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## CUTE KIDS CALENDAR TO AID ORPHANS



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So you think your little girl is as sweet as a strawberry parfait. Or your son bears an uncanny resemblance to Elvis.

Show them to everyone - and do some good. Child and maternity photographer Mimika Cooney wants to put them on a calendar to raise money for **Mothering Across Continents**, the Charlotte charity that finds local ways to help South African children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Cooney's calling her project "Tasty Treats & Movie Stars." There's a reason she's raising money for MAC. She's a mother and grew up in Johannesburg, South Africa. She's seen the tragedy of children made motherless by the disease.

"I know how important that role is in a child's life," she said. "There are so many children with huge needs in South Africa. I believe we can help one child at a time."

Cooney began her calendar casting call Tuesday, and received 22 applications. The call will go through Aug. 15.

Here's how it will work: You can apply to have your baby or child photographed for the 2010 calendar, babies newborn to 15 months dressing up as "Tasty Treats" like a banana split, and children 18 months to 7 years as movie stars like Audrey Hepburn or Brando. The costumes are provided at Photo Lyrical Photography, Cooney's studio in Waxhaw.

Cooney plans to shoot the sessions the first two weeks of September. She's giving newborns flexibility; she'll take them if they're due by Sept. 30.

If your application is accepted, the photo session will cost \$100, every dime going to **Mothering Across Continents**. As a thanks, you'll get an 8-by-10 glossy of your choosing from the session. Photo Lyrical will select 30 for an online vote to be on the calendar. The top 10 vote-getters will claim a month. Eight more will be chosen to fill out an 18-month calendar.

There'll be 1,000 calendars printed up. At \$10 each, every dime will be turned over to **Mothering**, likely next January.

To apply go to [www.photolytical.com](http://www.photolytical.com), or call Photo Lyrical Photography at 888-344-0894.