

A photograph of three young Ugandan school children, two boys and one girl, smiling and posing together. They are wearing blue school uniforms with white collars. The boy on the left has his hand on the girl's shoulder, and the boy on the right has his hand on her shoulder. They are standing in front of a school building with a yellow wall and a blue roof. The text "EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP" is written in a yellow banner across the middle of the image.

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

HELP CHILDREN IN UGANDA
REALISE THEIR DREAMS AND
GO TO SCHOOL



Thank you for wanting to help children in Uganda realise their potential and follow their dreams of going to school

Becoming a sponsor will give you a chance to build a unique connection with a child in Uganda. We have children that either need day school, boarding school or vocational school sponsorship.

We will help you select child(ren) to support, based either on school fees budget; or because you have a shared interest, career ambition or other connection.

The cost of sponsoring an individual child ranges from £20 - £50 a month depending on the child's level of education and requirements.



"Through the S.A.L.V.E. Educational Sponsorship programme, I have been given the passport to my future" - Sam

"S.A.L.V.E. offers a unique, personal connection." "It's good fun getting and writing back to young people from a different culture and country" - S.A.L.V.E. Educational Sponsors



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You can help a street-connected child achieve an education through day school, boarding school or a vocational programme, depending on their needs and wishes for the future.

Day school sponsorship - £20/£25 per month

Our day school programme is designed for children who have been resettled with a loving family member, but where the family is not currently able to care for their educational needs. We work closely with the family to find out what needs to be provided for the child to make sure they can return to school.

Boarding school sponsorship - £40/£50 per month

Our boarding school programme is designed for children who are not able to stay at home full time due to challenges they are facing with their family situation. Children in this programme attend boarding school and are able to stay with other relatives, a foster family or in our Halfway Homes in the school holidays as we search for a foster family for them.

Vocational school sponsorship - from £35-£50 per month

Our vocational school programme is designed for children who are more practical learners and wish to learn a specific trade. Children can choose from a wide range of trades such as; tailoring, hairdressing, catering, carpentry or becoming a mechanic. Many of the vocational courses have minimum academic requirements so some children choose to complete these after receiving some formal education.



What will the child receive?

A child in our sponsorship programme will receive (as needed):

- Uniform, shoes and other clothes
- School or vocational course fees
- Books, pens and other learning equipment
- Transport
- A loving home when needed and medical care
- A team of well-trained staff to care for them and offer them and their family regular counselling and advice

Sarah's* Story

Sarah was nine years old when we first met her on the streets. After getting to know Sarah through our Street Outreach Programme, she trusted us enough to home trace and resettle her back to her family. After some regular follow up's to ensure that she had settled, Sarah was referred to our Educational Sponsorship Programme for further support as her family were unable to pay her school fees. It took us six months to find a sponsor for Sarah and during this time, her family forced her to work as a maid to earn her keep.

It was decided that it would be best for Sarah to go to boarding school as she was at risk of being kept at home and forced to work instead of attending school. Whilst in education, we worked with her and her family to overcome their aversion to education and eventually she was able to move back home.

Sarah completed schooling up to S4 (the equivalent to GCSE's). From there, she decided that she would like to become a teacher and went on to complete a vocational 2-year teacher training course. Sarah is now working as a nursery school teacher in a school near her family home and is inspiring children through education. Without an education, Sarah's life would have looked very different from what it does today. She most likely would have been married off as a child, had her own children very young and would still be living in poverty.

Can you help S.A.L.V.E. to support more children like Sarah so they can have a brighter future?



*names are changed in line with our Child Protection Policy

What will child sponsors receive?

You will be welcomed to our global S.A.L.V.E. family of sponsors and can look forward to receiving:

- A welcome letter about becoming a sponsor with S.A.L.V.E. including more details about your sponsored child to help you to get to know them
- A letter from your sponsored child and an update on how they are doing twice a year
- A school report and photo annually
- E-newsletters monthly
- Any extra information or updates you would like (we are a small organisation and can tailor the amount of information we send you depending on your interest – just ask)
- A reminder of when your child's birthday is every year and the opportunity to send them birthday greetings. We will send you a web link to donate what you can afford for a small gift if you wish to do so
- An opportunity to come and meet your sponsored child and see S.A.L.V.E.'s work in Uganda if you are ever keen to do so



FAQS FOR CHILD SPONSORS

How long do I sponsor a child for?

We ask sponsors to sponsor the child through to the end of their education, be this at primary or secondary school or at a vocational course. Alternatively there may come a point where the child's family are able to financially support their education in which case, we will communicate this with you and ask if you can help another child achieve their dreams instead.

What happens if I need to stop sponsoring a child?

We understand situations can change. If you need to stop sponsoring a child then please get in touch with us so we can offer our support and if necessary, start to find a new sponsor for that child.

Do I need to send birthday and Christmas gifts?

You will receive a reminder when your sponsored child's birthday is coming up. We encourage our sponsors to send birthday and Christmas greetings and if possible a gift donation so we can buy the child a gift, however, this is not mandatory.

Can I choose when I make my Educational Sponsorship payment?

You can choose how you pay for your sponsored child. Some sponsors prefer regular monthly donations whereas others prefer to pay annually. Just let us know what suits you best when you begin your sponsorship.

Can I sponsor a child's education without committing to personalised updates and letters?

Of course. We also have the option for you to contribute to our Education Fund, which will be used across whichever children are in greatest need of educational support at the time. You can make either a regular or one-off donation which will be used to support the children in our programme.

Interested? Then please get in touch – we would love to hear from you and answer any questions you might have: info@salveinternational.org