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Lauren & Melissa in Busia, Kenya

Welcome to 2025!

How is it already the end of February!? We feel like we ran into 2025 and haven't stopped to catch our breath yet! We started the year off with our annual admin trip to East Africa and then held our annual Dessert Auctions upon returning. While abroad, Lauren and Melissa visited with all of our East African Partners. We spent 2 weeks traveling around Busia, Kibera, and Kantafu in Kenya, and then finished our trip in Musanze, Rwanda. During these visits, we were able to make a plan for 2025, as well as provide 1:1 trainings for our Partners, student assessments and observations, make recommendations, and meet with a few parents. It was a full trip and we are excited for what 2025 will bring!

Wonderful teachers of L-arc-en-ciel in Musanze, Rwanda



3rd Annual Dessert Auctions

This month we hosted our 3rd Annual Empower the Exceptional Dessert Auctions in Memphis, TN and Whidbey Island, WA! Our Dessert Auctions have continued to grow every year! Stay tuned for our final outcomes and mark your calendars to join in in 2026!



S'mores cake by Molly Bilsky

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars for our
other 2025 event dates!

-Sweet Pea's Gives Back
(restaurant fundraiser in Memphis)
May & November

-8th Annual Empower the
Exceptional 5k & Fun Run, Memphis
September 20, 2025



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We are still searching for a title sponsor to support us in 2025! Perks will be available for a full year after committing. Please help us spread the word!



Seeking an Exceptional Title Sponsor for 2025



Your Impact

As our sole title sponsor for 2025, you will receive some amazing perks in exchange for supporting a worthy cause. Contributions go directly toward continuing our mission to promote advocacy & inclusion for people with disabilities, and to provide professional development and parent training free of charge to under-resourced communities across the globe.

\$6,000 Sponsorship Includes

2 entries into each of our annual events

Acknowledgement on our Website & Social Medias

Acknowledgement in our seasonal newsletters

Advertising at all of our events

Special gift from one of our partner countries

Contact us for more info or to commit today!



Our Mission

Exceptional Connections International is dedicated to raising awareness for individuals with disabilities through parent empowerment, education, and resource development across the globe through sustainable efforts.



Send good vibes & energy as our summer 2025 travel team gets to prepping!



Our Summer 2025 travel team also happens to be the ECI Board of Directors!

We are excited for this unique opportunity to share our skill sets in our Partner communities, as well as do some team building while abroad!

