

**W**e partner with sponsors  
in order that we may  
*bridge the distance*  
as we seek to *make a*  
*difference* in the  
lives of needy children.



Sponsor a child  
in a country  
of your choice.

*see inside for more details.*



The Salvation Army  
Canada and Bermuda Territory

The Salvation Army is an international  
Christian church. Its message is based on  
the Bible; its ministry is motivated by love  
for God and the needs of humanity.

*Mission Statement*

The Salvation Army exists to share the  
love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs  
and be a transforming influence in the  
communities of our world.

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### What is sponsorship?

A sponsor is a person who provides financial support to enable sponsored children to receive food, clothing, shelter, education, medical needs, spiritual and loving care.

Our files are overflowing with requests from developing countries, seeking sponsorship for the many children we are assisting through our homes, basic schools and day-care centres. These represent 22 countries and 29 Salvation Army territories and commands.

The child sponsorship program in Canada was originally established through the home league department with an official policy in 1969 of \$5.00 per month, per child, anywhere in the Army world. From this small beginning, the program has grown, and we now have hundreds of sponsors who partner with us in this important and vital ministry.

Though considerably small in size and less structured than many other such programs, we operate on very simple lines and handle all sponsorships within Salvation Army operated homes, institutions and daycare centres around the world. Upon receiving your reply, we'll send you a sponsorship package which includes a brief case history and photograph of a child in the country of your choice. We endeavor to maintain a periodic link through reports or brief letters handled by the officer-in-charge.

### What does it cost?

Basic sponsorship cost per child is a minimum of \$300 annually, or you may pay in monthly installments of \$25.00. **You also have the option to sponsor a project** The money received at our territorial headquarters is forwarded *in total* to the designated territory or command. Christmas and/or birthday money should also be sent via territorial headquarters.

### How do I go about becoming a sponsor?

On the attached application form, you will find a list of territories and commands where The Salvation Army operates this program and have children available for sponsorship. Just follow these easy steps:

1. Fill out the application form, suggesting three (3) choices of where you wish to sponsor a child (in case there are no children waiting in your first choice). You may also choose between a boy or girl if you prefer.
2. Detach and mail the completed application, along with your donation made payable to **The Salvation Army Sponsorship Program**, to the address on the back of this brochure. Payment can be made by personal cheque, preauthorized payment plan (which is now available), or with your credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express) by calling **1-888-321-3433** (specify "Child Sponsorship"). You *must* be a resident of Canada. Receipts will be issued.

### Is this program worthwhile?

We feel it is — Jesus died for all the children. The world's children need our prayers and concern. They are innocent victims of war, power struggles and aggression. Many are stateless, rootless and unwanted. Others are victims of broken families, confused and missing the security and shelter of a loving home, and often with the stability which only faith can give. It is impossible to know the total impact upon the hearts and minds of thousands of young children, from a multitude of backgrounds and cultures, who come under the Army's care in countries around the world. It is certain, however, that every one of them will hear and/or see the Gospel preached during the time they are with us, and every once in a while a true success story comes to light.

*Remember, behind every act of love and compassion, there is one important person... you!*

**WILL YOU PARTNER WITH US? BE A SPONSOR.**



### APPLICATION FORM

**Just \$25.00 a month** will support a child or a project in a developing country of your choice.

*YES, I would like to*

- share with a child less fortunate
- support a project

I would like to pay by the following method:

- Monthly (\$25.00)  Quarterly (\$75.00)
- Semi-annually (\$150.00)  Annually (\$300.00)
- Credit card (via the toll-free number)

Enclosed is my cheque for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to:

**The Salvation Army Sponsorship Program  
2 Overlea Blvd., Toronto, ON M4H 1P4**

Please select three countries in the order of preference  
(Some countries may be filled)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brazil   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mozambique                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nigeria                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congo  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistan                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Africa                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Papua New Guinea               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ghana  | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippines                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> India Central                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Russia                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> India Eastern                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore / Malaysia / Myanmar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> India Northern                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Africa                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> India South Eastern                            | <input type="checkbox"/> South America East             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> India South Western                            | <input type="checkbox"/> South America West             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> India Western                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lanka                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesia                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanzania                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea  | <input type="checkbox"/> Zambia                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America North<br>(Costa Rica, Guatemala) | <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe                       |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / Town Province / Territory Postal Code

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Will I be allowed to write to my child?***

Yes, you may write directly to your child, or you may send your letter to our office and it will be forwarded for you. You will be given the address of the territorial or command headquarters along with suggestions as to what small items (bookmarks, stickers, photos, etc.) you may enclose. Although you're required to include your return address on the envelope, to comply with postal regulations, we ask that you **DO NOT** include your address in the actual letter to your child or to the program. This is to avoid any unpleasant occurrences.

***What should I avoid writing about to my child?***

Please do not mention anything about material possessions or our affluent society. Write clear and simple English so that the translator will not have difficulty translating your letter into the local language.

***Will my child write to me?***

We encourage each child to write to his/her sponsor at least twice a year. However, due to distance and the time required for letters needing to be translated, there may be delays in getting answers to your letters. Children who cannot write may send you a drawing, or someone in the facility may write on their behalf. Also, you should receive an updated photograph and information every two to three years. All correspondence from your child will be sent to you via our office.

***Can I send photographs?***

Yes, but due to cross-cultural differences, we would ask that your photographs be of a 'modest' nature, such as a head and shoulders passport type or a family photograph, avoiding any indication of material possessions or wealth.

***Who can be sponsored?***

The various territories and commands send us photographs of children who are, in some way, associated with The Salvation Army (church, home, day-care centre, school), and are in need of special help. As case histories are received, they are placed on a waiting list until a suitable sponsor is found. Most children do eventually get a sponsor.

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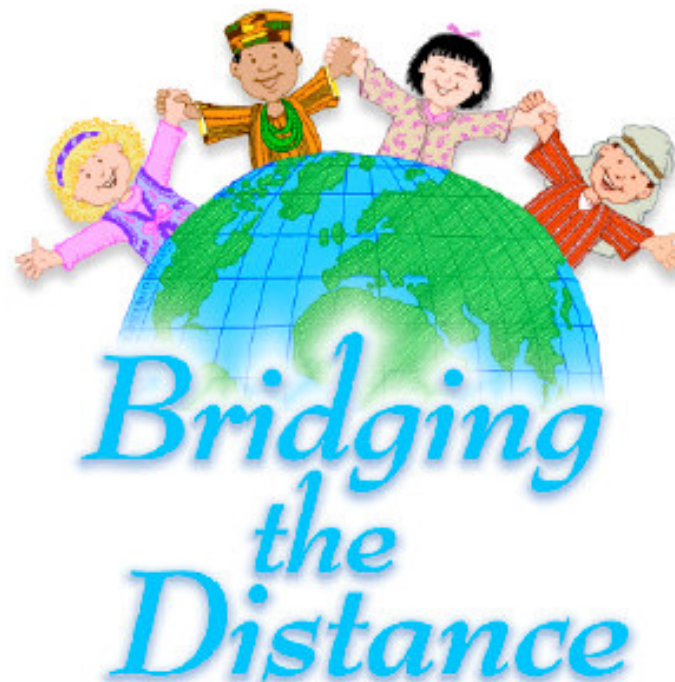
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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

***What is a sponsor?***

A sponsor is a person who provides financial support to enable sponsored children to receive food, clothing, shelter, education, medical needs, spiritual and loving care.

***What is the age of acceptance into the sponsorship program?***

Preferably to commence between the ages of 3 to 4 years, and up to the age of 12 to 13 years. Depending on the need of the child, and taking into consideration the need of the territory or command, we will accept children as young as 3 to 4 months, as long as the child comes under the care of The Salvation Army.

***What types of sponsorships are there?***

Individual: a pledge of \$25.00 per month, per child – \$300.00 per year.  
Project: a pledge of \$25.00 per month, where we are sponsoring children.

***What will I get when I apply to sponsor a child?***

You will receive a sponsorship package containing a photograph and a case history of the child who has been chosen for you. You will also receive an information sheet giving some guidelines for being a sponsor.

***Who can take part in the sponsorship program?***

Anyone who wants to reach out in love – individuals, groups or families.

***How long should I continue with my sponsorship?***

We hope the commitment would continue until:

- the child reaches the age of 18
- we are informed that the child is no longer under the care of The Salvation Army
- or, if possible, until the child finishes high school.

Should we get word that your child is no longer with our program, a replacement child will be chosen, usually from the same project, and a new package will be forwarded to you. However, if at any time you feel you are unable to continue as a sponsor, please inform the Child Sponsorship Office in writing.

***Shall I send my payment each month?***

You can send your contribution monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Payment can be made by personal cheque, pre-authorized payment plan (which is now available), or credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express) by calling **1-888-321-3433** (specify “*Child Sponsorship*”). You **must** be a resident of Canada.

***Will I receive a receipt?***

A receipt is issued for each payment received. Alternatively, you may request one annual receipt, which is issued as soon as possible after the end of the calendar year.

To conform to the income tax rules, each receipt will bear the word “donation” only.

***Will notice be sent when the support is due?***

No, but a reminder letter will be sent if you fall behind, asking if you wish to continue with your sponsorship commitment.

***What portion of the support money reaches my child?***

The money received at our territorial headquarters is forwarded in total to the designated territory or command.

***What does my support money do?***

It helps the child in his/her own family, or in a Salvation Army facility, by:

- providing better food, clothing, educational needs and medical care. This assistance prevents malnutrition, gives the child self-respect, hope for the future and the knowledge that someone loves and cares for him/her;
- providing for some Army centres, enabling them to serve well-balanced meals to children at least once a day;
- allowing for the children to receive spiritual nurturing – to learn about Jesus Christ and His teachings.

***Does anyone else sponsor my child?***

We endeavour to assign each child to only one individual, family or group at a time.

***Can I send special donations?***

Yes. There are often special needs in various ministries where extra funds are urgently needed. They will be forwarded on, according to your wishes.

***Can I send a gift to my child?***

It is not practical to send ‘gifts’ directly to your child due to loss, damage or theft, but a special ‘monetary gift’ for birthdays, Christmas or other occasions may be sent via the Child Sponsorship Office. Please note, that in order for this to reach your child in time for the special event, our office should receive the money before the end of the previous quarter in which the occasion occurs so that it can be included with the quarterly remittance. Please **DO NOT** send any money directly to your child.