
India

Child Sponsorship Programs



How sponsorship works

MASOS GUILD (Madras Social Services Guild)

MASOS is a large social work organisation based in Chennai, Southern India (formerly Madras). It is run by a lovely Indian gentleman who was sponsored as a student himself. He knows from first-hand experience how helpful sponsorship can be and has made it part of his community work. **\$178** per year provides formal schooling for a child who would otherwise miss out on education. Mr Thangavel, the director, is very diligent in sending photos of the children and their families as well as school reports so as a sponsor you can feel quite involved.

HOLY CROSS Home for Disabled Children

Holy Cross Home is run by sisters of the Catholic Church for polio-affected girls who live in their Home. The sisters run a school for their disabled girls. The school is also attended by poor children from the surrounding area and in this way the nuns provide the girls with an integrated education breaking down barriers and encouraging community acceptance. They foster self-esteem in the disabled children by focussing on their abilities rather than their disabilities, and they try to change the attitude of their families who otherwise consider these children a curse, and reject them. The girls are supported from kindergarten through to the highest level of education they can manage, including university, and are eventually settled in suitable employment. There is an organisation in Holland which pays for the children's operations, callipers and physiotherapy but to feed, clothe and educate the children the sisters depend on sponsorships and donations. Annual sponsorship of a child is **\$150**. Sponsors receive letters and photos from the girls each year.

SOC SEAD

Sisters of the Cross Society for Education and Development is run by a very energetic, practical and devoted nun. The society does an enormous amount and variety of social work. The sponsorship programme is as yet very small. With our help Sister Kamalam takes under her wing children who live on the street with their families. These families often have been forced into the city by losing their rural employment as farm technology takes over. The children are employed by "recyclers" to go through garbage bins. Often this "rag picking" is the only source of income for the family. SOCSEAD teaches these children craft skills. After each session the children go out into the streets and sell what they have made. The children are provided with personal hygiene opportunities, food and an informal life-skills kind of education. The logistics of schooling for these children are difficult, and the cost is impossible, but an education is seen as the only way out of extreme poverty. With the help of sponsors SOCSEAD places many of these children in regular school, at the same time giving support of various kinds to the family so they can survive without the child's income. An educational sponsorship for one of Sr Kamalam's children costs **\$150** per year. Letters and photos are received each year.

What you will receive

Each sponsor is provided with photos of the children and in return receives letters and photos each year from the sponsored child.

What it takes

MASOS GUILD

Provides: Complete school education up to Year 12 (called XII standard).

Cost: **\$178 per year**

HOLY CROSS HOME FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Provides: Living expenses and schooling.

Cost: **\$150 per year**

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What it takes

SOCSEAD

Provides: Schooling for street-dwelling children and support for their families to compensate for loss of child's income.

Cost: \$150 per year

To sponsor a child now, just complete the attached Sponsorship form.

Further inquiries

For further information on this sponsorship program, contact Jayne Hartgerink on:

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Sponsorship Form

- I enclose an Australian Cheque for \$..... to sponsorchild/children for 1 yr under the MASOS program.
- I enclose an Australian Cheque for \$..... to sponsorchild/children for 1 yr under Holy Cross program.
- I enclose an Australian Cheque for \$..... to sponsorchild/children for 1 yr under the SOCSEAD program.

Total amount enclosed \$.....

NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
TEL:	Hm:	Wk:
FAX:		
EMAIL:		

Please forward this form and your cheque (payable to '**ASIAC Overseas Aid Fund**') to:

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