



## **GIVE HOPE – SPONSOR A CHILD PLAN**

### **Terms & Conditions**

#### **Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to define the terms and conditions outlined by H.O.P.E. Foundation, Canada to ensure that the implementation of Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan is in alignment with the organisation’s values, mission and strategy. Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan provides an opportunity to you to change the life of a child. By sponsoring a child through H.O.P.E.’s Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan you will create a better future for your sponsored child, his / her family and the entire community.

#### **What is Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan and what makes it different?**

H.O.P.E.’s Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan is a unique and personal way for you to make a difference in the life of a child, family and community. What makes it different from other typical sponsorship programs are the following distinguishing features:

- You, as a sponsor, commit to support a specific child for long term.
- Selected basic details of the sponsored child during the time period of your sponsorship will be provided to you (sponsor). However, certain personal details such as real name, photo, or residential address will not be shared with the sponsor. H.O.P.E. will only release some specific details such as student code and class / grade and name of the institution or school he / she is enrolled in. From time to time, however, the sponsor will get progress report of his / her sponsored student without his / her name being shown on it.
- You, as a sponsor, are also able to know and monitor the child’s progress and performance.
- Finally, you can also send personalized gifts and establish indirect communication with them via H.O.P.E. For the same, a limited type of gift scheme will be introduced in later course, in which, the sponsor will have an option of choosing and buying a learning type of valuable gift through H.O.P.E.’s official website and the same will be delivered to the sponsored child.
- Hence, when you sponsor a child through our Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan, you are not only helping them, but you are changing an entire community by giving its children the best opportunities for a stable and fruitful life. The sense of responsibility and attachment obtained through this unique plan will make your personalized sponsorship experience even more rewarding and blessed. You will actually have a sense of unique guardianship for the specific child that you will support.

#### **How does Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan work?**



The concept of Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan is that of the indirect link between an individual donor / sponsor or supporter and an orphaned child. H.O.P.E. makes certain commitments in how the child and sponsor will be partners in the process of their empowerment, how this process will be carried out, what rights will be ensured for children and the sponsor, what funds are being raised and how they are spent and what changes the programme will seek to bring about in their lives. In general, it will work in the following way:

- You sign up for sponsoring a child for at least one year (\$360.00 one-time-payment or \$30.00 per month payment for each year).
- A child from a particular institution is assigned to your name for help and support.
- Certain details such as a specific student code for each child assigned by H.O.P.E., age, gender, grade / class of study will be provided to the sponsor.
- During the sponsorship period, you can establish communication with your supported child in the form of letters, greeting cards and specified gifts as per the list provided on H.O.P.E.'s website.
- You are able to read child's progress / performance reports.

Sponsoring a child is definitely not like adopting a child. The child you sponsor will have a family of their own, but sponsors play an important role in the eyes of the child, his / her family and the community.

### **How long do children remain sponsored through Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan?**

Children are usually sponsored until they are 18. At the age of 18, all sponsored children officially “graduate” from the plan, although they will continue to benefit from our involvement in their community. If a sponsored child's family moves out of the area where plan works, or if the family / management of the school / hostel decide that they have become self-sufficient and no longer in need of plan assistance, the sponsorship will automatically be transferred to another deserving child.

### **What does Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan cover?**

In general and in most cases, it will cover all the basic and essential expenses such as those incurred for school / hostel fees, accommodation and / or living expenses, books, food, clothing / uniform, medicines / healthcare and miscellaneous.

### **How much is the cost of this sponsorship plan?**

The cost to sponsor one child is just \$30.00 a month i.e. \$360.00 for one year. To become a sponsor, you will need to sign up for at least one year for one or more child (ren). It is preferable to make all payments in advance, at the time of signing up. Alternately, the option of signing up online (though



H.O.P.E.'s website) is also there to process automatic monthly deductions. Payment can be made in the form of cash, cheque, bank drafts, credit cards or online (PayPal). All sponsors will get official charitable tax receipts for their payments. Sponsor will be given chance to fully support the sponsored child if exceeds from said amount or as per sponsor's own desire.

### **How long does my sponsorship last?**

Initially, the sponsor will agree to support a child for at least one year. However, the sponsor will also have a choice for sponsoring the child for 2, 3, 4 or 5 years and so on, by making advance payment at the time of signing up. Typically, the cycle of sponsorship in this plan lasts for one calendar year. Hence, essential to our Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan is a minimum duration of funding or sponsorship (a period of not less than one year).

### **What if I discontinue my sponsorship / do not want to renew?**

All advance payments / donations made at the time of signing up the Give HOPE – Sponsor A Child Plan are non-refundable. If any sponsored child will leave study / place due to any reason, the sponsorship would be automatically transferred or switched to another deserving child.

### **What details would I know of my sponsored child?**

The sponsor would be able to know a fair amount (not unlimited) amount of information of his / her sponsored child. This includes personal information like age, school or institution's name, grade he / she is studying in and the city he / she reside in. Other information that may be disclosed (subject to individual circumstances) includes:

- Whether child is Syed / Non-Syed (No khums or sadaqat will be accepted for sponsorship)
- Progress reports in school
- Interests / Hobbies etc.,
- Miscellaneous (Subject to individual's conditions and circumstances)

Note: There will be no direct communication between the child or his / her school / hostel and the sponsor / donor.

Disclosure of any of the above-mentioned or other related information is solely determined by H.O.P.E. Foundation, Canada. Under no circumstances, a sponsor / donor can force H.O.P.E. Foundation, Canada to disclose any information of his own choice, other than what has already been provided.

Any personal information of the sponsored child's family will not be released in any condition. In addition, this would entirely depend upon H.O.P.E.'s discretion that whether and what information should be released to the sponsor or not.



## **How do we select which children to sponsor?**

The identification and final selections of the sponsored children in this plan are made based on specific criteria that involve many genuine factors such as (but not limited to) the number of parents alive, socio-economic status of the household, child's age etc. Ultimately, it is down to the child and / or family to decide if they wish to be sponsored.

## **How would I communicate with the sponsored child?**

The sponsor will connect and communicate with his / her sponsored child via a dedicated H.O.P.E. official / personnel and not directly. In other words, there will be no direct communication between the sponsor and the sponsored child. This is to ensure privacy and maintain self-respect and dignity of the child and his / her family.

## **How frequently I can communicate with my sponsored child?**

Sponsor will get updates of sponsored child at least twice a year with progress reports. This is not the same as school report but H.O.P.E.'s own personalized progress reports to help you stay informed about your sponsored child's development and progress. However, depending upon H.O.P.E.'s discretion and subject to individual's circumstances, messages / letters / gifts could be sent to the child through H.O.P.E.

## **How about the privacy policy?**

By any means, sponsor should NEVER release / publicize any information he / she gets of and from the sponsored child to others for any reason / purposes whatsoever. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to maintain confidentiality of the same. Violating this, could result in cancellation or immediate suspension of the sponsorship.

Similarly, your own privacy is important to us. H.O.P.E. values its relationship with all our sponsors and donors who, by their financial support, enable us to provide important and much-needed benefits to the children we serve.

## **Can I switch / change my sponsored child?**

If, for any reason, the sponsor wants to change / switch to some other child, he or she will be able to do so only after a period of one full year after signing up the sponsorship form. If, for any reason, we (H.O.P.E.) need to do it, we will immediately inform the sponsor of the same and will supply the details of a new child. This, however, would not affect the total duration of your sponsorship and days / duration with the previous child will also be counted. Finally, H.O.P.E. has a full right to suspend / cancel any sponsorship for a specific orphan at any stage of the academic year without providing any prior information / update to sponsor. In this case sponsor, will be given a chance to replace his / her sponsorship with that / those of other available children.