



NEWHOPEUGANDA

Frequently Asked Questions – Sponsorship

What makes New Hope Uganda unique?

Gospel-Centered Family Care

Our childcare staff places true orphans and the most at-risk children in families onsite. We also come alongside local impoverished fatherless families through our social worker staff. The gospel is shared both tangibly through our care to the fatherless and we also share the gospel with those we serve.

Holistic Christian Education

Providing Biblically-based education in addition to agricultural training, promoting self-sustainability. We guarantee that every child in our sponsorship program attends our schools and receives medical care.

Long-Term Commitment

Our children remain on sponsorship until they complete their education for their chosen career path. Part of this is our unique Investment Year program which provides the opportunity for 3 internships in between high school and higher education. We also continue relationship with our sons and daughters into adulthood (they do not “age-out” at a specific age).

Prevention

Our ministry has evolved to now address many of the causes of the orphan crisis today through ministries such as Musana Camps and Musana Radio. Through these ministries we teach Biblical Manhood and Womanhood as we see a breakdown of the family at the root of the orphan crisis in Uganda.

Equipping for Ministry

We train local pastors and missionaries to multiply what we are doing in Ugandan and around the world through our Institute for Gospel Transformation.

Our Children are Part of the Solution

After 30 years of ministry we see God’s faithfulness in many transformed lives. Hundreds of our older children are working in successful careers; serving with New Hope Uganda, other ministries, or starting their own ministries.

What makes NHU sponsorship unique from other sponsorship programs?

- **Our program is small (600-700 children):** This allows to have a more specific focus and for more intentionally in our relationships both with our children, staff, and our sponsors.

- **We offer many options:** child, special needs, Hope Family (baby ministry), and Ugandan missionary sponsorship.
- **Our children do not “age-out”.** Each child’s education path is dependent upon their unique situation and so we do not have a specific age of when they will be off our sponsorship program. With that said, it is rare that a child will be on our sponsorship program past the age of 25.

What does my child receive through sponsorship?

- They’re welcomed into the NHU family, and learn about their Heavenly Father.
- The cost of their schooling will be covered.
- Necessities such as food, clothing, shelter, hygiene products.
- For the children living in the community, we have childcare extension staff (like social workers) who visit their home to make sure they are being cared for well.
- Letters from their sponsor (we encourage at least 6/year).
- *You have the option of sending Christmas and birthday gifts in addition to your monthly sponsorship. We recommend a gift of about \$20.*

What will I receive as part of my sponsorship?

- Six letters throughout each year.
- A progress report/report card.
- If you are sponsoring a program or in a non-letter writing sponsorship, you will receive 2-3 newsletters per year in place of letters.

How much is spent on administration?

The U.S. spends 11.8% on administration and Uganda spends 2% on administration. These costs are necessary for the ministry to meet legal requirements as a non-profit, ensure financial accountability, the ability to hire quality staff, provide things like office supplies/software, and “to find the next sponsor”. We are consistently seeking the proper balance and believe in this healthy God-honoring tension. To learn more about what administration specifically covers and our philosophy as an organization, [click here](#).

Does my donation go directly to the child I sponsor?

Until your child is past the 10th grade or S4 in Uganda, all sponsorship donations are put into one fund that is distributed equally to all sponsored children. This is to ensure that each child receives the same level of care consistently and not dependent upon a sponsor’s payments.

Once a child is past the 10th grade, in Uganda this is when a child decides what they would like to do for their higher education. They can either go onto higher level secondary school for 2 more years and then onto university or they may decide to pursue vocational school or an apprenticeship. Because their education costs will greatly vary at this point, we set up separate accounts for each child. Those who choose a university degree may require another

sponsor and/or a scholarship from our scholarship fund. With the separate accounts, we can add those additional funds to their account as provided.

How do I send my letters?

Please use international postage and mail to:

New Hope Uganda
(Your child's name)
Box 16
Luwero, Uganda
East Africa

You can also email letters to: mychild@newhopeuganda.org.

**Please no pictures in email letters.

Why is letter-writing unavailable for Kobwin children?

Letter writing is unavailable for sponsorship of children at our Kobwin location primarily because this location began as a site where we cared children who were part of Kony's "Lord's Resistance Army". Because these children were undergoing more intensive care, we had to be more protective regarding the relationships that they had. Currently there are only a handful of older children left who had these traumatic experiences. This fall we will be transitioning to "family sponsorships" at this location.

Does each child only have one sponsor?

Many of the children sponsored at \$70/month only have one sponsor. A lot of our children have two sponsors and some whose care is costlier, like our special needs children and those receiving higher education, have several sponsors.

How can I learn more about my child?

If you have a specific question about your child, email our sponsorship coordinator Jill Pogmore at sponsors@newhopeuganda.org.

How long will my sponsorship last?

Our children are with us until they can be independent. For some this will be shortly after secondary school and for others, who pursue higher education, this could be until their mid-twenties. The children we care for have all suffered deep loss, rejection, and broken relationships; so we encourage people to think seriously before committing themselves to sponsoring such a child. It is another rejection for the children to cope with if they are assigned a sponsor and then shortly afterwards their sponsor quits. Having said that, we appreciate that financial situations can change, and if that happens we can freely release sponsors from their commitment.