

Nine cents a day helps two children break the cycle of poverty

*The **Community Impact** program gives Intact Financial Corporation employees the flexibility to choose how and where they give, in ways that are meaningful to them. It's one way we live our value of generosity.*

Fifteen-year-old Irine is a math whiz and is studying hard to get into medical school in Kenya. In her spare time, she loves playing soccer with her two best friends, Sarah and Ruth. But she knows her parents struggle to pay school fees, rent and other necessities.

Since 2015, a group of employees led by Anthony De Souza, Senior Personal Insurance Underwriter in Vancouver, have been sponsoring Irine and nine-year-old Vijay in India through the charity [Chalice](#). Just \$1,000 a year (\$500 per child) helps them stay in school and break the cycle of poverty.

Paying it forward

Anthony's family fled the Democratic Republic of Congo when he was a child, and they started a new life in Canada in 1974. Anthony still remembers the generosity of the people who helped his family settle into their new home. When given the chance, he wanted to pay that generosity forward.

"I was really affected by the Syrian war in 2015 and the indiscriminate use of weapons on civilians, and especially on children. I wanted to do something to help children affected by war, famine and poverty," says Anthony.

He was overwhelmed by the response from other members of Personal Lines team and Business Development "They all wanted to be part of this initiative to help make a difference in the lives of a child and their family somewhere else in the world."

Over the years, members have joined and left the Chalice Sponsorship Group. This year, 32 employees from many departments, including Personal Lines, Commercial Lines, Specialty Solutions and Prestige have joined the group.

Introducing the Chalice Sponsorship Group of 2022

Shirley Doliwa	David Lee	Laurie West	Elizabeth MacDonald
Jessica Ly	Lancia Greenwood	Ming Chow	Jill Daniel
Erica Smith	Tony Machado	Juan Li	Sylvia Bernat
Cynthia Wu	Rose Savio-Hopkins	Junichi Fujii	Constance Wong
Sebastian E.	Steve Ottewell	Bonny Zong	Deborah Barr
Ashley Andrade	Julie Buchanan	Emily Bisbee	Laura Irving
Angie Breadner	Sylvia Sherlock	Matthew Stirrat	Anthony De Souza
Cindy Cardwell	Anna Hon		

**some members asked not to be named*

With 32 members, the individual cost for sponsorship was just \$32, or 9 cents a day. "Our small gift each year has made it possible for these two children to complete their education and pursue their dreams. And the most rewarding aspect was that our individual contribution was matched by Intact under the Community Impact program," says Anthony.

Living our value of generosity

Chalice has an [emergency relief fund](#) to support children and families affected by the war in Ukraine. You can also learn more about [sponsoring a child](#).

Our value of generosity guides us to care for people and find ways to help – whether that's by giving our time, financial resources, or sharing our talents. Through the Community Impact program, the Intact Foundation amplifies employees' generosity by matching donations dollar for dollar or donating \$20 for every hour they volunteer, to a combined maximum of \$1,000 per year.

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