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**LOCAL RESIDENTS EMBARK ON TRIP TO AFRICA TO MEET THEIR  
“ADOPTED” CHILDREN**

Wadmalaw Island, SC ... On Friday, June 8, Richard and Charlotte Jones from Wadmalaw Island will join Sylvia Allen, founder of Sylvia’s Children, Inc., on a trip to Uganda, Africa that could change their lives forever. They are going to Masaka, Uganda to meet their “adopted” child, the child they are sponsoring at the Mbirizi Primary School. Their generous financial support provides shelter, clothing, food and an education to their child.

The Joneses, as sponsors, are part of the non-profit organization Sylvia’s Children, Inc., whose mission is to help as many children as possible get out of poverty and become educated. Sylvia’s Children’s focus is on the children in Masaka who have been stricken with the AIDS pandemic causing many to be orphaned and homeless. Funds from the sponsors, such as the Joneses, provide for the children, get the homeless off the street and into the homes of caregivers and help to provide teachers, food, clothing, and decent living accommodations for the 667 children at the Mbirizi School in Masaka.

Sylvia’s Children was founded in 2004 as a non-profit 501©3 organization to help support and educate Ugandan children and, in particular, the children at the Mbirizi Primary School. On the trip in June to visit her “adopted” grandchildren, Allen’s goal is to help enrich the lives of these children through the visual and performing arts. She will be accompanied by her son, an accomplished musician, who will teach music to the children and her daughter, a successful fashion designer and artist, who will teach art.

The Joneses will spend three days in Masaka at the school, getting acquainted with the children and their sponsored child. After their visit, they will travel to Queen Elizabeth National Park for a brief safari outing before returning home.

For further information about Sylvia’s Children, you can visit the website at [www.sylviaschildren.org](http://www.sylviaschildren.org) or [www.allenconsulting.com](http://www.allenconsulting.com).

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