Connecting with the world through a child

The Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program is committed to aiding children at risk by providing a practical way for individuals and churches to extend a helping hand. Since the 1950s, this global ministry has been working to safeguard the future of children around the world. A commitment to sponsoring a child helps to provide housing, clothing, food, education, and basic health care until age eighteen.

The Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program is a partnership between Global Ministries and the various participating centers around the world. Your donations help the partnering institutions provide services to sponsored and unsponsored children. Support of sponsored children is provided in ways that will not set them apart from their siblings, other children or their classmates.

east asia & the pacific

Program | **KALAUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER**
Gift | **$30 PER MONTH**

This program in Dumaguete City, Philippines, serves orphaned, low-income children or children whose parents cannot afford their care. The center provides the children with basic educational and health services.

Program | **ZHECHENG SUCCOR**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

During the mid 1990s in the Gangwang District in Henan, China, villagers were infected with HIV when they sold their blood to collectors who used the same needle for all. This program provides for children caring for sick parents and children whose parents have died.

latin america & the caribbean

Program | **PRINGLE HOME FOR CHILDREN**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

This home in St. Mary, Jamaica, provides assistance to abandoned, orphaned, and street children. In addition to meeting the children's physical needs, the Home attempts to meet their spiritual and emotional needs.

Program | **MOUNT OLIVET BOYS' HOME**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

The Boys' Home in Manchester, Jamaica, is a residential center that aids boys from problem home situations as well as street children.

Program | **CASA BETHEL**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

This residential safe haven for children in Matamoros, Mexico, provides food, clothing, shelter, basic health care, and transportation to school children coming from the poorest of the poor.

Program | **CONASPEH CHILDREN'S CENTER**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

This church-based program in Haiti serves poor children in local congregations and promotes social development, economic stability and education. The program provides basic necessities: food, clothing, and school supplies.

middle east & europe

Program | **RAWDAT EL-ZUHUR**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

Rawdat is a coeducational school in East Jerusalem that serves low-income Palestinian children through its preschool and elementary classes. Both Christianity and Islam are taught.

Program | **ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

This program provides poor children and their families in Armenia and Karabagh with basic necessities – food, clothing, school supplies, and fuel in the winter.

africa

Program | **LEPHOI CENTRE FOR THE BLIND**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

Located in Francistown, Botswana, this residential center serves children who are blind or have seriously impaired vision.

Program | **MT. SELINDA ORPHANAGE**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

This home in Zimbabwe provides basic necessities such as housing, food, clothing, medical care, and education to orphaned and abandoned children, many orphaned because of the HIV/AIDS crisis.

southern asia

Program | **FAMILY VILLAGE FARM (KATPADI)**
Gift | **$30 PER MONTH**

This center near Vellore, India, provides food, clothing, and shelter in a home-like setting for poor or orphaned children. The children live in family groups with a surrogate mother.

Program | **SERMEY THOESAM SCHOOL**
Gift | **$30 PER MONTH**

This Tibetan Refugee School in Karnataka, India, provides comprehensive education for resident boys at Sera Monastic University.

Program | **SONADA REFUGEE CAMP**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

This co-op farming society in Sonada, Darjeeling, W. Bengal, India, is home to more than 500 Tibetan refugees. The program provides for the educational needs of poor children among these refugees.

Program | **TIBETAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE**
Gift | **$30 PER MONTH**

This center assists Tibetan children in five villages and six residential schools in Dharamsala, India. The village operates a day school, technical schools, handicraft programs, and a dairy farm.

Program | **TIBETAN REFUGEE SELF-HELP CENTRE**
Gift | **$25 PER MONTH**

This center in Darjeeling, India, takes in families and helps the children with education and vocational training. The program also provides basic food and housing in a cohesive and productive community.

gift commitment

Yes, I/we would like to sponsor a child from:

Center _____

Country _____

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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_____
Constituent's Account Name

_____
Constituent's ID #

_____
Child's Account Name

_____
Child's ID #

PLEASE SELECT A PAYMENT METHOD

❑ *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from checking or savings account*

❑ Savings ❑ Checking

Beginning Month/Year _____

Amount $ _____ per transaction

Bank Name _____

Location _____

Routing # _____

Account # _____

❑ *Credit Card Payments*

❑ Visa ❑ Mastercard

❑ One Time Donation *(Special Gift)*

Beginning Month/Year _____

Amount $ _____ per transaction

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date on Card _____

Cardholder's Name _____

Please select an installment schedule

Check One | ❑ Monthly ❑ Quarterly ❑ Semi-annually ❑ Annually

Check One | ❑ 1st of the Month ❑ 15th of the Month

Authorization Agreement For Electronic Funds Transfer or Credit Card Transactions
I/we understand that authorization of Electronic Funds Transfers/credit card transactions remains in effect according to the installment terms defined unless discontinued upon receipt of a 30-day advance written notification from me/us.

Signature _____

Date _____

❑ *Check* | Amount $_____ per transaction, payable to Wider Church Ministries

❑ *Special Donation for Operating Costs*
This donation can be made at any time for any amount.

❑ Check ❑ EFT ❑ Credit Card

frequently asked questions

What do I do to sponsor a child?

Send in your commitment with a check or electronic payment option selected on the gift commitment form inside. Please indicate the center or country of your choice, or let us choose the child for you. If a child is not currently available from a center selected, we will offer you a child from another center. Payments begin the same month the child is assigned.

Who are the children in the program?

The children are generally refugees or from low income families and have often been orphaned or abandoned. They may be Family Court referrals. They range in age from two to eighteen. A child is eligible for sponsorship until they are 18 years old. Children leaving a participating center are no longer eligible for Global Ministries sponsorship.

Will I receive information about a specific child?

Yes. A brief biography and photo of your child, with a cover letter, will be sent to you by the Child Sponsorship Office. Please consider your sponsored child as an extended family member or a godchild. Please contact the Child Sponsorship Office if you wish to discontinue your sponsorship so we can identify another sponsor. No child is ever dropped or refused services at the centers.

How much does it cost to sponsor a child?

The cost of sponsoring a child varies from center to center according to the services provided and the cost of living in that country. The lowest amount is $25 per month, and the highest is $30 per month.

How much of my payment will be used for administrative expenses?

100% of your designated gifts go to the children and centers. The generous gifts of local congregations to the Disciple Mission Fund and Week of Compassion of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission of the United Church of Christ underwrite administrative costs of the Child Sponsorship Program.

Please consider a thirteenth month donation to help cover the administrative cost of the program.

How does my child benefit from the money I provide?

Your support helps provide a child with adequate food, clothing, healthcare and, sometimes, housing. In the case of a school age child, your support may also help to pay school fees or buy uniforms and books.

How do I pay and will I receive receipts?

Please make your check payable to Wider Church Ministries earmarked for the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program. Other options include Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and credit card deductions. Each time you send in a check, we will mail you a receipt and an invoice for your next gift. For tax records, electronic payments will receive an annual statement in January for the prior year's gifts.

May I write to my sponsored child?

Yes you may! Your child will love to hear from you. If the child is old enough to write or draw, he or she will answer your letters. The center will translate as needed. If the child is too young or disabled to write, the administrators will write and keep you informed of your child's progress. It is our hope that you will receive at least two letters and/or progress reports per year from your child. Mail services to and from countries may be extremely slow. Please be patient or contact the Child Sponsorship Office and we will try to get information for you.

May I send my child gifts?

All our centers and the Child Sponsorship Office share the concern that special gifts for individual children may create distinctions and alienate other children who don't have sponsors. You can contact the Child Sponsorship Office to discuss special gift options for your child.

We suggest:

(a) sending a small financial gift through the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Office for the child or a general donation to benefit a larger group of children;

(b) sending a modest gift such as balls, dolls, t-shirts or school supplies such as crayons, pencils, or paper that can be used by many of the center's children. These gifts should be sent directly to the center.

let mutual love continue

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13 :1-2

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