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Reaching For the Future: Lizzy's Big Dream



Like many young girls, Lizzy has big dreams. Our magazine's cover artist, a talented grade 11 student from the Starehe sponsor site in Kenya, wants the world to see that giving up has never been an option for her, thanks to her iron will and generous sponsor. Sponsorship has given Lizzy and her family access to food, medicine, and the school supplies, and more importantly, support and encouragement to follow her dream to become a pilot.

Education is very important to Lizzy

because she knows it's her path to becoming a pilot. "Chalice has helped me continue my education," she says, "and believe in myself."

Her beautiful cover art represents her journey and her faith that she can overcome challenges. Lizzy says she drew signs like 'No Failure' and 'To the Future' to show she will not give up. "I crossed out things that can stop me," she says, "like poverty and fear because I want to overcome them. Even if the path is difficult, I know I can reach my goals."

Together, We Are Chalice

Our newsletter has numerous stories of individuals, young and old, male and female, whose lives have been changed by a donation received through sponsorship, a critical need donation, or support for a Chalice project or program offered through one of our many collaborators around the world. These stories represent just a small portion of the many stories we could share. We tell the stories so you, our donors and sponsors, can know how much you have done.

Chalice is made stronger by the many people who give their time, prayers, generosity, and support - whether

through volunteering, sharing our mission with others, or spreading the word on social media. If you have a story or experience to share, we would love to hear from you.

As you know, this past year has brought its share of challenges as we rolled out our new software system. We hope that most of those difficulties are now behind us, and we are grateful for your patience and understanding as we worked through them. If you experienced a delay in communication or an error along the way, please accept my sincere apology - and, most importantly, my deepest gratitude for continuing to stand with us.



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Brothers Inspired and Fueled

Thanks to everyone who gave nutrition through the gift catalogue, Angelo and Andrei, sponsored brothers in our Bulacan sponsor site, received much-needed food supplies. The groceries will ensure they eat nutritious meals daily, while offering some relief to their mother, Lorna. "Our heartfelt thanks to the Chalice sponsorship program," the brothers say. "Your generosity continues to inspire us to stay positive, study harder, and share the same kindness with others in the future."



Quick Action Saves Domenecio

Domenecio contracted a parasite with risks of neurological effects, and his parents couldn't afford treatment. Their Chalice family circle and supporters of his critical needs request responded immediately to ensure Domenecio's stable condition and return to daily activities. Maricel, Samar site director, says his supporters are "instruments of God's blessing and hope."

From Classrooms to Careers

Sponsored students at the Tondo sponsor site saw their hard work finally paying off as they transitioned from college and technical school into the workforce. Out of the 23 college graduates, 19 have already secured employment. "Among these," says Eunice, Tondo site director, "three are showing true grit by working full time while also studying for their upcoming board licensure exams."

Jhon, 22, found a job in logistics for an auto parts company shortly after graduating. Jennifer, 23, is happily employed as a teller at a staffing centre. King, 21, graduated from vocational school as a machinist and is now working at a metal crafting corporation. "It is a beautiful sight to see them using the technical skills they worked so hard to master," Eunice says.

Eunice shares that she, and everyone at the site, "feel a profound



sense of gratitude to see such a high percentage of our scholars moving straight from graduation into meaningful careers. These results prove that with the right tools and a bit of guidance, our youth in Tondo can truly break the cycle of poverty." They all look forward to seeing each student continue to grow and achieve the goals of becoming professionals.

Happier, Healthier, Smiles

Bright smiles start early! The Tondo sponsor site's Zero Cavity program - launched with Chalice in 2019 - is bringing accessible, stress-free dental care and fun oral health education to sponsored children and their families. Through the program, children take part in exciting healthy-habit challenges that also protects their teeth. Sponsored children receive fluoride treatments while teaching them that caring for their smiles can be fun.



Through the generosity of Chalice donors, this program brought out nearly 1,400 happier, healthier smiles between October and December last year. More than just clean teeth, the Zero Cavity program boosts dental awareness across the community and gives children a bright, confident reason to grin throughout their lives.



Amy Empowers Future Leaders

Since childhood, Amy has been involved with several Chalice programs in the Chiclayo sponsor site that gave her the confidence to dream of becoming a nurse. Now 19, Amy is ready to care for others, herself, and her family.

Amy was accepted into her dream nursing program right after she graduated. But rising tuition costs each semester created challenges she wasn't sure she would overcome. Then, she and her mother got word that thanks to her sponsor, Amy had support with her fees. The support allowed her to focus entirely on her studies. Now in her fourth semester, Amy is a role model and leads workshops for other sponsored teens - something she is passionate about.

"Your generous donation has been fundamental to my education and personal development," says Amy to her sponsor. "This support will help me move forward and provide the best for my family."



A Great Gift for Xiomena

Xiomena has always cared how others are feeling and how they think. She learned problem-solving and resilience from her mother, who raised her children alone. With the support of a Chalice sponsor through the Cañete sponsor site, Xiomena worked hard through high school and into university for a psychology degree.



Tuition has always been a challenge, despite Xiomena's efforts to earn an income alongside her studies. But thanks to everyone who gave continuing education with the Chalice gift catalogue, Xiomena is beginning her psychology internship.

The internship means she is "getting closer and closer to achieving her goal of becoming a psychologist," says Sr. Ana María, Cañete site director. She remains "committed to the emotional and social well-being of those who need it most."

Rolando's Recipe for Hope

Abigail and Benjamín look forward to the lunches that the Chiclayo site serves in their community. Their father, Rolando, struggled to provide nutritious meals since the passing of his wife and it showed in their health and grades.

Thanks to supporters of Ladles and Love nutrition programs, 80 malnourished children eat lunch every weekday. They ate and Rolando learned. Now well trained, his children's health and grades are improving. "I am very grateful," says Rolando. "The food they provide there helps them grow healthy and strong."





Flourishing in the Face of Adversity



Eight-year-old Trinidad joined the Chalice Anti-Bullying Program two years ago, after a period when her low self-esteem had caused her to quietly withdraw, despite her good grades. When her mother was diagnosed with Usher syndrome, Trinidad was inspired by her fierce resilience, which motivated her to begin a transformative journey of her own.

Through the program and individual therapy, Trinidad discovered her inner strength. No longer hiding behind her older brother's protection, Trinidad has blossomed into a confident, self-aware young girl who refuses to let hardships define her future.

"Here I learned to trust myself and speak my mind," Trinidad says about the Chalice program. "They help me be happy and grow every day."



A Lifeline of Hope in Their Darkest Moment

When Konstanza and Khristian suddenly lost their father and the household's primary provider, their family faced both immense grief and the immediate threat of financial ruin. Left with very limited income, their mother, Liz, struggled desperately to cover urgent funeral costs and daily household needs while trying to emotionally support her children.

Assistance through Chalice's critical needs program arrived at this darkest moment, allowing the family to pay the funeral costs and secure food. This vital support provided Liz with the breathing room to focus on healing so she could be the rock her children needed during this challeng-



ing time. Today, the children are regaining stability with vital emotional guidance from their schools. Expressing her profound gratitude, Liz says: "I want to

sincerely thank the donors of Chalice for the support they gave my family during this very sad and difficult time... Thanks to them, we were able to cover urgent expenses and ensure food for my children. May God always bless them for their great generosity."

More than just resolving a financial crisis, this timely intervention restored the family's peace of mind, bringing hope and the comforting certainty that they are not alone as they rebuild their lives.

Alexander's Second Chance

Diagnosed with leukemia as a child, Alexander, studying clinical psychology, needed urgent surgery to remove a high-risk mole on his toe. Unable to afford the procedure, his family turned to Chalice. Thanks to their funding, the surgery was successful, the biopsy was cancer-free, and his health and peace of mind restored. "Thank you, Chalice, for allowing me to walk again without fear," he says!



Ysmel's New Chapter

Eleven-year-old Ysmel loves reading, but his mother's limited income as a part-time cleaner left the family unable to afford books, compounding his low self-esteem.

Thanks to the gift Catalogue, Ysmel finally received his own

books. This gift has completely transformed his confidence, boosting his grades and social skills.

"Now, I can read more at home," Ysmel says, "and that makes me feel like I can learn like everyone else."



Sponsorship Helps Oleksandr Follow His Dream

Oleksandr's life has a whole new rhythm. Now 14, he has won local and national music competitions. He dreams of pursuing music.

His family had a limited budget, so his Chalice sponsor's gift of special money for music school was instrumental. "Your kindness and concern open up new opportunities for me," Oleksandr says, "and give me hope for the realization of my dream."



Gifts That Filled Our Shelves

Volodymyr, Olha, and Yaryna love to read, but their local library had empty shelves. Thanks to booklovers who gave through the gift catalogue, their library is replenished. "When I read," says Volodymyr, "I immerse myself in the world of the story, which brings me great calm. Books also inspire new ideas, projects, and achievements."



Windows to a New Tomorrow

The Centre for Children's Creativity is a hub for Lviv sponsor site activity. It hosts meetings, training, Christmas festivities, dance, theatre, and sports clubs. But the Centre was old and in disrepair, so Chalice partnered with the Lviv site to carry out the necessary repairs. Thanks to supporters, they installed a new roof, windows, floor, ceiling, and walls.

After the overhaul, the Centre will be a comfortable space for 188 sponsored children and 204 community members to learn, play, gather, and support one another in such difficult times.

Kind Hands, New Home

Arsen, Mariana, and Maryna now feel safe and comfortable after a terrifying fire destroyed their house. Chalice donors to their critical needs request provided material and prayerful support.



"We are grateful to God that we are all alive and that no one was injured in the fire," says Halyna, their mother. "With kind people around us and with hard work, we will restore our home."



Hardy Goats Mean Resilient Families

Goats are multiplying themselves and opportunities in a rural community in our Wa sponsor site. In 2022, through Chalice's African farming program, known as Eroots, the Wa team gave 16 families a total of 17 goats to breed for an income.

Four years on, the goats have grown by almost 50 per cent, now numbering 24. The family farmers haven't lost a single animal. The Wa site expects the project will strengthen household livelihoods, increase resilience, and provide long-term economic benefits for both families and the local school community.

Granting Peter's Dreams

Peter is a bright 17-year-old high school student in our Konta sponsor site in northern Ghana. After the passing of his father, Felix, Peter's mother struggled to afford Peter's school fees. The family carried anxiety that Peter's school would suspend him for the debt.



Thanks to a donation to the Konta site through Chalice — known as a grant — the site covered Peter's high school expenses.

With the tuition covered, Peter could focus on his studies worry-free and eased his mother's burden. "Your contribution has made a meaningful difference in his life," says Michael, Konta site director, "helping him to continue his education and pursue his dreams."

Seidu Lights the Way for Other Teens

Seidu appreciates the help she received to find her path, and now she's helping others do the same. Born with a physical disability in a rural community with few accessible accommodations, Seidu faced many barriers to her education. But thanks to a sponsor through the Wa sponsor site she had all the resources she needed to devour books and study hard.

Your sponsorship covered my school fees, uniforms, and books among others," Seidu says. "This support meant a lot to me and my family. It lifted a huge weight off our shoulders and allowed me to focus on my studies." She flew through grade school and landed a spot in a university in secretarial and management studies.



"I am proud to say I have graduated," she says. She has a one-year position as part of Ghana's national service program. She extends her gratitude to her sponsor. "I really appreciate everything you have done for me and I am grateful."

Visions of Hope

Thanks to all those who supported health with the gift catalogue, 215 sponsored students in the Nandom site had their eyes screened. The team provided any children with a diagnosis the medication they need.



20 Desks Make 60 Happy Students

90 years ago, Catholic missionaries founded St. Paul's Primary school. Its furniture was showing its advanced age. 60 students sat on bare floors with no chairs or desks.

Thanks to everyone who equipped classrooms with the gift catalogue, the Nandom site gave St. Paul's 20 desks and benches. "The gesture has supported [us] very much and [we] make the maximum benefit of it," says Jawad, a grade three student.



Comfortable and Dry

María José, her younger sister María de Jesús, and their mother Angelina lived in a small house made of deteriorating planks and a thatched roof. The light materials let in any rainwater, which was especially stressful in the rainy winter months. Angelina works hard to support her daughters after the passing of her husband seven years ago, but there was never enough for repairs.

María José's Chalice sponsor knew she is cheerful, intelligent, and driven to succeed. When they learned of her house's condition and wanted to step in and give her a safe, comfortable place to study and grow up.



With her sponsor's generous gift of special money, Angelina renovated the walls and roof to a much more secure state. "The family's happiness is evident," says Sr. Juliana, Luis Amigó site director, "and they have expressed their gratitude for the support they have received."

Energy to Smile

Carlitos is an 11-year-old with a contagious smile who grew up with his parents and older sister. Two years ago, his parents knew that his nutrition wasn't where it should be, so they enrolled him in the Luis Amigó site's nutrition program supported by Chalice donors.



With Carlitos' enthusiasm and his parents' commitment, the balanced diet has improved Carlitos' energy, grades, participation, and friendships. "Nutritious food has been a fundamental pillar of his physical and emotional well-being," says Sr. Juliana.

Keidy Plays On

Keidy balances being a good sister, talented lyre player, focused student, and determined patient.

When she was 13, Keidy was diagnosed with a thyroid issue that needed specialized medical care, which Chalice critical needs supporters quickly helped her treat. The supporters ensured she began treatment, received regular medical evaluations, and attended follow-up appointments.

Now 15, Keidy is committed to her recovery process and promises to keep taking the medications she's prescribed.



Pedro Luis is Ready to Welcome You

Pedro Luis is the kind of man you want to greet you when you arrive in a new place. Ever since he was young, he excelled in communication and loved to meet new people and learn about different cultures.

Pedro Luis graduated high school and pursued his calling in a Hotel, Tourism, and Gastronomy Management degree. Despite his mother Gladys' dedication to earning his tuition as a house cleaner, his tuition was always a challenge.



The Luis Amigó site runs a program for post-secondary students called Hope for my Future, thanks to the generosity of Chalice supporters. Pedro Luis was a perfect candidate for the program. With the support, he advanced to his fifth semester with good grades. Hope for my Future also offers personal development workshops, in which he was an active participant. These workshops strengthened his self-esteem and gave Gladys greater confidence, leadership skills, and stronger communication skills with her son.

Now 22, Pedro Luis is more self-confident and has clear goals and an ardent desire to continue growing professionally.

Faces of Hope



Chanceline

NDS2558

HAITI NORTH, HAITI

Chanceline keeps busy at both school and home. The seven-year-old balances keeping her strong grades with cooking. Managing busyness will help her with her future as a nurse. A sponsor will channel her energy to her goals.



Rishith

GSA1617

MANGALAGIRI, INDIA

Rishith is a born communicator, which explains his love of languages. Now ten, he and his sister rely on their hard-working mother's farming to cover their daily needs and house rent. He promises his future sponsor that he will stay focused and do his best.



Zoe

AYO2561

CHICLAYO, PERU

Zoe is not afraid to have the spotlight on her. The eight-year-old loves dancing, presenting, and performing at school. Her mother always tries to help with schoolwork but knows the support of a sponsor will ensure Zoe's success.



Veronika

VOL2868

Pochaiv, Ukraine

Veronika uses art to show her love, using her spare time to draw pictures for those on the frontlines. She likes to help her mother bake treats for fundraiser fairs. The conflict continues to touch their lives through financial stress and uncertainty, and eight-year-old Veronika prays for peace.



Kin

GDL2424

GUADALUPE, BOLIVIA

Kin may be nine, but he has grand dreams of professional soccer. For now, he contents himself with school medals as he focuses on his studies and nutrition to be strong and smart. A sponsor will make sure he never misses a chance to score.



Carine

CAR1601

HAITI SOUTH, HAITI

Carine fills her home with music. The 11-year-old singer hopes to heal with music and medicine when she's a nurse. In Haiti's current turmoil, a sponsor will ensure Carine can have the opportunities, nourishment, and essentials to bring music to her patients.



Beatrice

SMN1822

SERENJE, ZAMBIA

When her parents ask her to put down her book and help on the farm, Beatrice is happy to help. She loves school and she wants to become a teacher. Her parents struggle to cover their children's education, and a sponsor will help Beatrice reach her classroom dream.



Edson

MBA1785

MBINGA, TANZANIA

Edson lives with his parents and four siblings near their community's church. Now in grade three, he already knows he wants a career in the classroom. The seven-year-old assures his future sponsor that he always does his best because he wants to support his parents.



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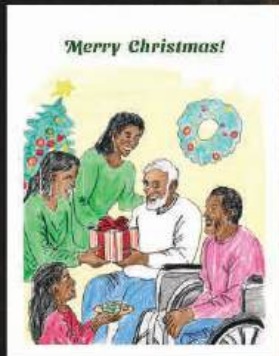
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Grilled Vegetable Pasta Salad with Tomato Dressing

Prep time: 20-25 minutes

Serves: 4

Cook time: 12-15 minutes
(depending on the type of pasta)

INGREDIENTS

Dressing

¼ cup (60 ml) olive oil

2-3 very ripe Roma tomatoes, chopped or 1 cup (140 g) very ripe cherry tomatoes (for a variety of flavours and colour, you can use a mix of red, orange and yellow cherry tomatoes)

1 fresh garlic clove, thinly sliced

2 tbsp (30 ml) balsamic vinegar

Pasta

¾ lb (340 g) penne (or other short pastas — you can also substitute whole wheat pasta)

2 bell peppers, seeded and quartered (use a variety of colours to brighten the dish)

2 green or yellow zucchinis, sliced lengthwise, about ¼-inch (5-mm) thick

2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil

2 cups (280 g) tomatoes, halved (various colours)

¼ cup (10 g) fresh herbs, finely chopped (basil, oregano and parsley)



DIRECTIONS

Dressing:

1. In a blender, finely chop the tomato and garlic.
2. Add the oil and vinegar.
3. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Blend until smooth. Strain through a sieve, if desired.

Pasta Salad:

1. Cook pasta in salted boiling water until al dente. Drain and toss with olive oil.
2. Preheat grill on medium heat. Brush grate with olive oil.
3. Brush the bell peppers and zucchini with olive oil and season with salt.
4. Set the vegetables directly on the grill, cook for 4-6 minutes, or until slightly soft, flip over halfway through.
5. Roughly chop grilled vegetables and place in a large bowl.
6. Add pasta, cherry tomatoes, herbs and dressing. Toss gently to mix. Adjust seasoning to taste.

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Faces of Hope



Lawrence

SFD2006

KONTA, GHANA

Lawrence is in grade three at Wa School for the Deaf, where he's learning sign language to open his world of communication. Boarding the 12-year-old at the specialized school is challenging for his parents, so a sponsor will be a blessing for the whole family.



Jazmín

VIL3329

CMAVIL, PARAGUAY

Friendly and artistic Jazmín will make her future salon clients thrilled with their haircuts. For now, the seven-year-old uses paints and pencils instead of shears. Her parents struggle to cover expenses and know a sponsor will help their artist reach her dreams.



Alexa

CHA5140

LUIS AMIGO, GUATEMALA

Alexa is the kind of friend you want on your side. At eight, she already knows that she wants to defend children's rights as a lawyer. For now, she's happy to draw and swim. A sponsor will be on her side until she passes the bar.



Kevin

BCO2148

BASECO, PHILIPPINES

Kevin loves to play soccer with his human friends but someday wants to spend his time with animals as a zoo-keeper. His family relies on his father's income, and a sponsor will ensure six-year-old Kevin goes from playtime to pawprints.



Alexander

AYO2448

CHICLAYO, PERU

Alexander lives with his busy parents and generous grandmother. Between games of soccer and basketball, the ten-year-old likes chowing down on tuna, mangoes, and flan. A sponsor will keep his grandmother's kitchen, and Alexander's heart, warm.



Lia

FDR2626

SANTIAGO, CHILE

Lia has seen many specialists in her five years, and they've inspired her to be a doctor, too. Her heart may have an unusual beat, but it's full of love. A sponsor to help her family meet her education and medical needs.



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Delina Continues to Walk Tall

Delina is a busy mother and entrepreneur near the Haiti North sponsor site. In late June 2025, she was on her way to the market when she was in a hit and run with a motorcycle taxi. Her left leg was fractured in two places. She needed surgery but couldn't afford the expenses.



Thanks to everyone who supported her critical needs request through Chalice, she could undergo the first surgery and then a second. She also accessed post-operative care and crutches.

"I must tell you that during this extremely difficult time," Delina says. "Your support was decisive. Without it, I don't know what I would have done; it allowed me to cover the costs of my surgery."

Now, her health is improving, she gets around on crutches and has regular follow-up care.

Edley, Haiti North site director can see the impact of her recovery on everyone's faces. "The atmosphere in their home has transformed," he says, "from one of fear and desperation to one of hope and joy."

Monsetime Can Sleep and Dream

Many people have made a difference in Monsetime's life, and now she's ready to return the kindness. "My passion for helping others has led me to one clear dream: becoming a nurse," she says.

Monsetime was sponsored through the Haiti North site when she was five. For 18 years sponsorship has been "a fundamental pillar for my family and me." When she graduated and moved into a nursing program, the financial challenge made her feel overwhelmed and cost her sleep.

Thanks to everyone who gave



continuing education with the Chalice gift catalogue, Monsetime received tuition support. The Haiti North team knew she was the perfect candidate because of "her ...resilience, academic commitment, and potential to transform her community through nursing," says Edley, Haiti North site director.

"I felt a wave of emotions," Monsetime says of the moment she heard the news. "No more lying awake wondering if I'll have to abandon my nursing dreams."

She offers a prayer, "Lord, may this gift be a source of joy and blessing in my life."

Hewadson Sees a Miracle

Growing up with his parents and five siblings, they knew many barriers from limited financial resources. When Hewadson was ten, he was sponsored. "Chalice has provided educational stability, food support, and personal development during our toughest times," he says.

Now 21, it came time for university, and Hewadson and his family couldn't afford the tuition and necessary technology. He was under constant stress.

But when he learned that he received the gift of continuing education through the gift catalogue, he felt "overwhelmed with joy, gratitude, and relief," he says. "This gift is the key that unlocks my trapped potential."

Hewadson feels the gift even has spiritual impacts. It has renewed his trust in divine providence. "I cried: 'Thank you God for this miracle!'" he says. "Thank you Chalice – you've changed my life."

Eight Dreams Become Reality

In Haiti's current economic and political turmoil, many Haitian families struggle to meet daily needs. This places higher education out of reach. Thanks to everyone who gave continuing education through the gift catalogue, eight students in the Haiti South sponsor site - including

21-year-old Jovany and 26-year-old Lyenne - have had everything change.

Their dreams of attending university have become a reality. The hardships of the past have given way to incredible hope, opening the doors to both stable careers and brighter futures.



Babita's Seamless Start

Babita is a mother of two who came to know the Chalice staff at our Goa site a year ago. She and her family had moved to the region in search of better opportunities, and her children, Joel and Tara, were sponsored.

Her husband found work in a nearby garage, but Babita wanted to turn her love of sewing into an income. She decided to enroll in a one-year tailoring course. After graduating, she bought a second-hand sewing machine to practice at home, improve her skills, and prepare herself

to take orders. But the machine was old and needed frequent repairs.

Thanks to everyone who supported entrepreneurs through the Chalice gift catalogue, Babita received a new sewing machine. She is already taking orders and offers a variety of styles and school uniforms. Her reputation is spreading through her village, and her confidence is growing.

"The sewing machine is a game-changer for my family," Babita says.



Swathi Pledges Success

Swathi knows the power of taking care of someone's health. When she and her sister were sponsored through the Madurai site, she saw how good nutrition and health care can transform us. Sadly, when she was nine years old, she lost her father to heart disease.

Now 20, Swathi is taking her childhood compassion into a nursing and midwifery degree. But tuition and accommodations were taking a toll on her family's finances. "My mother has done so much for us, and I want to make her proud," Swathi says. Thanks to everyone who supported continuing education through the gift catalogue, Swathi was relieved of her financial burden.

"This gift has given me peace of mind and hope," she says. "Swathi had a special pledge that she would study well and achieve her goal as a nurse," says Sr. Amala, Madurai site director.



A Push Toward Independence

Yellamma is determined to work, despite the health trouble she and her husband face. Yellamma began selling vegetables using a rented pushcart, but the daily rental expenses ate into her profit. Her Chalice family circle mates knew of her determination and challenges. They asked the Bangalore site staff to consider Yellamma to receive a new pushcart from the gift catalogue. Thanks to generous gift catalogue supporters, they all got their wish.

Today, Yellamma buys vegetables and greens at wholesale prices and sells them in her village. She turns a profit of approximately \$15 Cdn per day. "She is pleased with her improved income," says Sr. Angeline, a leader in the Bangalore site, "and plans to continue and expand her business in the future."





From Miles to Smiles

The Asembo site team know ten-year-old Chris as a hardworking bookworm who dreams of becoming a doctor.

Sponsored when he was seven, Chris had a daily 12 kilometre round-trip to school. His fatigue showed in his grades, but his family couldn't afford a solution. Through the generosity of Chalice gift catalogue givers, Chris received a bicycle to make his commute a breeze.



The Asembo team know that Chris will never forget the day the bicycle arrived. "For a few moments, he stood frozen," says Sr. Pauline, Asembo site director. "Then, overwhelmed with emotion, a bright smile slowly spread across his face as he whispered, 'Thank you so much... God has heard my prayers.'"

With his new bicycle, Chris arrives at school on time and energized, ready for his lessons and extracurricular activities. "I will never forget this gift," Chris says. "When I ride it, I feel happy. I feel like someone believes in me. Thank you for making me feel that I matter."

Threads to Freedom

Magdaline is a proud mother of two boys and works hard to show them the meaning of independence. She lost her husband 14 years ago and her youngest son Godfrey was sponsored through the Mikinduri sponsor site three years later.

"This marked a turning point for our family," Magdaline says. With the consistent saving habits she learned with her Chalice family circle, she earned a loan from her group to start a small business selling clothing. She saved those profits, and invested in a dairy cow, followed by a pig and a lease for farmland. The cow produces milk and helpful fertilizer, boosting her garden harvests.

"Today, my family has enough access to healthy food," she says. "I am able to make a little money



from my business to support my children — something I once only dreamed of."

Her sons are now succeeding in school. "You have worked with me to ensure that my child remained in school and can now dream of a better future," she says to sponsors. "Today, our lives have changed, and we now have hope, stability, and dignity."

Never Too Late to Learn

The Mombasa sponsor site has been running an adult literacy program since 2022 and continues to see it change lives. Tabu was in her forties and had low literacy, so she joined the very first year. She attended classes five times a week, beginning with tracing letters and moving through reading sentences, signing her name and phone number, and solving simple math. She told the Mombasa team that she calls these skills her 'freedom tools.'



Tabu can now check her grandchildren's homework. "Before, I would just tell them to go ask their uncle," she says. "Now they are running to me."

This year, a local women's group elected Tabu to be their secretary because of her skill at taking minutes and keep financial records. "Tabu's story is not just about literacy," says Sr. JaneFrances, Mombasa site director. "One woman chose to start at 54, a whole family's relationship with education is changing."



Junior Gives What He Received

Junior was once a vulnerable child and now helps children in need. Sponsored in grade five through the CMAVIL site, he says, "the Chalice program changed my life. It gave me the opportunity to believe in myself and pursue my dreams."

His dream was to become a psychologist. He flew through high school, began university, and now holds a degree in clinical psychology.

He has worked with vulnerable children and teens through a national program and offered to volunteer with the sponsor site. "I want to give back what I received," says Junior, "and make a difference in the lives of other young people like me."



The Specialist's Promise to Jonathan

Jonathan is on the road to recovery after years of uncertainty.

When he was ten, he started having severe headaches, and Chalice supporters helped him access medications, stay in hospital for two months, and undergo tests to refine a course of treatment. He was diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder that affects his central nervous system.

The site team reached out again for critical needs support because Jonathan, now 14, needed an MRI. With a generous response, he had the MRI, saw a specialist, and will have access to future scans as needed. Specialists will also follow up with him and check his progress.



The Barber in Blue

Carlos always admired when his parents taught him right from wrong. Sponsored in grade eight, Carlos was always a strong student, and he began dreaming of a career in law enforcement.

The path to the police academy was not easy, but his sponsor and the CMAVIL team were in his corner. Alongside his police training, Carlos took a barbering course, which he will use to serve his community and fellow service members. Now 17, Carlos serves as an officer with Paraguay's national police.



Ready to Spark Great Things

Álvaro loved to go with his mother to her Chalice family circle meetings in the PENNT sponsor site. All the parents always spoke of higher education, and encouraged him to dream, and he dreamt of becoming an industrial mechanic.



Upon graduation, he achieved a spot in the perfect program but struggled to afford the tuition. With support from his Chalice sponsor Álvaro continued his studies, pulling long days of work and classes. Thanks to a program they launched with Chalice, PENNT helped Álvaro to buy a welding helmet as well as the equipment and tools that allow him to continue his studies.

Carola, PENNT site director, extends Álvaro's gratitude and says he "always fondly remembers joining the [sponsorship] program, which allowed him to change his life and that of his family."

A Bridge to Inclusion and Hope

18-year-old José's wheelchair is worn out from an active teenager's constant use. "Getting around became more of an obstacle than an opportunity," says Francesco, Tukuy site director. José couldn't take part in school, community, or family life.

Thanks to everyone who gave health gifts through the Chalice gift catalogue, José received a new wheelchair. "For José, being able to move around means... sharing with his peers, learning, and feeling recognized as a young man with dreams and abilities," Francesco says.



Gari Redefines Ability

At nine years old, Gari faces challenges that most children never experience. Born with a severe disability that affects his mobility, he struggles to stand and sit without support. "Nothing stops him," says Francesco, Tukuy site director, "he is very cheerful and plays with his siblings and schoolmates."

For years, his parents, Edgar and Eufrosia, fought tirelessly to ensure their son could attend a mainstream school despite barriers and misconceptions about his condition. Through support from his sponsor and the Tukuy site team, Gari received an assessment, advocacy for his inclusion in school, physiotherapy guidance, and a new walker that allows him to travel to class more independently.

Today, Gari is thriving. He reads, writes, attends school three days

a week, and plays soccer with his classmates. What once seemed out of reach is now becoming reality. Thanks to the support of caring donors and his family's unwavering love, Gari is building confidence, gaining independence, and proving that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, belong, and dream.

Better Sleep, Brighter Dreams

For many years, Máxima, her husband, and five children shared mattresses on the floor or makeshift beds. The children woke up with discomfort that affected their grades.

Thanks to everyone who helped households through the gift catalogue, Máxima's family received a bunk bed. The family's sleep and mood improved. The children have better energy and grades. "I am very happy and grateful; my children no longer sleep on the floor," says Máxima. "They now have their own bed and rest better."





Sheila's Unstoppable Journey

Sheila is at home both on a farm and in the hospital. Growing up in a farming family, she was sponsored through the Mbinga site when she was eight. Balancing studies with weeding, Sheila set her eyes on a nursing and midwifery degree.

Now 20, she is pursuing that goal. Thanks to everyone who gave continuing education through the gift catalogue, Sheila no longer worries whether she can afford to finish the school year. "It is such a great relief for me and my family," says Sheila. "May God bless you and may He grant you peace and good health."



From Students to Business Owners

In the Mbinga site, graduation day is a highlight. Students finished their tailoring or carpentry course. Thanks to everyone who supported livelihoods through the gift catalogue, the six tailoring grads took home a sewing machine, and the carpenters received toolkits.

"They are not just going home with a certificate," says Fr. Yuda, Mbinga site director, "they are going home with a livelihood."



The Heart of a Healer

Oliva is a compassionate sister destined to be a healer. She is pursuing her degree in clinical medicine, but many have made sacrifices to support her. She lives with her brother's family, and he is making difficult choices to keep supporting her tuition.



Oliva received the gift of continuing education from the Mbinga site through the gift catalogue. "Though I was sad and discouraged," Oliva says, "I am now full of happiness and joy. I have this new feeling that I will complete my education to gain its benefits."

Digital Upgrades for Primary Students

Thanks to everyone who equipped classrooms with the gift catalogue, Mkono Wa Mara school now has ten computers. "They now have the world at their fingertips," says Fr. Yuda, "You can see the excitement in the lab."



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Current of Courage

Mischeck has always had a certain energy. He knew as soon as he graduated, he would pursue electrical engineering.

Now 23, Mischeck is a versatile electrician. "He is a shining example," says Sr. Catherine, Serenje site director, "of how education and training can empower individuals to create a brighter future for themselves and their families."



Parents Stirring Up Change

Parents in the Kawambwa site are redefining 'working for peanuts.' Thanks to everyone who supported livelihoods with the gift catalogue, two Chalice family circles - 36 parents - are working with new peanut butter machines. They can now produce and sell more product, re-investing profits in ingredients.

Courage to Dream

Sharon lives with albinism which increases her sun sensitivity. When the 17-year-old needed a biopsy, generous Chalice supporters supported Kawambwa site's request, and she went to the capital for specialized care.

"Thank you very much for helping me," Sharon says. "I feel stronger now... and I have hope to continue with my education. Your support has given me courage to dream of becoming a nurse."

Steps to a Doctor's Dream

Memory is walking tall once again. The 17-year-old broke her leg in a fall and Chalice supporters ensured she could receive treatment in the capital, Lusaka.

"I can walk again, attend school, and continue with my studies," Memory says. "Your kindness has given me hope to follow my dream of becoming a doctor."



Gifts Built Brighter Classrooms

Pre-schoolers in the Serenje site now have a cleaner, comfier, and more fun place to learn. Thanks to everyone who supported schools with the gift catalogue, teachers enjoy renovations, furniture, and office equipment, while students enjoy a playground.



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