

**MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE ON IOP 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS,
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On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Ilula Orphan Program's community, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended and supported our organization's 20th Anniversary Celebration. On November 18, 2016, IOP hosted an exciting 20th Anniversary. The event witnessed the presence of IOP Committee Leaders from USA, Norway, Netherlands, Italy and Luxembourg. Nearly 1000 guests joined us to recognize special honorees and guests who were of great influence to the development of IOP

I was so pleased to see that children and adults came together and celebrated this important milestone to the organization. They came together to pay special tribute to our mission and the amazing community who came to witness different beneficiaries who came to show their personal journeys and their incredible stories of success.

Few would have believed 20 years ago that the IOP would have risen to the height it is today in providing education and care to Orphans and Vulnerable Children This is because IOP's birth was a very informal and trial arrangement involving just its few founding members. Thanks to Berit and the team who worked hard to make IOP the way it is today!

To our friends, institutions, and colleagues who joined us, supported us, assisted us and celebrated with us in person and in spirit, we thank you for making this the most wonderful birthday party ever and the beginning of our exciting journey to the next 20 years!! We can't mention them all by names but it is worth mentioning that their contributions encouraged the commitment to the work we are doing.

God bless you

Edson Msigwa

