

Operation Uganda



Child Sponsorship

Sponsoring is a very personal way to support deprived children. Through the child you sponsor, you can learn about a culture very different to your own and gain an insight into lives of children growing up in developing countries. And as a sponsor, you will see the difference you are helping to make. You can sponsor more than one child.

Questions and Answers

Can I choose the gender, age of the child I sponsor?

Yes. Many people ask to sponsor a boy or girl of the same age and gender as their own children or grandchildren.

Who can be a sponsor?

Any one person or group who is willing to support and encourage sponsored children can sponsor a child. This can be individuals, home groups, work-mates, churches or Sunday schools, friends, neighbours or clubs. However we will need to have a clear point of contact for sponsorship funds and communications.

How often do I get an update on my sponsored child and hear from the child I sponsor?

You will receive at least one letter, note or drawing each year. Many children love communicating and receiving your responses too. Through this unique and personal connection you can see for yourself what is happening in their local area.

Once a year you will receive a new photograph and a letter from your child. We suggest you write at least once or twice a year. Letters should be simple and short.

What do I do to sponsor a child?

Either select a child from our website, or email us on info@operationuganda.com , or call our Australia base on (07)33881022 if you would like a specific age or gender.

What happens after I pick my sponsor child and submit my info to you?

We will send you a laminated A5 full colour sponsor card of your sponsor child many families keep it on there fridge, or office. We will also include a direct debit authority form to enable us begin the monthly direct debits from the nominated account designated by you.

How do I pay?

Direct Debit is the safest, easiest and most cost efficient way to manage your sponsorship. We can either deduct your sponsorship from a savings/cheque or credit card on monthly basis.

Direct debit is the most cost effective method of sponsorship payments as we have minimum administration costs as the banks do all the work.

Are you committed to Financial Integrity and How?

Yes and we both believe and act with transparency and integrity. We are registered as an incorporated non-profit organization both in Australia and Uganda and are subject to external and internal audits. Further to that we have an active board of directors who have access to all financial matters. At no time are Board Members permitted to benefit indirectly or directly from any funds Operation Uganda receives through sponsorship.

How much of my \$45 goes to support the child I sponsor?

Operation Uganda is committed to ensuring that 90% of your funds goes directly to the child you sponsor. We pool 5% of your monthly sponsorship to have 2 annual combined parties to celebrate Birthday's and Christmas where we provide all the children with special treats sodas, balloons, games, cakes, and also a gift for each child.

Direct Assistance to your Sponsor Child <i>Addressing: Spiritual, Intellectual, physical and Emotional needs.</i>	85%	\$38.25
Christmas and birthday gifts - <i>We have group 2 parties annually to celebrate Christmas and Birthdays</i>	5%	\$2.25
General and Administrative Expenses <i>A5 sponsor card, 5% GDF* fee for Tax Deductibility, Bank charges, letter writing, postage</i>	10%	\$4.50
Total	100%	\$45.00

*GDF Global Development Fund

Does the child I sponsor receive my support in cash?

No. Giving cash directly to children is not the best way to help. Your support is used to provide services, - such as education, health care, meals, school supplies and clothing.

Can I give additional Payments and Gifts?

Yes, many sponsors wish to contribute an additional gift toward's the Christmas party and Birthdays. We suggest an amount no greater than \$50.00 and no more than twice a year. If you would like to give an additional gift please contact our Australian base for banking details on aust@operationuganda.com.

Can I send a gift to my sponsor child?

Yes, we recommend that you send a bible/Journal/ or an age relevant book. Please package the parcel in a plain post pack and post it to Operation Uganda C/O "your sponsor child", PO Box 11014, Kampala, Uganda,

Is my sponsorship Tax Deductible?

Yes. You must request at the time of sponsorship that you would like Tax deductibility; we incur a 5% charge from Global Development Fund to provide you with tax deductibility.

Can I visit the child I sponsor?

Yes, Contact Operation Uganda info@operationuganda.com at least three months before your intended visit. We will make the appropriate arrangement to ensure you are able to visit with your sponsor child.

Is sponsoring a child like adopting a child?

No, definitely not.

The children who you can sponsor through Operation Uganda although many are Orphans are not adopted by sponsors. However, in the eyes of the child you sponsor, you may still play an important part in their life. As well as helping them to have a future and a hope, your participation through letters and cards can inspire and encourage them. It's amazing how messages of hope can boost children's self-esteem and motivate them to realise their potential.

What happens if I cannot maintain the payments or decide to stop my support?

We recognise for a variety of reasons you may not be able to maintain regular payments. In these circumstances we will ensure that the support for the child is covered from other funds for a limited time. However, after continued non-payment we will contact you and offer you the option of making up the payments or canceling your support. Where there are cases of anticipated temporary difficulty over payments, we are very willing to talk this through with you, so please contact us.

If for any reason you wish to withdraw from your sponsorship, you are free to do so at any time. You may ask a friend or relative to take over the sponsorship from you. All we ask is that you think and pray before making such a decision, as we believe this should not be taken lightly. In these circumstances, the child you have been supporting will be covered until we can gain another sponsor.

For how long will the link with my sponsored child last?

This can vary widely depending on many factors. Typically sponsorship will continue until the age of 18, although some stay longer. This is because in many developing countries, children move up to the next level in school only when they reach the required standard, also as many of the children in our care have been orphaned and may have missed year(s) of schooling.

What happens if the child I support leaves your care?

When the child leaves our care, whether at the end of their schooling or earlier, we will usually let you know in time for you to write a final letter to the child. When your sponsor child leaves our care, we would be delighted if you then felt able to help another needy child.

I have more questions...

Please email us on - info@operationuganda.com