



## What will I receive when I sponsor a child?

- A link to a password protected web site with photo and details of your sponsored child, including information about their schooling and their likes and dislikes and a short video.
- Quarterly photo and video updates posted to the web site which you can review.
- Occasional general updates about sponsorship and issues facing the children as a group.

## How long do I sponsor a child?

Ideally, sponsoring a child goes on until the child is 18 years old, possibly longer if you wish. Our aim is to keep you well informed about how your donation is spent so that you will want to continue your sponsorship and support these wonderful children until they are old enough to support themselves.

When you sponsor a child, you are not locked into a contract of any kind. We understand that your financial circumstances may change over time and if you are unable to make your regular contributions, we can assist you with a range of options.

Sometimes, changes in a child's circumstances may bring an end to the sponsorship, such as when the child's parent's circumstances change and they are able to take back the child. In such instances, we will find out why and explain the situation to you. We will also help find another child for you to sponsor.

## Am I the only sponsor for my sponsored child?

No, each sponsored child can have up to three sponsors, because the cost of supporting each child is around \$3 per day. Some sponsors have chosen to give \$3 a day for their child and so these children will have just one sponsor.

## Can I sponsor more than one child?

You can sponsor as many children as you wish. Many of our sponsors choose to sponsor more than one child.

Many sponsors select a child the same age as their own child. This gives their child an opportunity to learn about the life of a child growing up in a developing country.

## What if I cannot make sponsorship payments?

If your financial circumstances change and you are unable to make your sponsorship payments temporarily or permanently, please contact us as soon as possible.

## How do I update my contact details?

Update your personal details such as postal address, email address and contact number by emailing [president@dharmik.org](mailto:president@dharmik.org). Please use the web site to update your subscriber details for the emails. We are launching a new web site in 2009 where you can keep your details up to date.

## How do I correspond with my sponsored child?

We have a separate document about this, titled "Gifts and Letters for Sponsored Children" on the web site news page.



## What you can expect as a Dharmik Australia sponsor

### **Can I visit my sponsored child?**

Yes. A visit to your sponsored child is a rewarding way to see the benefits of your contributions.

You must contact us at least 2 weeks before your intended departure date. We can arrange and provide someone to accompany you and act as interpreter on the day of your visit. There will be a fee of \$50 per day to cover taxis, lunch and guide.

### **Does my money get spent on my child only?**

No. We see your child as a member of a group and so your money is pooled together with funds from all sponsors and we spend it where it is most needed. For example if a child is sick, that child will have more money spent on medical costs than a well child.

### **Does my money get spent on administration?**

In Australia no. In Nepal we have local Nepali people who staff the homes and run the office and deliver the services to your sponsored child. These people are paid reasonable local wages and we also need to cover reasonable local expenses in running an organisation.

### **Can you tell me how my money is spent?**

We are transparent about our expenditure in Nepal and you can see the detailed reports if you wish.