



### **Sponsor Manual**

Thank you for wanting to become a HURUMA child sponsor and welcome to our extended family of supporters! Your contribution allows once abused, abandoned and neglected children the opportunity to live and enjoy a normal life.

Specifically, it allows your sponsored child to receive access to education, medical care, and vocational training that will sustain him/her long after he/she has left the village.

### **What to give**

As a child sponsor, you have the absolute right to decide the amount you would like to give. Huruma Children's Home will appreciate any amount. Expenses such as food, clothing, school fees, medical care, and the salary of the teachers are subsidized by your donation.

### **When to Donate**

Your sponsorship payment schedule is really up to you. On January 1st of each calendar year we will enter a pledge for each of your active sponsorships. (Some sponsors choose to support several children) You determine your installment schedule and you choose whether or not you pay monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually. Once Huruma has set up your installment plan, we will send you a payment reminder that will include your upcoming installment date and your current balance. Along with the reminders you will receive an acknowledgement receipt for every contribution given.

### **Special Gifts**

In addition to your regular sponsorship contributions, you may also send monetary gifts to your sponsored child to commemorate special occasions like a birthday or holiday. Monetary gifts will be put into a savings account for the benefit of your sponsored child. This money will provide the youngsters with start-up capital once they leave the care of Huruma and will help them start an independent life. The youngsters may use this money to rent apartments, to start businesses, or to open workshops.

## **How to Donate**

You can make pledge payments or send special gifts by either check, Postal orders or by your credit card online.

## **Writing Do's and Don't s**

When writing to your sponsored child, remember these few tips:

- Do describe the country, city, or town where you live, the climate in your country and what your surroundings look like during different seasons
- Do send photographs of yourself and your family, keeping in mind that photographs of individuals in revealing clothing might be considered offensive.
- Do include interesting topics like your interests and hobbies
- Do invite your children to write to your sponsored child, it might also be interesting for them to discuss the school they attend and in what ways their school days differs from or are similar to those of the sponsored child.
- Do celebrate the differences between you and your child and appreciate the diversity of his/her culture
- Do keep your letters short and use simple words and phrases
- Do write about the customs and traditions of your country, the holidays you celebrate\*, and the types of food you enjoy

Do send large packages by UPS, DHL, FEDEX but NOT by the Postal Service's

- Since it is not reliable. Sending valuable packages is a risk. In addition, Huruma Children's Home will have to pay high customs duties, which in many cases exceed the value of the packages
- Do not discuss materialistic issues. For a child or a youngster that has come from a life of poverty and abandonment, these types of images are often difficult to understand. Please consider these things when you send photographs or describe your personal surroundings to your sponsored child.
- Do not send money or checks directly to your child. There is no way to track or receipt these funds. In addition, sending money to your child directly may cause more harm than good, undermining the relationship the child has with Huruma staff members.

## **What Sponsors Receive**

Annually, you will receive a detailed progress report about your sponsored child including his/her picture. In addition, you will receive acknowledgement of any special gift you send. Huruma will be responsible for sending you receipts and reminders for each of your contributions.

## **When your sponsored child leaves Huruma**

As a rule, children live at Huruma Children's Home until they have finished their

education or training. Coming of age doesn't automatically mean that a child leaves the village. For example, if the child has not yet finished his or her education, he or she is often able to continue living in the home. Huruma will notify the sponsors when children leave the home, and provide the reason for the departure. Upon the departure of your sponsored child, a new child sponsorship will be offered to you. At this point, you choose to accept or decline this new sponsorship **Sponsor Manual**.

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