Sponsor a Child

With Jacob’s Well Appeal



Why sponsor a child?

Sponsoring a child is an opportunity to change someone's life for

ever. If you sponsor a child, you will be making a long-term

difference to one of the poorest children in the world. In addition,

you will have the opportunity to be involved in your child's life as

much or as little as you want. You can contact them by writing letters

or sending birthday and Christmas cards. It can be the start of a

long-term relationship

How does Child Sponsorship work?

If you want to become a child sponsor, first of all you select the

child that you would like to sponsor. Once you have registered with

us as a sponsor, you start to support that child monthly by setting up

a Standing Order with your Bank to Jacob’s Well Appeal in the UK. See “How to pay” section.

Your money is specifically ear-marked to be spent on that child and won't be used for anything else. We will send 100% of the money that you give overseas to finance the involvement of the child that you are supporting in the ABC school, which Jacob’s Well partners. Attendance at the school includes free food and primary medical care.

How much does Child Sponsorship cost?

It costs £22.50 a month to sponsor a child. That's about 75p/day.

It costs £50.00/month for a Boarder due to the extra accommodation costs, so each Child needs 2 Sponsors, making it £25 per person. Just 83p/day

Will the cost rise as the child grows up?

We try to avoid raising the cost of sponsorship to donors, as we know

how money can be tight. We review the cost of sponsorship once each

year, considering factors like inflation in the UK and in the

child's country, the exchange rate between the two countries, and the

actual average cost that we have incurred in looking after your child.

The cost of sponsorship will never increase in a way that is

disproportionate or unreasonable.

If the cost of sponsorship has to rise, we tell donors in advance. If

the raised level of sponsorship becomes a problem, we are happy to

discuss this with donors and existing donors can carry on paying for

their child at the existing rate, unless the difference becomes too

great.

At what point in the child’s life does my sponsorship stop?

Your sponsorship is to support the child through his or her education.

When your child has finished their primary and secondary education

at the ABC school, your sponsorship of that child will come to an end.

Of course, you may want to stay in touch with your child after they

leave school. That is something that could be very beneficial for both

you and your child. At that point you will be given the choice as to

whether you want to sponsor another child or to finish your financial

support to Jacob’s Well Appeal.

What happens if I stop my sponsorship?

Once you choose to support a child, Jacob’s Well Appeal is committed

to that child. If your circumstances change and you can no longer

sponsor a child, we will understand. We will, however, need to find

another sponsor for the child as soon as possible. If you decide to

end your support, we would be grateful if you could let us know. If it

is possible to give us some advance warning, that would be even

better. If you stop your support, we will immediately look for a new

sponsor. The education of your child will continue uninterrupted.

How can I be sure that my money gets through to pay for the cost of my child?

Jacob’s Well Appeal only works within countries where we have our

own projects. In this way, we ensure that our funding is handled by

people that we trust and are in regular contact with, instead of by

any third parties. Over the years, we have developed a system of

financial accountability that makes is difficult for money to be

mis-directed or used in an inappropriate way. In addition, all the

money received has to be accounted for in an annual report that is

sent back to our head office. We are able to account fully for all the

money that we receive, and have audited accounts that are publicly

available at any time.

Within the UK, Jacob’s Well Appeal is regulated by the Charities

Commission - a legal body which oversees all UK charities and their

activities. We are a not-for-profit organization, and we know that

the continued support we receive is dependent on our efficient use of

supporters' money. Our annual report is available to anyone who

requests it (a small admin charge may be required for this).

Can I choose which child I sponsor?

Yes. You can choose which child you would like to sponsor from their

photograph and personal profile information as displayed on our

web-site. Currently, in the UK we are encouraging people to sponsor

children in Burkina Faso and Kenya, West Africa. If you would particularly like to

sponsor a child from another country that we work in, please contact

us, and we can send you details. We have children available for

sponsorship in 9 different countries.

Can I write to my child? Will I receive letters back?

When a person sponsors a child, he receives a report with

information on the child and 3 photos. He will also receive a

Christmas card, letter or drawing, a new photo every year and an

annual report of the child's progress. To see a model annual report,

click here.

You will also be able to write to your child. We will also let you know

your child's birthday, so that you can send your child a birthday

card if you wish to. We also encourage the sending of a card at

Christmas too. If your child doesn't speak English, we will make sure

that your letter is translated for your child into his/her own

language. Whilst the children always like getting letters, we do not

make children reply to every letter that they receive. Some children

do so themselves and sometimes they correspond frequently with

sponsors, especially if they can communicate in the same language.

Can I send presents?

Yes, you can! We recommend that gifts are no bigger than an A5 size

envelope. It is not recommended to send larger gifts for various

reasons:

\* Large gifts usually incur customs taxes which have to be paid by

the local family before the gift is released, money which they don't

have.

\* Larger presents are more likely to go astray! Remember that your

package will pass through the hands of many people within the

destination country's postal service before it arrives at the Jacob’s Well Project address. Many of these postal workers will themselves be

poor and may not be totally honest!

\*Larger items are also more likely to get damaged in the long journey

over bumpy roads to the package's final destination!

What about Jacob’s Well Appeal administration costs?

No deductions are made from the sponsors' payments for our

administration. We are very grateful for the hundreds of hours of

work done by volunteers, which helps to keep our costs low. Our

administrative costs are be met by other (general - or unrestricted)

donations and from the tax that we recover on donations given

through the government's Gift Aid scheme. If you are a UK taxpayer,

Jacob’s Well Appeal can reclaim from the government 25p for every

pound that you give, increasing the value of your donation by almost

one third, at no extra cost or trouble to you.

Can I visit my child?

Yes, you can, although this does require a lot of preparation by

everyone involved. Travel within the third world can be

unpredictable and difficult for those who are not used to it. In order

to help us ensure that your visit is a positive experience for both you

and your child, we would ask for a minimum of three months’ notice if

you wish to visit your sponsored child. Remember, if you can't speak

the same language as your child, we may also need to arrange for an

interpreter to be present. For more information about visiting your

child, please contact Jacob’s Well Appeal office on 01482-881162

How to pay?

Complete the attached form and send to your Bank.

OR if you do Internet Banking then you can set it up on line.

Easy!

Application form for sponsoring a child

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| Title |  |
| First Name(s) |  |
| Surname |  |
| Email address |  |
| Postal address |  |
|  |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Country |  |
| Telephone No. |  |
| Number of the Child | Name of the child you want to sponsor |
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If you Gift Aid your payments to Jacob’s Well Appeal, we can reclaim 25% more from the government from the tax that you have paid. (Please note that you have to pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax that is at least equal to the tax reclaimed by Jacob’s Well Appeal on your donations. Please remember to inform us of any changes to your tax status.

□Please tick the box if you are a UK tax payer and would like to gift aid every donation you make to Jacob’s Well Appeal, increasing its value to us by 25%.

Please return this form to:

Jacob’s Well Appeal

Off Swinemoor Lane, Beverley, HU17 8HF

Tel. 01482 881162

E-mail; office@jacobswellappeal.org

***JACOB’S WELL***

*Jacob’s Well Yard*

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*Email: office@jacobswellappeal.org*

***APPEAL***

**STANDING ORDER FORM**

To the Manager (Name of your Bank):

Branch Address:

Post Code:

Sort Code: Account Number:

Account Name:

**Please pay JACOB’S WELL APPEAL the sum of: -**

(Amount in figures) £ (Amount in words)

Monthly commencing on (Date):

**Until further notice.**

To The Co-Operative Bank, PO Box 250, Skelmerdale, WN8 6WT.

Sort Code 08-92-99. Account Number 67235135

Name: Signature: Date:

Address:

Post Code

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