

My Rock Through It All

My Mother and Best Friend



Catherine Oriwa poses after her makeover by her daughter Chizoba.



Chizoba and her mommy wind down after a long day in the Nigerian sun.



Catherine could not be more proud of her daughter for having received the Zonta Award.



Catherine smiles, once again, before heading to a Nigerian Party.



Chizoba kisses her mommy goodnight.



When it comes to someone who embodies all of the characteristics of a selfless, ambitious, and loving individual, Chizoba thinks of her mother.

Chizoba's mother is the epitome of an unconditional source of encouragement in her world. Throughout Chizoba's high school career her mother always stressed the importance of hard work and faith. Before every test and exam, Chizoba's mother would always send text messages of encouragement, along with prayers. These small gestures always kept Chizoba focused on her main goal of achieving notable grades.

Chizoba's mother always had a unique way of showing her unwavering support while still cautioning her daughter to stay on the right path. One memory of her mother that Chizoba will always cherish, was during Chizoba's university decision making. When Chizoba was having difficulties committing to a university, her mother never failed to reassure Chizoba that irregardless of her choice, she will always stand by her side.

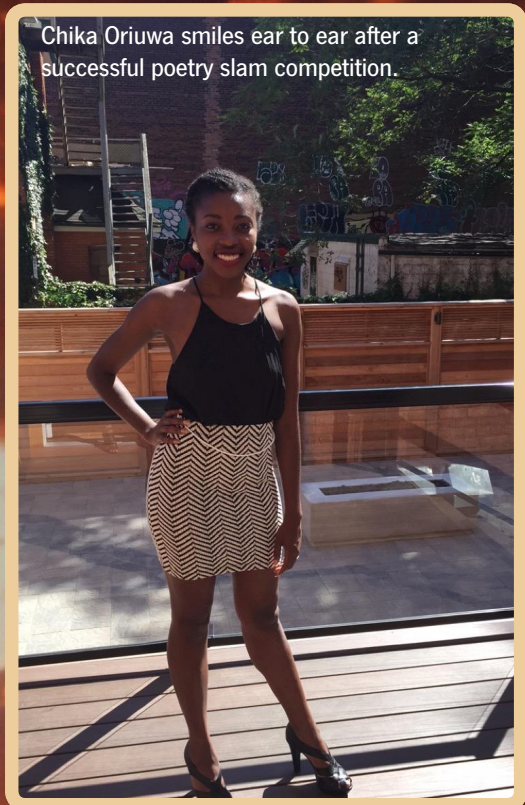
Dr. Chika The Greatest

When I Grow Up

To Chizoba, Chika was not regarded as the greatest only because of her high academic standing, but because she was the greatest influence in Chizoba's academic aspirations.

Throughout high school, every teacher never failed to remind Chizoba of the legacy that Chika left behind. Although Chizoba did feel discouraged at times when teachers would constantly compare the two sisters, Chizoba used these opportunities to show teachers her own potential. Chika's achievements always encouraged Chizoba to excel and strive for the best.

Chika also provided Chizoba with priceless guidance that has shaped her into a goal oriented and ambitious woman. Chika's persistence, undying love and motivation provides Chizoba with the confidence to not shy away from challenges that may arise.



Chika Oriuwa smiles ear to ear after a successful poetry slam competition.



Chizoba Oriuwa and Chika Oriuwa show off their native attire at their cousins traditional wedding.

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Painting is just one of Chika's many talents.



Chika elegantly performs her spoken word to a packed crowd.

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