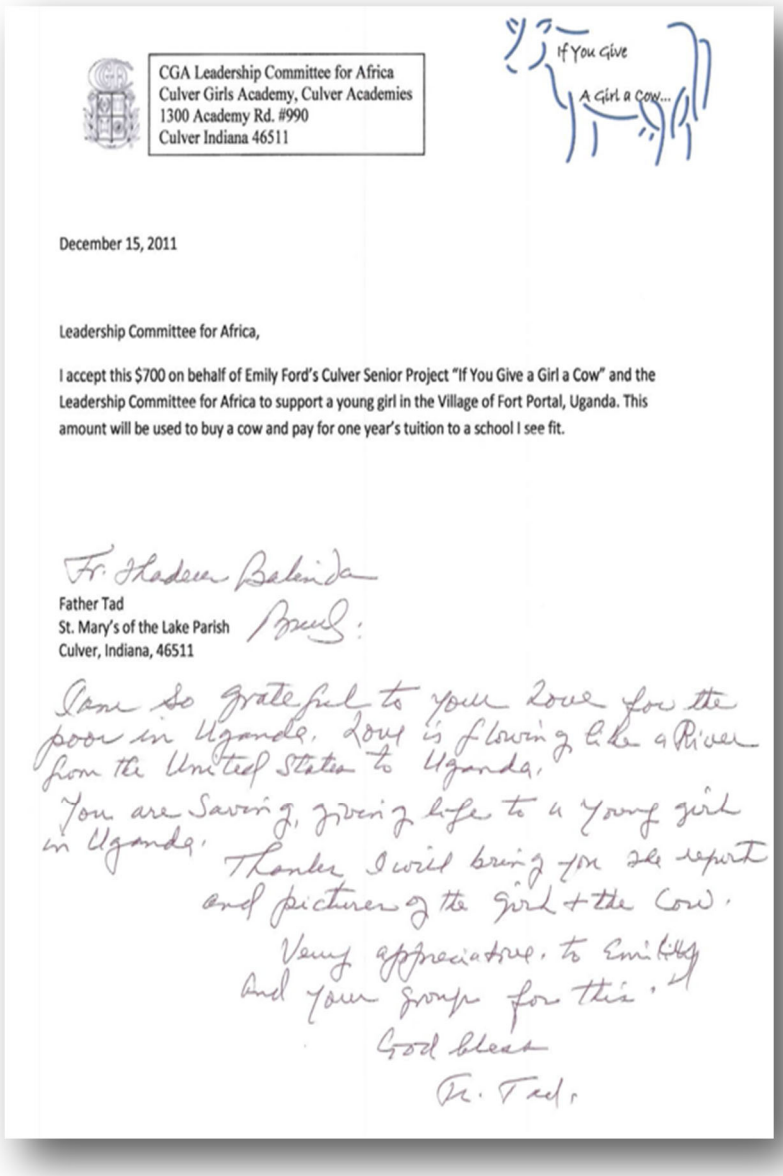
2010-2011





- During Summer 2010, Anna Haldewang ’11 joined the Amani Childrens Foundation summer trip to New Life Homes, Kenya.
- LCA members visited the Culver Community Middle School to teach students about Africa, leadership, and LCA’s mission. Students who attended these workshops were inspired and empowered, and have become members today.
- John Ondeche, the Director of New Life Homes, came to visit and talk to students through the aid and support of the Global Studies Institute (GSI). LCA donates $7000 to Amani Children’s Foundation.
- LCA members also went to Christel House Academy in Indianapolis to facilitate leader workshops there.
- Bri Trappe and Sarah Rakich ‘12 continue bead sales at Culver Farmers Market and Lakefest in summer of 2011

2011-2012



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If You Give A Girl a Cow...

December 15, 2011

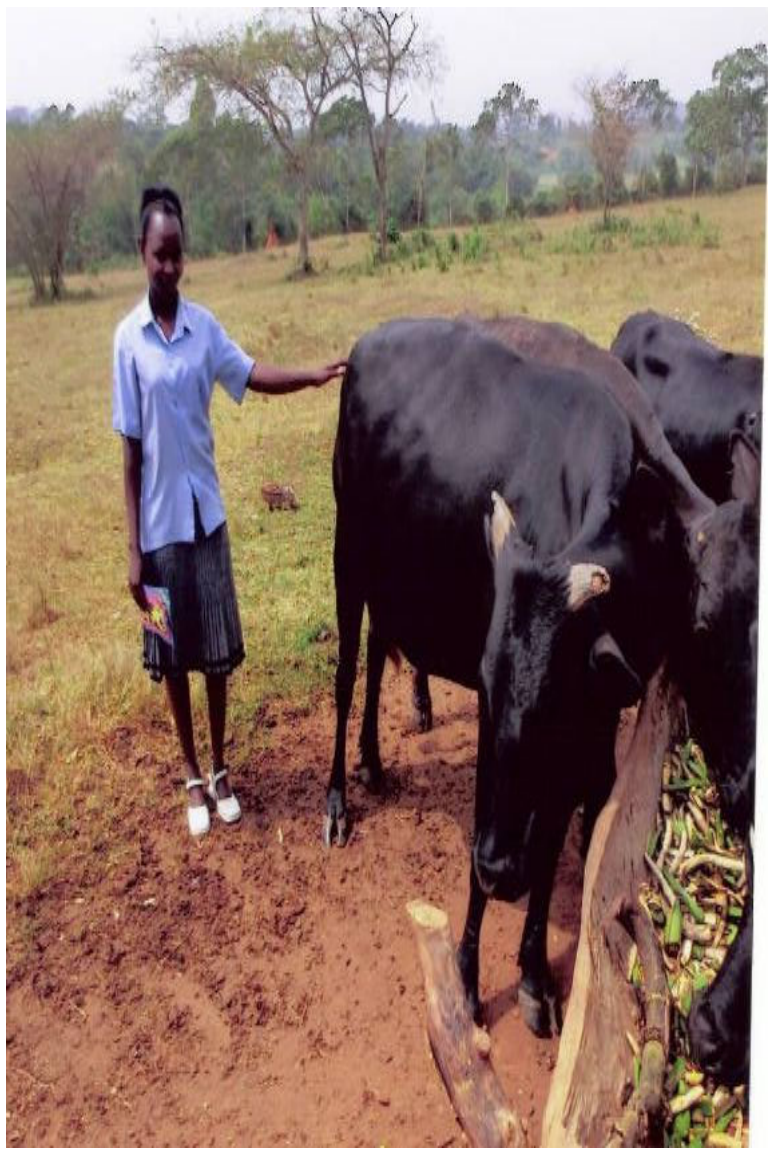
Leadership Committee for Africa,

I accept this $700 on behalf of Emily Ford's Culver Senior Project "If You Give a Girl a Cow" and the Leadership Committee for Africa to support a young girl in the Village of Fort Portal, Uganda. This amount will be used to buy a cow and pay for one year's tuition to a school I see fit.

Fr. Thaddeus Balinda

Father Tad
St. Mary's of the Lake Parish
Culver, Indiana, 46511

I am so grateful to your love for the poor in Uganda. Love is flowing like a River from the United States to Uganda.
You are saving, giving life to a young girl in Uganda.
Thanks I will bring you the report and pictures of the girl + the Cow.
Very appreciative to Emily and your group for this.
God bless
Fr. Tad.



- Senior Emily Ford '12 started the fundraiser "If you Give A Girl A Cow". The goal of this project was to raise money to purchase a cow for a girl who does not have the financial means to do so. Emily created paper beaded necklaces and sold them at the town of Culver's farmers market and other LCA venues. With the help of then Father Tad Balinda, the Catholic priest in Culver who grew up in Uganda, the $700 raised was enough to purchase one cow for a young girl living in Fort Portal, Uganda. Tragically, about a year later, the girl had passed away in an accident. Inspired by this project, Margaret McKinnis' grandmother and Margaret '16 have provided funds for three cows given to families in need.
- May 18th 2012– LCA honored and hosted Dr. Sally Hodder, CGA '72. Dr. Hodder is one of the leading contributors to the research and eradication of HIV Aids. She is credited with having created a clinic that provides support and care to 1,500 HIV victims each year.
- Spring Break Mission trip to CHSA. Ms Fulton '98 and 26 CGA students led by Jordan Berger and Ximena Garcia '13 facilitated workshops with CHSA student leaders that focused on communication, strengths, compassionate listening and teambuilding. Ms Hall, and parents: Mrs Berger ad Mrs. McCloskey.
- Speakers: Davis Omanyo, Kenyan public health advocate, Margaret Tagwira, agriculture Zimbabwe speak to LCA.
- Mindy Bauer, Stephanie Hostutler-Eiden, and Kortney Smith '13 continue Farmer's Market and Lakefest summer sales.

2012-2013



5K4DRC

- 5K4DRC was created by Erin Thomas ‘15. The annual run’s proceeds go to support Free the Slaves, an organization raising awareness of slavery in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- PB Choco Maranth, a liquid chocolate peanut butter amaranth squeeze pack was created by Mary McKinnis ’13 and a group of entrepreneurial students. Olivia Martinez ’15. and Margaret McKinnis ’16 continue the production and marketing phases of the product. The nutritious amaranth grain serves as a protein substitute that grows well in many African countries.
- Kayleigh Hynes ’13 sold purses benefitting New Neville Prep School, Ghana.
- The Hunger Fighters Project raised funds and packaged meals for hungry families, run by Alex Ding ‘13, Joy Shen ‘13, Caitlynn Fortner ‘13 and Jacqueline McCloskey ‘13.
- Concessions raising money for the 2014 trip were organized by Jordan Berger ‘13 and Ximena Garcia ‘13.
- Presentation on Africa to Plymouth Middle School Geography class.
- Hannah Buggeln ‘14 leads Nets for Nets, a fundraising event for malaria nets in Africa.
- LCA members travel south to see the women’s rights documentary *Girl Rising* at Christel House Indianapolis.
- Peyton Gavlick and Nicole Stephenson ’14 continue Culver summer sales.

2013-2014



LCA official logo is created by Violet Zhou ‘15.

- Marky Culver, descendent of founder Henry Harrison Culver, comes to speak with members of LCA. She talks about her extensive work in the peace corps in Rwanda and the creation of her organization, the Rwanda Women’s Bakery. Button earrings benefitting the Bakery join the list of LCA merchandise after being created by Erin Thomas ‘15.
- Coordinated by Claire Peterson ‘14, LCA merchandise is sold in Lad and Lassie, a children’s clothing store in Wilmette, IL.
- Global Pathways Spring (GPS) trip to Christel House South Africa. Trip sponsor Angie Fulton ‘98, and 15 CGA students led by Dana Brown, Katherine Hansen, Morgan Hartman and Erin Luck ‘15 facilitated workshops with CHSA student leaders focusing on communication, strengths, compassionate Listening and teambuilding. Ms. Rosen (dance intern), Stephanie Hall, parent Mrs. Prescott ‘77 also contributed to the trip.

2014-2015



Morin Delano ‘05 and the ‘14-15 LCA Steering Committee

- Care package fundraiser, led by Erin Luck ‘15, raises over $2500 towards the building of a dorm at Christel House South Africa. Students will now have a safe place to study during the after school hours so they can prepare for final exams that will qualify them for higher educational opportunities.
- Organized by Olivia Martinez ‘15 and the GSI, a representative of the Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO), Brad Ward, presented on amaranth and other sustainable solutions for hunger worldwide. ECHO’s founder, Dick Duggar, and his wife Jo were recognized by the Committee as honorary members.
- LCA founder, Morin Delano ‘05 spoke at the Culver Women’s Celebration on the topic “I am this girl”. She also met with the 14-15 Steering Committee.
- Led by Dana Brown ‘15, Committee members sold bread at the Rubin Café to great success, using a modified version of the recipe used by the Rwanda Women’s Bakery.
- The Amani Children’s Foundation celebrates a 10 year partnership with New Life Homes Trust in Kenya. $1000 supports the care of a baby through the infant’s first year of life. Profits from LCA’s beading and CD projects have benefited 27 babies. Over 1540 babies have been rescued. (http://www.amanichildren.org/home.html)

2015-2016



Nicole Bernhard & Regina Velarde '16



LCA Opening Meeting,: Fall, 2015



2016 GPS South Africa

- LCA organized its 6th GPS trip to South Africa. Twenty five girls and five adults (including Angie Fulton '98, Nancy McKinnis, and Diane Hansen '75) experienced various facets of South Africa through sharing leadership lessons with students at Christel House School, Trip became a global leadership course.
- Nichole Bernhard '16 and Regina Velarde '16, led concessions and raised over $2,500 to support the South Africa trip.
- Under the leadership of Hallie Rauch '16, LCA launched its first Crowdfunding Campaign. With the help of our gracious donors we raised over $10,000. The donations were used to help reduce the cost of the South Africa trip. We not only raised money through this campaign but we also synthesized the importance of the South Africa Mission Trip through compiling the stories of past trips.
- Meranda Ma '16 headed a successful Culver Care Package fundraiser to benefit Christel House South Africa. The $2,000 dollars raised will help supply appliances for the new residential facility.
- The first CMA cadet, Alex Coleman '19, was recognized with official membership to LCA
- Margaret McKinnis '16 steered the development of PB Choco Maranth bar. Now in solid form, the bar has received great response from consumers through the first bar's vendor, The Rubin Café. Additionally, the Agricultural School at Purdue University requested to purchase 10 bars.
- CMA First classmen Taylor Rabbit '16, Josh Thompkins '16, and David Uwajeh '16 (through Evan Heckman '06) introduced LCA to the School of St. Jude in Tanzania and its mission to fight poverty through education. LCA supported the cadets' senior project by promoting participation in a penny war that generated funds for the school.
- Amani bead and CD sales continued and this enabled the Fundraising Committee to send $1578.00 to New Life Homes in Kenya through The Amani Children's Foundation partnership. 100% of these funds will be directed to support babies. In the Spring Parents Weekend and Alumni Sales, LCA featured Daniel, a baby from New Life Homes, scheduled to receive a cochlear ear implant. Through these sales, we directly supported this operation.
- For more than a decade, LCA has contributed more than $43,000 to organizations benefiting women and children in Africa, but more importantly, LCA continues to relay the stories that are behind each dollar we raise. We share the stories of the students at Christel House, the babies, like Daniel at New Life Homes, and the women endeavoring to be entrepreneurial at the Rwandan Women's Bakery.
- LCA enthusiastically recognized Heads of School, Mr. and Mrs. Buxton as Honorary Members of the Leadership Committee for Africa for their generous support and visionary leadership throughout the years!

2016-2017



Daniel hanging out in the bookstore



Dr. Buggeln's Honorary LCA Membership

- Daniel visited Culver (Sept. 9, 2016) after having his cochlear implant surgery. Daniel is an orphan at New Life Homes in Kenya which is supported by Amani Children's Foundation.
- Ella Spratt-Szarzynski '17 leads LCA Care Packages and raises over $1200 for CHSA.
- Bra Drive for the School of. St. Jude in Tanzania led by Ruby (Chaeyeong) Lee, Alexa Donsbach, and Allie Alles '18.
- GSI and LCA hosted Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee to speak on campus (Nov. 3, 2016). She is a Liberian peace activist and founder of Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa which provides educational and leadership opportunities to girls, women, and youth in West Africa. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011 for her work bringing together Christian and Muslim women in a nonviolent movement that played a pivotal role in ending Liberia's second civil war in 2003.
- Honorary Membership awarded to Dr. John Buggeln (Feb. 8, 2017) for his unwavering support of LCA and partnership with Global Studies Institute (GSI) initiatives.
- Summer faculty professional development trip to Tanzania Dr. Chris Carrillo, Mr. Englebrecht, Dr. MacNeil, Mrs. (Fulton) Strobel to volunteer at School of St. Jude through Kufundisha Pamoja program (which means teaching together in Kiswahili). On the trip, Mrs. Strobel is exploring if the school should be a future GPS trip. The group also visited Piper Werle '08 and Perri Huggins '09 at the O'Brien School for the Maasai.



Dr. MacNeil, Piper Werle '08, Angie Strobel '98, Perri Huggins '09, and Dr. Carrillo at the O'Brien School for the Maasai in Tanzania



Leymah Gbowee with Dr. Buggeln, Shannon Klaus '17, Annie Evans '17, and Yu Jin Lee '17

2017-2018

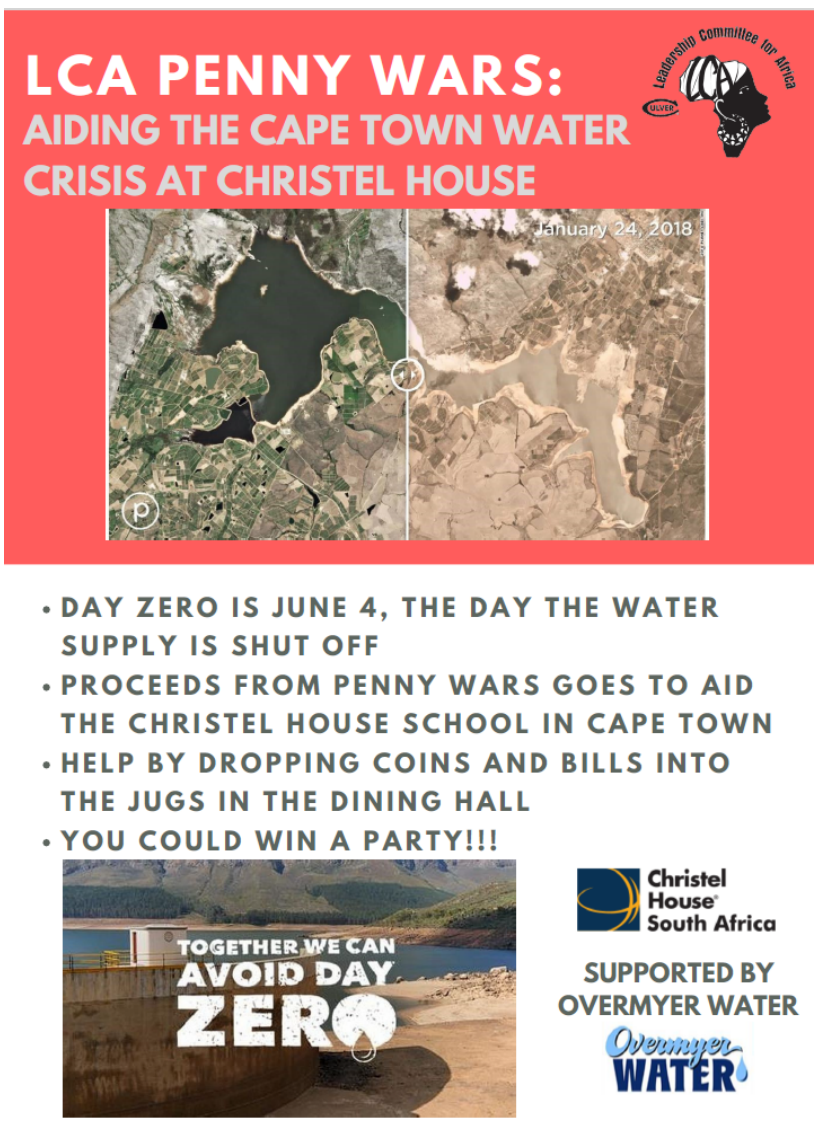


Team Tanzania 2018 at the School of St. Jude



Team Tanzania 2018 at the O'Brien School with Perri Huggins '09

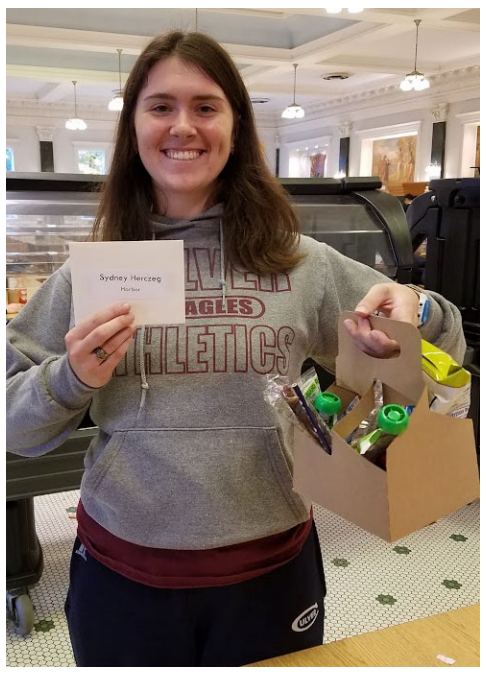
- GPS Tanzania 2018 launched the first Culver student trip to Tanzania with 20 students (15 girls & 5 boys) and 4 adults (Mr. & Mrs. Jason & Angie Strobel, Mama Dee (Dee Trobenter), and a parent). Stayed with and partnered with the School of St. Jude in Arusha Tanzania and also visited Perri Huggins '09 at the O'Brien School for the Maasai.
- Collected 23 suitcases of donations through Bra & School Supplies Drive for the School of St. Jude led by Kaycie Schlichenmaier '19.
- Morgan Henshaw '08 came back to speak to LCA.
- Natalie Harten and Caroline Sem '18 lead LCA Care Packages and raise $1450 for CHSA.
- Honorary Membership awarded to Evan Heckman '06 who introduced us to the School of St. Jude and sponsored a GPS Scholarship for LCA.
- Penny Wars supported Christel House South Africa as Cape Town faced water crisis raising $1000.
- LCA Concessions continue to grow and do well. Sponsored first GPS LCA Scholarships totaling $7500 from money raised selling concessions.



2018-2019









- LCA Chair, Janelle Li ‘19, and Executive Officer, Sydney Herczeg ’19 (photo: top/left).
- LCA Concessions continues to grow with most home football games in the fall and many basketball and hockey games in the winter.
- LCA Care Packages (Fall, 2018) led by Jia Bloom ‘19 raised $1300 for CHSA (donated in Jan, 2019) (photo top right is Sydney Herczeg ‘19 with her care package).
- LCA sale at December Farmers Market in Culver led by Abby Beck ‘20 (photo: top/center).
- Sam Bialek ‘20 oversaw updating work on the PB Chocomaranth bar. Hosted a brainstorming session with Pat Wood (Feb, 2019).







- LCA South Africa Bra & Toiletries Drive led by Sophia Parker ‘20 And Ali Kwiecien ‘19 (photos below show donations before, being delivered, and thank you notes from CHSA Social Worker).
- GPS South Africa 2019 introduced first CMA student to CHSA, Ethan Tinsley ‘19.
- 19 students and 5 adults including Mrs. Beeson ‘94, Dr. Buggeln, Mrs. Hansen ‘75, Mrs. Strobel ‘98, and Mama Dee (Dee Trobenter). Trip included Communication, Compassionate Listening, Strengths, and Team Building workshops. Trip continued to be a Global Leadership course.
- LCA Concessions provided money to buy supplies, according to their social worker, that students need including blankets, non-perishable food, and toiletries.







2019-2020



Summer Camp, LCA Beading Class



LCA Concessions at Home Football Game

- Summer, 2019: 2 sections of LCA Beading Class offered at summer camp.
- November, 2019: LCA Instagram begins (#CulverLCA).
- National Coalition of Girls Schools Student Global Citizenship Moulton Grant awarded to LCA and Culver Girls Academy for the South Africa Drive. Maya Jyothinagaram ’22 brainstormed the idea and paired up with advisor Mrs. Strobel and fellow LCA sophomores Katherine Beeson (who went on the 2019 trip), Brianna Small, and Maddy Taylor ‘22.
- LCA hosts Compassionate Listening Workshop on campus.
- Feb, 2020 Penny Wars raises over $1200 for The School of St. Jude.
- LCA Tanzania Drive led by Taylor Lewandowski ’21 and Paloma Guerrero ‘21 to collect items from The School of St. Jude Wishlist for the 2020 Tanzania trip.
- March 3, 2020: GPS Tanzania 2020 trip cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic. The team had packed over 15 suitcase of donations so put some in storage and donated other items locally as needs arose.
- March 13, 2020 Culver dismissed early for spring break and Term 4 was virtual.
- During Term 4, LCA held virtual meetings and continued to plan for virtual and in person events.



LCA Chair, Ally Kim ‘20, and Executive Officer Sophia Parker ‘20 promoting LCA Penny Wars



Moulton Grant Team: Katherine Beeson, Maddy Taylor, Mrs. Strobel, Brianna Small, Maya Jyothinagaram



May, 2020 LCA Steering Committee Zoom Meeting

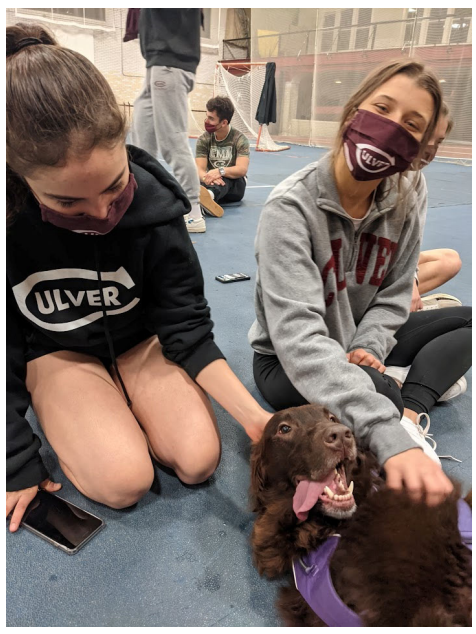
2020-2021



First LCA Meeting of the year: outside, wearing masks, and socially distant hosted by LCA Chair,

Taylor Lewandowski ‘21, and Executive Officer Jenna Pae ‘21

- Culver bubble was real with students not able to leave campus. Wearing masks was the new normal and we had to get creative about how to have more outdoor or “socially distant” activities.
- LCA student leaders decided to be more active and provide more activities on campus like movie nights, cookouts, and more.
- Outdoor Fall All Committee Meetings and LCA Beading Sessions.
- LCA sponsored Dog Therapy during the on-campus Thanksgiving Break.
- Taylor Lewandowski ‘21 and Easton Allman ‘23 made a video and campaign to support the CHSA Buckets of Hope Fundraiser to send students home with essential items during their long holiday break raising $560 for CHSA.
- Penny Wars continues raising $700 for the School of St. Jude in Tanzania.
- Spring, 2021 brought about the inaugural LCA Color Run after being proposed by Stella & Anna Marie Kinney, Ally Barath, and Enzo Costanza ‘22 (Team Tanzania 2020). Signs with information about LCA and our partner organizations lined the path so the run provided fun but was also educational.
- Ithaka Dorm Rep, Abby Krouse ‘23 proposed LCA doing a bake sale. Throughout the year LCA hosted many LCA Bake Sales (even one on a snowy winter day). This provided LCA a good way to make money for all partner organizations and use it to round up donations.
- LCA hosts Compassionate Listening and Teambuilding workshops on campus.



LCA Doggie play with our beloved mascot, Gidget





LCA Color Run (Before & After)



LCA Winter Bake Sale

2021-2022



LCA Chair, Ally Barath, & Executive Officer, Katherine Beeson ‘22, putting signs out along the LCA Color Run course



Some volunteers at the end of the LCA Color Run

- LCA Color Run moves to fall and opens the year with an introduction to LCA (through signage along the course) and offering a fun weekend activity ending at the Woodcraft Slip ‘n Slide.
- CMA Senior, Enzo Costanza ‘22 becomes first CMA LCA member to hold a Steering Committee position beyond dorm/unit rep and is Co-Chair of Communications Committee.
- Fall Parents Weekend Sale shifts to Math & Science during the class day alongside the Rubin Café.
- Concessions return and expand to include Cross Country Invitational including shirt sales as the biggest concessions event of the year.
- CGA Hockey makes a commitment to monthly service as a team and this creates a beautiful partnership with LCA as they supported the Color Run by manning 2 stations, and helped with the XC invitational shirt sales.
- LCA Bake Sale continue throughout this year as a great way to support all of our partner organizations.
- December focus is on CHSA’s Buckets of Hope Campaign so a bake sale and concessions support this initiative. LCA donated $520 from December Bake and Stationary Sales.
- Host Compassionate Listening Workshop on campus.
- LCA Penny Wars continues and raises $750 for the School of St. Jude.
- GPS trips return but are only domestic so LCA brainstorms and plans for a 2023 GPS trip and continues to collect supplies from the School of St. Jude’s wish list.
- Raised $959 for Amani and with the help of Bake Sale proceeds were able to donate $1000 to the Amani Childrens Foundation (another baby LCA supported).





Sisters Lucy ‘24 and Ellen Shepard ‘22 at SPW Sale

2022-2023



LCA Chair, Abby Krouse '23, showing off the new LCA poster made by Linden/Ithaka LCA Members



Cross Country Invitational Concessions



The new concessions stand at Eagle Stadium

- LCA Color Run continues to be a fall "kick-off" student activities event.
- LCA Concessions continue to expand and LCA is the only group doing them this year. Cross Country Invitational and Shirt Sales continue to be the biggest concessions event.
- Opening of Eagle Stadium this fall launches football concessions to a new level (an indoor space).
- Money raised from concessions supports 2 LCA Scholarships for GPS Trip totaling $7000.
- LCA Bake Sales continue under the leadership of LCA Chair, Abby Krouse '23.
- December bake sale and concessions for Christel House South Africa Buckets of Hope, donated $945.
- Zoom meeting with TSOSJ Alum going to school in US (Jan 25th)
- Penny Wars supported the School of St. Jude and donated $800.
- International GPS trips return and LCA goes back to Tanzania.
- LCA raised and donated $1000 to Amani.



Team Tanzania 2024:

- 19 students
- 4 adults: Angie & Jason Strobel, Stephanie Hall, Mama Dee
- 23 suitcases of donations from the 2020 and 2023 Tanzania Drive.
- Team Tanzania 2024 is the first group to tour the TSOSJ Art Gallery and participate in an art project (Lion, left photo).



Donation bags, packed and ready to go



Team Tanzania with TSOSJ Founder, Gemma Sisia

2023-2024



Seniors setting up the LCA Color Run with LCA Executive Officer, Lucy Shepard ‘24



Cross Country Concessions



Football Concessions

- LCA Color Run opens the year for LCA and Culver Student Activities.
- LCA Concessions continue and LCA remains only group on campus doing concessions. Profits support buying donations for GPS Trip, lowering overall cost, and $7000 towards LCA GPS Scholarships.
- December concessions support CHSA and Buckets of hope donating $650.
- LCA Penny Wars supports the School of St. Jude raising $750.
- Fall & Spring Parents Weekend and December Sale combined with Spring Bake Sale money raise $1000 towards Amani this year.
- Reunion Weekend 2024, first of many (we hope) LCA Open House, celebrating 20 years.
- LCA remains the biggest club on campus, over 180 students attended at least one LCA event this year.

GPS Tanzania 2024:

- 21 Students including 4 repeating trip (Ksenia Gainey ‘25, Anika Jyothinagaram ‘25, Wendy Leon ‘24, Joyney Lu ‘24)
- 4 Adults: Angie & Jason Strobel, Stephanie Hall, Mama Dee
- 23 suitcases of donations
- Added evening English lessons for new Form 1 students and taught PE Classes
- Adopted Class 2A



Donation Packing Sessions



Team Tanzania 2024 with our adopted class, Standard 2A



Team Tanzania in the Art Gallery with our 2024 Art Project, “The Big Picture”

REUNION WEEKEND 2024



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Financial Timeline: 2004-2024

2009

Amani- $12,276
CHSA- $4,242



2014



Amani- $27,519.61
CHSA- $8,226
ECHO- $1,000

2019

Amani- $31,347.61
CHSA- $16,539
TSOSJ- $300
GPS Scholarship- $7,500



2024



Amani- $35,947.61
CHSA- $20,514
TSOSJ-$ 3,370
GPS Scholarships- $25,500



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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

AMANI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

ECHO
Reducing Hunger, Improving Lives Worldwide

THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE
FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

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