

Child Sponsorship Party

Frequently Asked Questions

World Vision

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Q What benefits does my sponsored child receive?

A Sponsorship transforms the life of a child and his or her community and other children in need; it's not about short-term handouts. Your sponsored child's needs will be addressed through community initiatives such as: safe water, agricultural development, medical facilities, access to education, and vocational opportunities for parents.

Q What information will I get when I become a sponsor?

A You'll receive a welcome kit with photos of your sponsored child and information about his or her family, community, and country. Each year, World Vision will send you a progress report and an updated photo of your child. You'll also receive regular receipts for your tax-deductible gifts.

Q Can I communicate with my sponsored child?

A Your sponsored child will love to hear from you—and will write back! World Vision staff help sponsors and children communicate with each other by translating letters and reading them aloud to children when necessary. Your welcome kit will include full instructions about how to correspond, and we'll provide colorful cards to send your child at holidays and for his or her birthday.

Q Can I visit my sponsored child?

A Yes! With advance planning, our field staff can act as your guide and interpreter on a visit you'll never forget.

Q How does sponsorship show God's love to a child?

A World Vision desires that every child experience the unconditional love that comes from God. The expression of this love is woven throughout our work. Wherever welcomed, we support biblical teaching and work in partnership with local churches.

Q Is World Vision financially responsible with my sponsorship gifts?

A Our proven commitment to stewardship has earned the trust of more than 1 million donors across America. Our overhead rate has steadily declined throughout the last decade, and in recent years has averaged only 14 percent of total revenue. We are audited annually by an independent accounting firm and adhere strictly to the guidelines of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, of which we are a charter member, and the Council of Better Business Bureaus.