



School Shopping

With all of the planning going into our newest program on Staten Island and the upcoming New York Annual Gala (more on that inside!), there haven't been too many days to sit back and relax this summer ... which is why I've been looking at my calendar this week with a slight sense of resignation. Somehow, the summer has flown past and it's almost that time of year again - time to wade into shop after shop to find the perfect things to purchase for your kids, scouring the shelves for the exact items on their wish list. And no, I'm not talking about Christmas or the holiday season. I'm talking about back-to-school shopping.

This year, the children of A Chance In Life have a few extra items on their list. Throughout the pandemic, ACIL and our program partners have been working hard to provide our young people with the resources they need to continue school. With the support of our donors, we've sent funds for internet top up cards to Bolivia and Peru so parents can use their cell phones to access their children's homework. We've provided laptops and installed internet routers for our girls in Colombia (pictured above), and sent a number of tablets to our programs in India.

As the pandemic and lockdowns continue, however, so does our young people's need for academic tools and support to continue remote learning. Given an alarming report last month that rising poverty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic could force at least 9.7 million children out of school forever by the end of this year, we are fiercely determined that this will not be the fate of the youth we serve. If you would like to learn more about how you can help ACIL equip our students for success, visit us at achanceinlife.org/remoteteaching. Grazie mille!

Gabriele Delmonaco
President and Executive Director



NEWS FROM OUR TOWNS



Over \$20,000 raised for emergency food relief following Cyclone Tauktae's destruction in India

A Chance In Life is extremely grateful to announce that, through the generosity of our donors, we succeeded in raising more than \$20,000 for our young people and their families in Gujarat, India!

After enduring the extreme outbreak of COVID-19 and the destruction brought by Cyclone Tauktae, hundreds of villages were left without electricity or access to safe drinking water. Tin or tile roofs, a common style among poorer families, were blown away or collapsed entirely, allowing the rain and wind to damage everything inside. The emergency food relief and sanitation supplies we were able to send were critical for families, and ensured our youth in Gujarat continue to have the resources they need to stay healthy and safe as their community recovers and rebuilds after the cyclone.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this achievement possible. You can find photos of the relief effort at achanceinlife.org/india.



Young women in Ethiopia and Guatemala tend to small coffee farms at their Towns

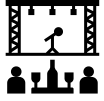
Move over, Starbucks! The young women living with our program partners in Emdibir, Ethiopia (left) and Cuilapa, Guatemala (right) can be seen above planting coffee trees in anticipation of their countries' respective rainy seasons. In Guatemala, a local agronomic engineer gave a workshop to the girls on the importance of planting trees and how coffee trees are planted. The coffee they grow will be enjoyed by the sisters and older girls at the program. In Ethiopia, the girls plant new trees each year and can sell any excess coffee that's produced beyond the needs of the program. Happy brewing, ladies!



House Tana della Volpe wins La Repubblica's Palio!

Every summer, La Repubblica dei Ragazzi (Boys' & Girls' Republic of Italy) hosts the Palio - a competition between the five 'houses' of the Town. Palio is the highlight of the season for many of our young citizens. The boys and girls of House Faro (Lighthouse), Tana della Volpe (Fox Den), Ponte (Bridge), House Stella (Star) and House Fenice (Phoenix) compete in games throughout May and June to win points for their houses. Congratulations again to House Tana della Volpe!

After sadly missing last year's Palio because of COVID-19 restrictions, this year saw the happy return of La Repubblica alumni and their families to cheer on the current citizens.



A Chance In Life's 76th New York Annual Gala on September 22, 2021

We are delighted to introduce you to our three incredible honorees for this year's gala! Information, tickets and journal ads for this year's gala can all be found at achanceinlife.org/nyag2021.



Chris Augustin
CIO for Global Business Solutions,
Fiserv, Inc.
and 2021 Man of the Year



Tami Erwin
Executive Vice President and CEO,
Verizon Business
and 2021 Woman of the Year



Prof. Msgr. Guy-Réal Thivierge
Secretary General of the Pontifical
Foundation Gravissimum Educationis
*and 2021 Excellence in Education
Award Recipient*



A Chance In Life's 2021 Wine & Spirits Annual International Dinner

Preparations have begun for ACIL's yearly winter event in partnership with the Wine & Spirits and Food industry! We invite everyone to join us on Thursday, December 9, at Riverpark, overlooking the East River.

Additional information, including honorees, sponsors and ways to support and attend, will be announced shortly. Check out our website, achanceinlife.org/events for updates and mark your calendars for December 9!



Lunch with the San Francisco Dinner Committee

In July, Gabriele headed west to meet with the SF Dinner Committee, who generously volunteer their time each year to successfully produce the annual Ball of the Year in San Francisco. The lunch was an enjoyable and energetic opportunity to reconnect and share news of our programs. ACIL Board Member Larry Nibbi shared updates on our progress opening our first program in the US. It was a joy to be surrounded by the Committee's excitement for the project and hear their commitment to the young people we serve. Grazie mille for your hospitality and support, San Francisco!



A Chance In Life in the News!

Our President and Executive Director, Gabriele Delmonaco, continues to serve as a thought leader in conversations concerning youth development and education. Below are a few highlights from Gabriele's recent interviews across a variety of mediums - you can find links to each interview or article at achanceinlife.org/press.



Podcast interview with Dr. Liz Holifield on WFSU's 411 Teen; April 18, 51 minutes



TV interview with Antwan Lewis on Fox 5's Good Day Street Talk; June 19, 7 minutes



Radio interview with George Bodarky on WFUV's Cityscape; July 9, 30 minutes



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR DONORS

As the CEO of Verizon Business, Tami Erwin is a leader in business and in the New York City community. She's also the recipient of the Woman of the Year Award at the upcoming A Chance In Life New York Annual Gala. She answered a few questions about her illustrious career and shared some advice for our young people.



Tami stands alongside the fearless girl in London

You are currently the CEO of Verizon Business leading roughly 26,000 staffers globally. What are the most important lessons you've learned about the responsibility of leadership, in business and as part of the broader NYC community?

Kindness and compassion are two values I learned from my father at a young age. As a physician, I saw him go above and beyond in everything he did to care for the needs of his patients. At Verizon Business, I aim to do the same for my employees, customers, and society.

Over the course of the past year, we've witnessed widespread disruption across business, society, and culture at large. Simultaneously, we launched programs within our global, national and local communities to aid the groups we saw getting hit the hardest, particularly frontline healthcare workers and small businesses. The pandemic has highlighted the importance of compassion, and a new style of leadership, one that demands caring and curiosity. It is our responsibility as business leaders, but also as people, to be active members in the communities in which we work, live and learn.

What attracted you the most to the mission of A Chance In Life? What advice would you give to the young people in our programs?

A Chance In Life's mission is grounded in evolution: working to meet the ever-evolving needs of at-risk youth, and evolving itself, as an organization, in doing so.



Tami ready for the June #VTeam Leadership Forum from Verizon's HQ

Being intentional about a child's journey and the impact the community around children can have is critical to the future trajectory of their lives. For example, I recently learned that the majority of 10-year-olds today will live to be 100 years old – 100! With humans leading increasingly lengthy lives, instilling a culture of “lifelong learning” will become imperative. So my advice is simple, always be curious and seek out new knowledge and experiences. It's the greatest escape and will take you to places you never thought possible.

You launched Women of the World, an employee-development program involving thousands of female Verizon staffers in the U.S. Can you tell us about why this effort was a priority for you? What advice would you give to young girls in our program?

As a female executive who progressed through the ranks of Verizon, instituting and leading in-house and external female career programs like Women of the World (WOW) and our recently launched Women's CoLab program are

particularly meaningful to me. From my time as a customer service representative early in my career to leading Verizon Business, I've seen firsthand the importance of mentoring and empowering women in the workplace – a conversation that has never been more important as it is today.

To rising women leaders, have the courage to believe in your capabilities and actively declare what you want. The data shows that women are better suited to manage a crisis, they are more trusted, and have an ability to reframe a problem to reduce emotional stress. Those leadership traits are needed more today than ever.