

# A SWIM TO SUPPORT REFUGEE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

**World Refugee Day: June 20, 2017**

**NYC native swims to raise funds for education in Kenyan refugee camps: You can help provide a better future for these children!**



**IN HONOR OF WORLD REFUGEE DAY ON JUNE 20, CHRISTOPHER SWAIN**, a member of the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) Westchester Chapter, will swim from the Statue of Liberty to Manhattan Island. Swain, the first person in history to swim the entire length of the Columbia and Hudson Rivers, calls attention to the needs of the 65 million people who come under the United Nations refugee program. He hopes that his swim and walk to the United Nations will serve as reminders of the arduous journeys over land and sea that are undertaken daily by refugees around the world, as they search for better lives for their families. All funds raised as part of Swain's swim on World Refugee Day will be directly contributed to UNA-USA's Adopt-A-Future program, which supports education for children in Kenyan refugee camps.

Swain, who was born in New York City, is descended from Irish refugees who fled Ireland during the Great Famine of the mid-1800s. His swim will begin at 3:45pm ET on Tuesday, June 20. On his arrival at Battery Park, he will hold a brief press conference. Afterwards, Swain and other advocates will walk four miles across Manhattan to the United Nations in New York City. Supporters are invited to attend a reception at the United Nations Foundation's New York office from 7:30 to 9:00 pm ET. To RSVP to participate in the walk or attend the reception, please [click here](#).

To support Swain and UNA-USA's Adopt-A-Future program, please [donate here](#) and select "NY-Westchester" on the drop-down menu to contribute

directly to UNA-Westchester's adopted school, the Gambela Primary School at the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. If you prefer to donate via check, please download the [donor form](#).

In collaboration with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Adopt-A-Future will focus on supporting schools in two UNHCR camps in Kenya (Dadaab and Kakuma) during 2017. The UNA-Westchester Chapter, the UNA Southern New York State Division, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. have partnered in a pledge to raise \$30,000 to build a classroom at the Gambela Primary School, which educates almost 3,000 children at the Kakuma Refugee Camp. All funds raised will be matched by philanthropic partners, doubling the impact of the initiative.

UNA-Westchester Board member Ambassador Bob Jalang'o, former Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations, has agreed to be the Division's liaison to Kenya and the school for this initiative.

We ask UNA-USA members and supporters to donate to our Adopt-A-Future campaign to make a lasting impact on the lives of refugees. We are giving refugee parents and their children hope for a brighter future. Thank you for your support.

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