WHAT IS CHILDREN INCORPORATED?

Founded in 1964, Children Incorporated is an international nonprofit organization that assists children in need in the U.S. and abroad. Partnering with already-established schools, orphanages, and childcare centers, we facilitate child sponsorships, manage special projects, and maintain special funds for emergency needs that arise for the children we serve.

HOW LONG CAN I SPONSOR A SPECIFIC CHILD?

We hope that you will assist your sponsored child until he or she leaves our program. This typically occurs when a child graduates from high school or moves out of our service area. Due to the transient state of many families and the trying circumstances of the regions where they reside, we cannot predict or guarantee how long a child will remain enrolled in the Children Incorporated sponsorship program, although we make every effort to provide services to children for as long as possible.

FAQs

WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? The sponsorship relationship enables a donor to support a needy child by means of monthly contributions and, if the donor so desires, through the exchange of correspondence. A sponsor’s friendship and encouragement is priceless to a child in such circumstances. Indeed, many children value the relationships they establish with their sponsors as much as they value the financial help they receive. Our current monthly sponsorship rate is $30, and it goes toward providing basic necessities, such as school supplies and fees, food, clothing, and access to healthcare, among other services.

WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED? Our administrative office is located in North Chesterfield, Virginia. We maintain about 250 affiliated sites in eight U.S. states and 19 other countries.

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MAY I WRITE TO THE CHILD I SPONSOR?
When a child leaves our program for any reason, our policy is to promptly notify you by mail and provide you with information on another child who is equally in need of your support and encouragement, in the hopes that you will accept him or her as your new sponsored child. If, in the event that your sponsored child leaves the program, you would like for us to contact you before sending information on another child, please let us know by telephone or email.

Unfortunately, we usually lose contact with children once they leave our sponsorship program. But rest assured: the positive impact of your generosity on each child, as well as on his or her community, endures for a lifetime!

WILL I RECEIVE UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE CHILD I SPONSOR?
Yes. We will send you updated information and an updated photo about once a year, although the frequency may vary depending upon the child’s location. A typical progress report includes information on the child’s grade level in school, hobbies, and interests.

HOW DO I PAY FOR SPONSORSHIP?
Sponsorship contributions may be made by check, money order, credit/debit card, or ACH transfer (debit from a checking or savings account). Please call us or visit our website if you would like to set up automatic recurring contributions on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or yearly basis.

MAY I SEND PACKAGES TO THE U.S. CHILD I SPONSOR?
Yes! Corresponding with your sponsored child can be a wonderful experience. Our site volunteers will translate your letter, if necessary, and deliver it to your sponsored child. You will find the site mailing address in your child’s information brochure.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE ABOUT?
The children enjoy learning about the lives of their sponsors. Writing about your own family (children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, etc.) is always a good place to start. The children also like to learn about your part of the world, what you do for a living, your hobbies and interests, and any pets you may have.

WHAT IF I HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CHILD I SPONSOR?
If your specific question pertains to your sponsored child, you may request the visit, and a child protection policy in place that we ask parents, and site volunteer. Children Incorporated has forms to help ensure the privacy and safety of your sponsored child. You will find the site mailing address in your sponsorship brochure.

WHAT KINDS OF GIVING OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU OFFER?
Children Incorporated employs sixteen paid staff members at our administrative office in North Chesterfield, Virginia. Additionally, approximately 250 volunteers manage our affiliated sites around the world, administering our services to children in their care.

DOES CHILDREN INCORPORATED PARTICIPATE IN MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAMS?
Yes! Please contact your human resources department to determine whether your company participates in such a program.

Monetary gifts may be mailed to:
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HOW MANY STAFF MEMBERS DO YOU EMPLOY?
Children Incorporated has assisted more than 250,000 children since our founding in 1964. Moreover, thousands of additional children receive aid each year as a result of contributions from our donors.

DOES MY GIFT QUALIFY FOR A TAX DEDUCTION?
Yes! Contributions to Children Incorporated have been a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization since 1964. Contributions, therefore, may be eligible for tax deductibility status. We strongly recommend that you consult with your tax advisor when making such determinations.

WHAT KINDS OF GIVING OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU OFFER?
These include funds to assist children awaiting sponsorship, to provide immediate assistance in cases of emergency, such as natural disasters or house fires; as well as funds to assist with seasonal needs, such as our Warm Clothing Fund or Back to School Fund.

HOW CAN I INCLUDE CHILDREN INCORPORATED IN MY ESTATE PLANS?
Children Incorporated employs sixteen paid staff members at our administrative office in North Chesterfield, Virginia. Additionally, approximately 250 volunteers manage our affiliated sites around the world, administering our services to children in their care.

Second, working with volunteers allows us to keep our programs highly efficient. We benefit because we employ only a small number of paid staff members. This allows us to devote a higher percentage of our funds directly to the children enrolled in our program. Meanwhile, our volunteer benefit because our program helps them to improve the lives of the children in their care.