



SPONSOR A CHILD PROGRAMME FORM

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Full Name: Organization / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms		
MyKad Number / Passport Number	Occupation	
Mailing Address		
Postcode	Town / City	Country
Mobile Phone	House Phone	Office Phone
Email Address		

Mode of Payment (in Malaysian Ringgit only)
Cheque must be **crossed** and made payable to **Shelter**

Complete the details below for credit card payment		
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Name on the Card		Card Expiry Date (Month/Year)
Signature		Signature Date
Amount per payment	<i>Minimum amount is RM50 per month</i> <i>Support for one child is RM600 per year</i>	
Period of Commitment (months) <i>Minimum period is 12 months</i>		Commencement Date
Frequency of payment		
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Yearly <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time		
Name of sponsored child (Office Use Only)		Sponsor's Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Girl

All sponsorships to Shelter are Tax Exempt (No. 8954 / 90)

FAQ on Child Sponsorship Programme

How much does it cost to maintain a child in SHELTER?

In reality it can cost up to Rm 1100 a month (as of 2018 – a very conservative estimate) to care for any child. This includes food, school and educational development expenses (such as tuition, music classes, etc.), visits to the doctor (and dentist), transport, and clothing. In SHELTER, because some food items and clothing are donated and there are volunteers who help tutor the children, we estimate that it can cost up to RM600 a month to maintain a child in SHELTER. It obviously costs more to maintain a teenager.

Does the money I give go only to the child I am sponsoring?

The money you donate under the Sponsor a Child Programme goes to a central fund. All the homes have a budget under which they operate and having sponsors means the costs are lowered. It does not mean, however, that the particular child who is not sponsored does not get the benefits of a sponsored child. Our priority is always the children and their needs are always taken care of. If a sponsor reneges on his/her commitment to sponsor a child for the minimum term of a year or is late in sending his/her donation, it is a budget problem but not a problem that is visited on the child.

What is the money used for?

The money goes towards paying for the children's education (school fees, uniforms, books, shoes), medical expenses, personal clothing, transport to and from school, food, lodging, pocket money and other needs.

Does the part of the monthly amount go towards an allowance for the child?

The children are given pocket money if they have to stay back in school for an activity, etc. Otherwise, all the children in SHELTER are treated equally and no child gets extra money because he/she has a sponsor.

Can I make special requests regarding the child that I want to sponsor?

Yes, you can choose the gender and age group of the child you wish to sponsor and SHELTER will try to pair you with a child. SHELTER handles the pairing up to give each child a fair chance of having a sponsor.

RM50 seems like a small amount in view of all the expenses that go into running the SHELTER Homes. How can RM50 a month help? Can a child have more than one sponsor?

Even a seemingly small amount of money helps! The money that is provided by a sponsor offsets SHELTER's expenditure, thus enabling money to be channeled to other needy expenses (which are many, as we also offer services without any charge).

However, if a sponsor decides to give RM50 a month for a year (i.e. the minimum amount of RM600 for the sponsored child), we will find other sponsors for the same child – each child can thus have more than one sponsor.

Can anybody be a sponsor?

Yes! We've had parents who have encouraged their little children to sponsor the children; retirees who find it difficult to volunteer at SHELTER but want to help in this way; ad hoc groups who had a little extra money which they wanted to use in the most appropriate way; religious groups wanting to instill a caring attitude amongst their students; and socially concerned companies who want their employees to be aware and involved in some way with the disadvantaged community.

We do not have any restrictions about age, race, sex or religion of the intended sponsor.

Will I be able to visit the child, celebrate birthdays, give gifts or money and take him/her on outings? How can I have contact with the child?

You can visit the child in the home and you can write to the child too – but it is not an obligation or requirement of the Sponsor a Child Programme. Visiting or writing to the sponsored child is a way for you to get acquainted with the child. You can give gifts but with the permission and knowledge of the manager of the home so that they can advise you on the suitability, amount and timing of the gift. The children all have bank accounts and gift of money (such as “ang paws” during Chinese New Year or birthdays) meant specially for the child, is deposited in their individual accounts. Thank you for your gifts to the children. . .every child enjoys a gift!

SHELTER has strict rules about sponsors taking the children out. This is because 70% of the children in SHELTER have been sexually abused and we are very aware of the need to protect them. It is up to the manager of the home, as the substitute parent, to decide whether it is possible.

What rights do I have with regards to the child I am sponsoring?

We send you regular updates of the child you are sponsoring. We are also happy when you visit, phone or write to the child with the permission of the home manager (similar to checking with the parent of the child) as to when it is a convenient time to do this.

We strive to treat each child in SHELTER equally and give them as normal a childhood as we possibly can. Also, the child remains under the protection of SHELTER and we will safeguard the children as we deem best and for their best interests. The Home manager decides this.

Does the child know who his/her sponsors are? Why don't they thank me for sponsoring them when I visit?

To ensure there is no feeling of favouritism amongst the children in the home, the child is usually not told that he/she has a sponsor(s) so the child may greet you as he/she normally would a visitor.

How will the child benefit from the Sponsor a Child Programme?

The children come from dysfunctional families and backgrounds. Having an exposure to “normal” families and the experience of people caring for them (including financially) and people having the time and love for them is something very crucial to a SHELTER child's self-esteem.

How will I benefit from the Sponsor a Child Programme?

SHELTER's Sponsor a Child Programme is an opportunity to be personally involved with the disadvantaged community by following the development of one child (or more) whom you are helping through your sponsorship and donation.

Will I get a receipt or tax exemption for my contribution to SHELTER?

Yes, your contribution to SHELTER is considered a donation. SHELTER will send you a tax exempt receipt once your contribution has been received.

Do children in SHELTER have special needs/problems?

These children come from dysfunctional backgrounds. They have been abused, neglected or abandoned. They crave for attention or love and usually have low self-esteem expressed in unruly behaviour and indiscipline.

The teenagers in SHELTER are. . . teenagers with the usual hang-ups and difficulties teenagers have.

Again, because of their difficult backgrounds, the children usually need extra coaching and tuition to help them cope with their studies.

Older children need help financially to pursue their dreams and studies.