



Thank you for your interest in becoming a sponsor of a child with His Arms Children's Project. We work with our Kenyan coordinators and children in the Maseno, Kenya area and currently have 126 sponsored children. We have two areas that children live in; Ekwanda and Ramula.

Your sponsor fees will help pay for food, education fees, medical visits, and salaries for our coordinators and caregivers in Kenya. We pride ourselves in keeping administrative fees as low as possible as none of our US team receives a salary. The small administrative fee we do charge helps us cover fees to be a legal NGO (non-governmental organization) in Kenya and to help cover bank fees for fund transfers and credit card payments.

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Meet the Kenyan Board

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Meet the Kenyan Caregivers

Ramula Area: Lucy and Kevin
Ekwanda Area: Mildred, Esther, Margaret, Christine, Hellen

Meet Our Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have many volunteers that put in their own time and money here in the USA to help the His Arms program. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please email one of the board members for available positions.

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All Our Prayer Warriors!

Sponsor Expectations

Our Kenyan coordinators bring us children of all ages that are in desperate need of help. We ask our sponsors for a minimum two year commitment, but we do understand life happens and financial situations change. If you can no longer sponsor your child, please contact a board member as soon as possible.

We are not able to mail items or letters to our kids due to mail theft, but we do arrange mission trips to Kenya at least once a year. We ask all sponsors to prepare a card or letter for our mission team to take to Kenya. We feel it is important for you and your child to connect and get to know one another. If there are enough people traveling with the team, sponsors may also be asked to fill a pencil pouch or gallon-size baggie with some goodies for their child. Correspondence will go out before each trip letting sponsors know what will be needed.

Fundraising

If you wish to use the His Arms name for a fundraiser, please contact the Fundraising Coordinators to register your event and find out what our current needs are.

Communication

We prefer to communicate via email and Facebook to keep postage costs to a minimum. Please add the US Board email addresses to your address book. We send out newsletters, mission trip information and other necessary correspondence. We have a His Arms Kenya Facebook page that is a public page and a His Arms Kenya Sponsors Facebook page that is a private group page for sponsors only. Please join each page if you are a Facebook user.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does my money go to a 'real' child?

YES! When we choose a child for you, we try to gather as much information as we can regarding their living situation, their age, health and education level. We have at least one mission trip team go to Kenya each year. We try our best to get pictures of all the children so you are able to 'meet' them. If you decide to join a mission trip team, you can meet your child in person!

Can I get updates on my child?

We will definitely make you aware of anything urgent regarding your child. As you can imagine, it is difficult to get details on over 120 children. We have two Kenyan coordinators that are in charge of making sure all our kids are well. The Ekwanda kids meet with Bev and caregivers every Saturday. The Ramula kids meet twice a month with Val and her caregivers as there are only 19 of our kids in that area so it's easier for Val to keep in touch with them.

When mission trip teams go into Kenya, we also try to have travelers make note of the kids they interact with and write down details they discovered interacting with them. These tidbits can then be shared with sponsors.

Another way to hear about your child is to send a letter/card and pictures with the mission trip team that goes into Kenya. The letters are handed out by the mission team when all the children are together, so it is very important that you have a letter for your child. They treasure them so much. You will only need to write a letter, at most, twice a year. While the team is there, they do their best to get a letter from every child for their sponsor.

I don't know what to talk about in my letter to my child?

It can be difficult to write a letter to someone you've never met! Talk about your family, your pets, what kind of job you do, etc...Ask your child about school, about their family, if they have any animals, etc...The weather in Kenya is either very warm, very dry or very rainy; talk about the current season and what the weather is like.

Your letters don't have to be handwritten or be very long. You can type them on your computer, insert some clip art or photos, print them out and put stickers on them, etc...You could also send a greeting card with a note inside or a postcard from your state or city. Send along a couple photos or a sheet of stickers; they love both! We often see photos of US sponsors hanging on the walls when we do home visits. The main objective is that every child receives a card or letter to open-it means the world to them!

How long does my child stay in the program?

Children stay in the program until they are finished with school (see below) and as long as they are living in the area with a known guardian.

Regular school goes to grade 8. At the end of a child's 8th grade year, they test to see if they qualify to move on to secondary school which is the equivalent of high school in the US. There are four years to secondary school, but the grades are called 'Form'; so Form 1 is the equivalent of our 9th grade in the US, Form 2 is equivalent to our 10th grade, and so on.

Kids can qualify for a day school or a boarding school. Day school fees can range between \$250-\$300 a year. Boarding school will house the child and can cost around \$500 a year. If a child does not test well enough to be invited to a secondary school, they may still opt to attend trade school which has proven to be a wonderful alternative for several of our kids. Trade school may be a 2-4 year program. The maximum number of years for secondary support is four years.

Can I continue to support my child in secondary or trade school?

Yes. There are several ways to continue supporting your child while they attend secondary or trade school.

If the child is in a non-boarding school, you may continue to pay the monthly sponsor fee while they attend school. This fee will continue to help the family unit pay for food, medical and educational needs.

If the child is in a boarding school, they are living at school. Your donation would go directly to your child to help them pay for their tuition and supplies needed for school.

No matter what type of school your child attends, you may make a donation toward their secondary school fees.

We have some wonderful volunteers that hold fundraisers specifically for our scholarship fund to help our kids attend day school, boarding school and tech school. The fees are significant and because of donations and fundraisers, our kids are able to go on to a secondary level of education. His Arms is thankful for any and all donations to the scholarship fund.

What happens if my child does not go on to a secondary or tech school?

Monetary support for the child and family is finished. If possible, we like to keep in contact with our kids beyond the program.

What happens when my child graduates from secondary/tech school?

Your child will receive a graduation gift equivalent to \$50.00 US dollars and monetary support will be finished.



Sponsor Information

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Sponsorship Fee: \$30.00

We disburse funds to your child's guardian in Kenya six months in advance. Sponsorship fees are due monthly or may be paid in advance.

Miscellaneous Donations

If you are making a donation for anything other than your sponsorship fee, please complete the attached Cash Donation form specifying what the donation is for.

Payments

Payment may be made via check, Paypal or Quickbooks. Please do not send cash.

Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran/His Arms and mail to:

Peace Lutheran/His Arms

2084 County Road N

Baldwin, WI 54002

Payments using Paypal can be set up using your own Paypal account. These may also be set up to be recurring.

Quickbook payments are made by clicking on the link on the invoice that is emailed every January. A sponsor can request a statement at any time by emailing the Treasurer.

Automatic payments may also be set up through your bank account.

Please return this form to the His Arms Coordinator or Treasurer.