

Sponsorship information – Questions and Answers – 2017

What difference does a sponsorship really make in the life of a child on our program?

With only 20€ per month, a child will receive everything necessary to be able to go to school. This includes school uniforms, teaching materials, a warm meal every day and clean drinking water. If a doctor or hospital visit is necessary, this child can be helped immediately. We also support the child's family with opportunities to help themselves through micro-credits for HIV AIDS+ parents, AIDS and Hygiene workshops, etc. If an un-sponsored child is already attending school, the school costs were from our reserve funds. You will be able to watch "your" child grow into a much stronger and more self-confident person than he/she had ever dreamed of before. The child has the assurance that you will help him on his way to an autonomous and hopeful future. Hope can change a life!

How long does a sponsorship last?

A sponsorship lasts until the child is finished with school, vocational training or college. A good education is the necessary first step to becoming independent and getting out of the vicious circle of poverty. Currently, many of the project's teens are training in occupations such as tailoring, carpentry, gardening, mechanic work and cooking.

You will receive report cards and letters from your sponsored child. If a child shows special educational abilities that would make attendance at a higher educational facility possible, you will be informed so that you can take this into consideration as it would entail more financial support.

How can I contact my sponsored child?

Address mail to:

Live and Learn in Kenya Int.
---child's name---
P.O. Box 17 208
20 100 Nakuru - Kenya - Africa

Please do not send packages. The postal charge is not only expensive – we must also pay custom fees in Kenya. A large, flat envelope with a book or clothing does not count as a package and is not very expensive. If you'd like to give your child a present, you can make a donation to Live and Learn in Kenya Int'l stating what you would like done with the donation for your child. Dresses, pants, t-shirts, shoes, books, toys and etc. can be purchased in Nakuru for the child.

Photos will be sent to you along with a letter from your child, and children are very, very happy to receive photos of their sponsors. All of the children are learning English at school. If they cannot read English yet, any correspondence is translated into their native language.

How do I pay the sponsorship fee?

A sponsorship costs 240€ per year (including transfer fees). It can be paid per bank transfer or Paypal. Monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annual payments are possible.

Live and Learn in Kenya NGO, Hochfranken Sparkasse
IBAN: DE43780500000200072114
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Or through Global Giving:

Global Giving – Child Sponsorship: <https://goto.gg/25776>

Please remember to add your sponsored child's name to the transfer.

How else can I help?

Feed a Smile

Let your sponsored child celebrate his or her birthday or any other special occasion, such as a school success or graduation (or a special event in your own life – eg. wedding, birthday, anniversary) with approximately 400 children in the slums of Nakuru. With a donation of 80€ a meal party will be held in honor of the occasion. During this party, your child will be right up front, proud to be the reason that all of the children receive vegetable stew in addition to their normal rice and beans, which is something very special. With larger donations we can add bread, meat, sweets, fruits (40€) and milk or juice (40€) to the meal. The children will do the only thing that they can to show their appreciation, add you in their prayer while saying their daily grace.

There is also a gift for the donor: party photos are taken and sent with a personalized greeting from the children written on the chalkboard and photos of them eating and praying. If you give us advance notice about a meal party that you want to have celebrated as a present for someone else, we can have the meal party celebrated so that you will receive the photos in time for the occasion. The photos will be sent per e-mail.

Can I visit my sponsored child?

Basically yes, but you must give us advance notice so that we can include you in our visiting plans. We fly to Kenya once the year and bring visitors with us. This has many advantages for you: We'll take care of transportation from Nairobi to Nakuru (about 180 miles), book inexpensive, safe hotels close to the LLK Int'l office, and do our best to ensure your safety. As a part of the group you will be able to visit the slums and see the "real" Kenya and not the tourist's Kenya. This is usually not possible otherwise as the slums are very dangerous for strangers. If you would like to visit your child during a trip to Kenya, it is also possible, but only if you let us know ahead of time so that the office can be prepared to accompany you through the slums.

Can I help my sponsored child when he/she is finished with school?

Yes, you can. When the young adult has finished school/vocational training they need a so-called "Starter Kit" depending on what they have learned to do. They are always so happy to receive these kits as they usually cannot find a job without their own tools of the trade.

More questions?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!
Please share your good ideas and suggestions - because together we are strong!
HARAMBEE is the Swahili word for “Join hands to reach a common goal”.

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