

S.A.L.V.E. International Sponsorship Information



Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about sponsorship with S.A.L.V.E. International.

We work with orphaned, abandoned and rejected children in Uganda to help them have a brighter future and it's wonderful that you are interested in being part of this.

We hope that this pack will tell you everything you need to know about child sponsorship with us. You will find an overview of the work that S.A.L.V.E. does in Uganda, why sponsorship is a big part of that and how your support of a child can make a huge difference, not only to that individual child but also to the wider community.

If after reading this you are left with any further questions please feel free to get in touch anytime:
info@salveinternational.org

Lots of love,

The S.A.L.V.E. Family



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S.A.L.V.E. International is a British and Ugandan based charity working to get children off the streets in Jinja, eastern Uganda since 2008. It is a tragic side to such a welcoming and friendly nation that orphaned, abandoned and rejected children are left to fend for themselves without adequate care. S.A.L.V.E. wants to give these children the opportunity to leave their difficult pasts behind them and move forward, towards a brighter future.



Our ethos is "Support And Love Via Education" and with the generous help of our sponsors, we are able to place these children in a loving home environment, providing them with access to support, counselling and a proper education.

Did you know?

50.2% of Uganda's population are aged 0-14 years old.

<http://www.visiting-uganda.com/>

A major part of S.A.L.V.E.'s work – made possible through fundraising and donations - is done within the wider community. It is our aim to improve opportunities for education in the wider community, which is accessible to all. We also work as child advocates standing up against child abuse and discrimination and to tackle some of the causes of children going to live on the streets.

S.A.L.V.E. wants to build a better future for the next generation. With your help we can change these children's lives.

For more information about any side of our program please visit www.salveinternational.org.

Process of selecting a child to join S.A.L.V.E.

Every child at S.A.L.V.E. is an individual and we tailor our support and care for them according to their needs.

This is a basic overview of how we select a child to join the S.A.L.V.E. family and rehabilitation program.

We meet with the child living on the streets in the Jinja District of Uganda or are referred to a child at high risk of going to live on the streets.

We build a trusting relationship with the child through counselling, games and lessons in our street clinics and find out their interest in leaving the streets and returning to education.

When the child is ready to trust us we take them for home tracing to find out more about their background and see if it's possible to reunite them with their family (our first choice will always be reuniting the child with their family).

If it is not possible to resettle the child with their family we welcome them to the S.A.L.V.E. home and rehabilitation centre and begin a program of counselling and care to help them to settle into a home again.

When we believe the child is settled and ready we will look for a sponsor for them and prepare them to go back to school.

Every child will receive individual career advice as they are growing up to help them to make the right choices in their education to lead to them becoming self-sustainable adults with a bright future ahead of them.

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Ugandan Education System

Brief overview

Since 1996 all children in Uganda are supposed to be entitled to Universal Primary Education, a Government run program to provide free education. However in reality extra money as fees is still being asked for, so unfortunately many children are still unable to attend school (though the number in class has increased from 3.1 million in 1996 to over 7 million in 2006). As well as needing to pay school fees, children must also provide their own scholastic materials, uniforms and other miscellaneous items that all schools demand. For those who can just about manage to pay such costs, the only option is often a poorly funded and poorly run Government school where class sizes regularly reach over 100 pupils. This makes it hard for slow learners to get the attention they need to help them to understand the classes, and thus often get left behind.



There are a number of private schools which provide a higher level of education, generally with smaller class sizes. Most school also have a boarding section where the children get more attention to help them to learn more. This however comes at a high price and most families cannot afford to support their children through such systems.

The school system is highly competitive. There are three school terms in Uganda with students sitting their exams at the end of the final term which they must pass in order to progress to the next school class. The school year begins in February and ends in December. The curriculum in most primary schools across Uganda consists of lessons in Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities.

There are also a number of practical skills programmes such as Agriculture. When/ if they reach secondary school, the children are then introduced to more subjects.

Uganda has over 30 different local languages, but the language of education is English. This can be a real challenge for some students, but can also be a unifying factor to help children from different tribes to communicate.

Secondary education is more expensive than primary education, therefore far fewer children are able to carry on their education (in 2008 only 16% of secondary age children were enrolled in secondary school).

Vocational training can be another good option, but again the fees and large family sizes can often prohibit parents from being able to help their children carry on their education to reach a level of self-sustainability.

Why do our children need sponsorship?

At S.A.L.V.E. we try to find sponsors for all of our children. This is because we are working with children who have had to face big challenges in their lives and we want to give them peace of mind and security that their education is now being paid for.

If a child goes to school without the right school fees they are often chased away from the school until their parents can afford to pay to send them back, or else they just sit at home and try again next year. We don't want any of our children to face that insecurity again, so we see sponsorship as a sustainable way of helping our children.

It also makes our children feel very special that someone is willing to help them with their education and it encourages them to try their best to make S.A.L.V.E. and their sponsor/s proud.

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Sponsoring a child with S.A.L.V.E.

How much does sponsorship with S.A.L.V.E. cost?



To sponsor a child with S.A.L.V.E. we ask for an **£80** start-up fee to help us to buy the child a mattress, bed sheets, clothes, toothbrush etc. All the basics that a child needs in a home.

Sponsorship then only costs **£35** a month while the child is in primary school and **£40** a month while the child is in secondary school or vocational training.

This works out as less than **£1.50** a day to help to make a real difference in a child's life through education!

This can be paid monthly, three times yearly (1st January, 1st May, 1st September in line with the school terms) or yearly depending on which suits you the best.

What does that money buy?

Simply put – the money will buy an education for a child. For most of our children that education begins by going back to primary school and then might lead to either secondary school or more vocational training.

The money pays for the school fees, for a uniform, school books, pens, pencils, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shoes and shoe polish, transport to and from school, money for medicine if they are sick etc.

Any money left from paying for their education will go into paying for their home care i.e. house rent, food, wage for a home carer etc.

If there are emergency extra costs we will cover them as an organisation and not come to you as a sponsor to pay them.

If you would like a more detailed breakdown of how your money will be spent please let us know and we can send you the full cost breakdown.



For how long would I sponsor the child?

We don't have an age limit on our sponsorship program as we believe every child is an individual, and that different children will be ready to become independent at different times. We also think that our children have faced a lot of challenges in their lives which pushes them back in school, so having a set age limit wouldn't be fair. Instead what we aim for is for each child to reach a level of self-sustainability.

We ask as a sponsor that you would try to help the child to either finish secondary school or vocational training – so that with career guidance your sponsored child will then be able to go on and have a bright future where they can not only take care of themselves, but also help others.

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Can I sponsor as a group?

Yes, many of our sponsors are groups rather than individuals. For example our current sponsors include families, couples, schools, churches and businesses.

What will you receive as a sponsor?

As a sponsor with S.A.L.V.E. you will receive the following;



- A welcome pack with the first letter from your sponsored child.
- Three school reports and letters from your sponsored child per year.
- Pictures of your sponsored child at least once a year.
- E-newsletter updates about S.A.L.V.E.'s work as a whole and an opportunity to follow our weekly blog to find out the latest news from the ground in Uganda.
- Birthday reminders for your sponsored child and suggestions of small gifts you might like to send.
- E-receipts for payments if requested.
- Any extra information you would like (as a small organisation we tailor our care to each child and will also tailor the level of information we send you depending on your interest).

What is expected from a sponsor?

As a sponsor we expect you to be committed to the child you take on;

- Making your payments on time (according to the payment plan you have agreed with us).
- Writing to your sponsored child three times a year (one time being Christmas and one time for their birthday and sending a small gift for each of these occasions).
- Not to send extra individual gifts to the child you sponsor (beyond birthdays and Christmas) – but if you wish to send extra gifts to send something for all the children to share so no one child is getting more than any other child or to send a financial donation.
- If possible we ask for you to try to see your sponsored child through their education (to a self-sustaining level i.e. finishing secondary school or vocational training).
- If because of changing circumstances you are no longer able to sponsor a child with us we ask that you give us as much notice as possible to find an alternative sponsor or consider inviting friends or family members to help you to continue your sponsorship.



All of our children need encouragement and love to get to know you over the years. Knowing that someone from a foreign country who has never even met you cares enough to pay to send you to school makes the children feel very special.

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What next?

Alongside this information we have sent you information of a child that is waiting to be sponsored (or else we are currently waiting for a child to settle down in their rehabilitation and have asked you to wait on our reserve list for sponsorship).

Please look through it and let us know if you have any more questions about sponsorship with S.A.L.V.E. and what you would like to do going forwards. info@salveinternational.org

"It has been wonderful watching Moreen grow into a healthy, happy young lady over the few years that we have known her. This is entirely due to S.A.L.V.E.'s ability to give her the guidance, security and love of an extended family along with a good education to help her realise her full potential.

During the time we have known Moreen we have been able to see her grow up through regular pictures and news sent from S.A.L.V.E through their newsletters/website. It is always wonderful to see the images of her as they show us that she is happy and well cared for.

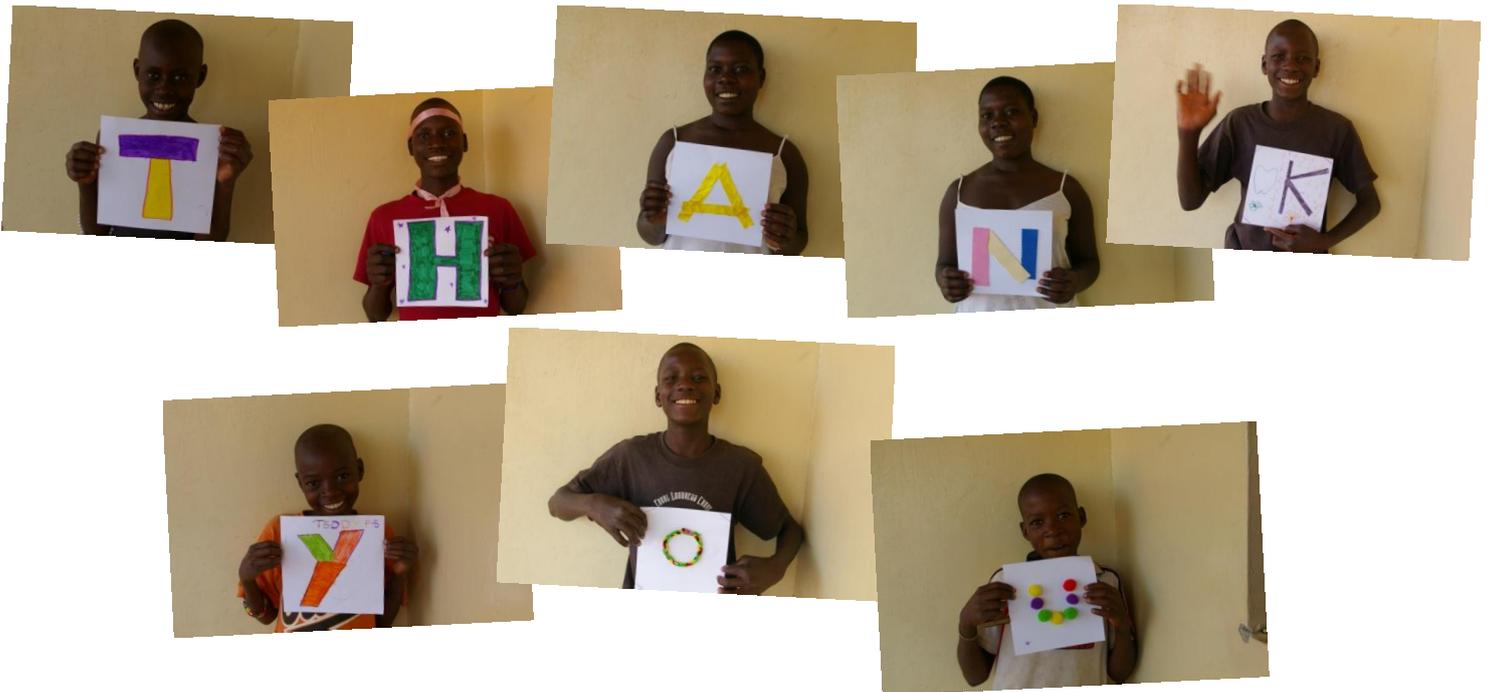
Through Moreen's letters to us we have been able to see how she is progressing and it is great to think that our modest donations can make such a difference to one young person."

Alison Fawcett and her family have sponsored Moreen for over three years so far.

Do remember that all kinds of support are welcome and that if you don't feel able to commit to sponsoring a child there are many other ways that you can support us.

You can volunteer with us, give us a one off or regular donation of any amount that you can afford, host a fundraising event or do a sponsored challenge, you can buy something from our online shop and you can follow and share our work with others to name but a few.

Thank you again for your interest in our work! We look forward to hearing from you!



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