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**ORPHANS OF RWANDA, INC. HOLDS THIRD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER ON
OCTOBER 21
Rwandan Scholarship Recipients to Speak at Event**

(New York, NY) October 7, 2008—Orphans of Rwanda, Inc. (ORI) will hold its third annual fundraiser on Tuesday, October 21, at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan. The event will feature two of its Rwandan scholarship recipients, Julliet Busingye and Nicholas Rutikanga, who will speak about their experiences as university students in Rwanda. The students, the first ORI scholarship recipients to visit the US, will also speak at other ORI events to be held in Boston, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Julliet Busingye is President of ORI's Student Government Association and Nicholas Rutikanga studies civil engineering and environmental technology. Both are enrolled at the Kigali Institute of Science and Technology and have bold dreams for their futures and for Rwanda. They, along with many other young Rwandans, have embraced education as a way to move themselves and their country forward after the 1994 genocide.

"We are so pleased that Julliet and Nicholas are willing to share their experiences with us at our event," said Michael Brochner, Orphans of Rwanda's Executive Director. "They both believe that education is the key not only to their futures, but to the future of Rwanda as well. Students like Julliet and Nicholas exemplify Rwanda's tremendous potential as the nation continues to make dramatic progress."

For the past four years, ORI has been dedicated to helping orphans and other socially vulnerable young people in Rwanda pursue a university education and ultimately become leaders. It currently supports 164 students at various universities throughout Rwanda. This past summer, ORI accepted 47 new students into the program after receiving 1,475 applications from prospective students.

The Orphans of Rwanda fundraising event will begin at 7 PM and is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at www.orphansofrwanda.org.

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Founded in 2004, Orphans of Rwanda, Inc. (ORI) is the only organization in sub-Saharan Africa working to help orphans and socially vulnerable youth pursue a university education and ultimately become leaders in Rwanda. In addition to funding university tuition, ORI empowers its students to excel by providing a wide range of services such as housing, healthcare, and skill-building trainings. The students ORI supports are united by a desire to improve their lives and create meaningful change in Rwanda. As they graduate from university, these students will demonstrate the tremendous intellectual potential of Rwanda's most vulnerable young people.

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