

HIS ARMS CHILDREN'S PROJECT SPONSORSHIP

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 had our 148th sponsored child. We have two areas that children live in; Ekwanda and Ramula.

Your sponsor fees will help pay for food, education fees, medical visits, and transportation for our children, and salaries for our coordinators and caregivers in Kenya. We pride ourselves in keeping operational 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 pay our Kenya workers.

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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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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. When a large group travels with the team, sponsors may get the opportunity 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 Nancy Rowe at, ndrowes@yahoo.com to register your event and find out what the 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, 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 can '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 keep you informed of anything urgent regarding your child. As you can imagine, it is difficult to get details for over 140+ 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, making your sponsored child feel included and loved. They treasure them so much. You will get one to two opportunities a year to send this letter. While the team is there, they do their best to get a letter from every sponsored 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 for you.

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 of 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 as 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 as long as they continue to live in the area with a known guardian.

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. 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 a two-year trade school which has proven to be a wonderful alternative for several of our kids.

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. Our special education fundraisers will help offset the extra cost over and above your monthly sponsorship fee.

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 an extra donation toward their secondary school fees while continuing to cover their regular monthly sponsorship 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 have the opportunity to go on to a secondary level of education. His Arms is thankful for all donations to the scholarship fund.

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

Monetary support for the child and family is finished. We encourage all of our children that pass 8th grade to continue either with secondary or tech school.

What happens when my child graduates from secondary school?

Your child will receive a graduation gift equivalent to \$50.00 US dollars and monetary support will be finished for the child and family. In the congratulatory letter, we offer encouragement to go on now as an adult and to make good decisions as now they are ready to be self-sustaining.

Can I sponsor my child's siblings?

We only allow one child per family unit to be sponsored. Your child's family benefits from some educational support towards school fees while the siblings are in primary school. These funds come from the Watoto Education Project fundraisers.

Once our children graduate from secondary or tech school, the family and child are finished with our program. We do not allow other siblings to be sponsored. Instead, we try to help other families. Our desire is that the ministry helps a family become independent and self sustaining.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Sponsorship Cost

One child's sponsorship is \$30 per month or \$360 per year.
Sponsorship fees are due monthly or may be paid in advance. Sponsorship is a minimum commitment of 2 years.

Miscellaneous Donations

If you are donating for anything other than your sponsorship fee, please specify what you would like your donation to benefit.

Payments

Payment may be made via check, PayPal, or QuickBooks. Please do not send cash.
Automatic payments may also be set up through your bank account. Please use one of these payment options that will work best for you to ensure there is consistency for your sponsored child to receive their needs.

Please make checks payable to "His Arms Children's Project" or "HACP"

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If a sponsor has any questions about payments, feel free to email our bookkeeper..

Please return this form to the address above.