

Information for School Partners

YOUR SCHOOL CAN HELP

rescue children FROM poverty.



Friends of the Orphans[™]
Raising children. Transforming lives.

More than half the children in the developing world are severely deprived of one or more basic necessities, including adequate shelter, proper nutrition, safe water and quality health care. Millions have never been to school. They beg and scavenge to survive.

The facts are devastating. But there is hope.

40+ Years of Transforming Lives

Founded in 1965, Friends of the Orphans supports the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for “Our Little Brothers and Sisters”) network of homes in Latin America and the Caribbean. Together, we transform the lives of orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged children by creating families for life through values of unconditional love, shared responsibility and education. This enables them to grow into caring and productive members of their communities.

NPH has raised nearly 16,000 children since its founding in 1954 and currently cares for more than 3,600 in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru. In 2009, NPH outreach programs assisted 83,000 children and adults.

School Sponsorship Program

There are millions of orphaned and abandoned children in Latin America and the Caribbean in desperate need of help. While you cannot change the world for all these children, your school can make a world of difference in the life of one child through child sponsorship.

Friends of the Orphans’ School Sponsorship Program provides schools with an opportunity to help provide a new beginning for a child at NPH. Your group can choose to sponsor a boy or girl of any age at any of the NPH homes. This can be a truly special project for your class, club or group that is exciting, motivating and interesting! Your financial contributions will help provide basic necessities: food, clothing, shelter, education, medical needs and loving care. Your letters and friendship will provide important emotional support to a child who may have never had any prior to joining NPH.

Turn the page to learn more.

Below left: Samuel, a child supported by Friends of the Orphans, in front of his former home and at NPH Dominican Republic. Below: A student visits the child her class sponsors during a school trip to NPH.



PARTNER WITH US TO MAKE A lasting impact

The Benefits of Partnering with Us

Sponsoring a child provides schools with a way to foster community service, multiculturalism, leadership, entrepreneurship, money management, volunteerism, creativity and school spirit. It also provides a unique way to engage your students in service-learning projects by providing a direct connection with a child in need.

- **LEARN** the basics of philanthropy through teamwork
- **ENRICH** (or begin) your study of another language, culture and/or country
- **DEVELOP** a relationship with a less fortunate youth through correspondence
- **DISCOVER** firsthand how friendship and generosity can make a lasting difference in another's life

What Your School Receives

- A picture of the child
- Biographical information about the child and the country where the child lives
- Informative DVD highlighting the child's daily life and school activities
- An annual school progress report
- Personal letters from the child, in Spanish or French and translated to English
- The opportunity to incorporate a Friends of the Orphans presentation into your class curriculum
- Tools for teachers to help incorporate the sponsorship into your curriculum

For more information, or to become a sponsor please contact your Regional Sponsorship Manager or visit www.friendsoftheorphans.org/groupsponsor.

Tools for Teachers

Our free materials will help you explore many subjects.



- **CULTURE AND GEOGRAPHY:** Fact sheets and DVDs teach about the countries where NPH has homes, including traditions and pastimes.
- **ECONOMICS:** Charts help students keep track of the money collected to support the sponsored child. Other tools encourage them to earn the money needed. Your students will learn basic economics and how to be responsible.
- **LANGUAGE SKILLS:** Students write to their sponsored child and receive letters in return in Spanish or French with English translations. Your students will gain communication skills.
- **READING:** Newsletters and reports can be used for class discussion and to improve reading skills.
- **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:** Visiting the Web sites of Friends of the Orphans (www.friendsoftheorphans.org) and NPH (www.nph.org) with your class offers students the opportunity to develop computer skills and learn how to follow instructions.
- **TEAMWORK:** While each student is responsible for only a small amount of money, their pooled funds help them reach their common goal. Your students will learn goal setting and how to work as a team.

“Since we began sponsoring several children of NPH through Friends of the Orphans, I have been blessed to witness a remarkable growth in our own students. Originally intended to merely plant the seeds of global awareness and social justice within their hearts and minds, our participation in this program has proven inspirational in watching those seeds grow and be nurtured through a genuine concern for others less fortunate. This transformation has opened not only their eyes (and hearts), but those of the entire school community, to a more comprehensive vision of our collective responsibility to care for and support those most in need.

Michael Brennan, Principal
Most Holy Trinity School | Phoenix, AZ

ON YOUR students AND the world.

Examples of Costs per Student

\$360 per year*
helps provide for the basic care of one child

School with 500 students: $\$360 \div 500 = 72$ cents per student per school year

Grade level with 60 students (2 classrooms of 30): $\$360 \div 60 = \6 per student per school year

Class of 30 students: $\$360 \div 30 = \12 per student per school year

*\$360 per year is the minimum amount to sponsor a child

\$1,000 per year
supports a child's education, including books, school supplies and clothing

School with 500 students: $\$1,000 \div 500 = \2 per student per school year

Grade level with 60 students (2 classrooms of 30): $\$1,000 \div 60 = \17 per student per school year

Class of 30 students: $\$1,000 \div 30 = \33 per student per school year

\$5,000 per year
fully supports the care of one child

School with 500 students: $\$5,000 \div 500 = \10 per student per school year

Grade level with 60 students (2 classrooms of 30): $\$5,000 \div 60 = \83 per student per school year

Class of 30 students: $\$5,000 \div 30 = \167 per student per school year



Other Ways to Help

Instead of or in addition to sponsoring a child, your school may raise money for the care of all the children of NPH or even a specific project, such as school supplies for one year. Please contact us for more information.

◀ At the age of 5, Martha joined the NPH Mexico family with her brother and two sisters. Abandoned by their father, their mother was unable to care for them and is currently in jail. Now 10, Martha's bleak future has become bright. She says she is very happy at NPH because she is able to spend a lot of time with her siblings, play soccer and go to school—all things she could not do before her arrival. She is in fifth grade and loves math. She also enjoys reading and recently finished *Charlotte's Web*. Martha hopes to become a teacher. Thanks to NPH, she has the chance to succeed.

PUT SOME *fun* INTO FUNdraising!

Friends of the Orphans supporters have had success with the following fundraisers, raising money for their monthly child sponsorship contributions, general donations and special projects.

BAKE SALE: Sell donated cookies, cakes, etc. at a special event, or coffee, juice, donuts and/or bagels at a school meeting or following a church service.

BOOK SALE: Ask individuals, book stores and libraries to donate new or gently used books that you can sell.

CAR WASH/DOG WASH: Charge a fee or request a donation.

COOKBOOK SALE: Collect favorite family recipes to produce and sell a cookbook.

CRAFT SALE: Make/decorate holiday wreaths, trees, gifts or cards to sell.

GARAGE/YARD SALE: Do one on your own, or organize a multiple family sale.

HONOR GIFTS: Ask for monetary donations to Friends of the Orphans instead of birthday, graduation or other special event gifts for yourself.

MULTICULTURAL FAIR: Organize an event with games, refreshments and booths/tables with information about the countries where NPH homes are located. Charge admission, sell food and tickets for games.

MUSIC RECITAL: Charge admission and/or use a jar or bowl for donations.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sell tickets in advance. Utilize volunteers for set-up, cooking and cleaning. A soup-and-sandwich lunch is another idea.

PENCIL SALE: Obtain and sell pencils to fellow students. We can recommend vendors to purchase pencils printed with our name or Web site.

POTLUCK LUNCH OR DINNER: Charge admission and sell tickets in advance. Assign groups to be responsible for food, decorations and information appropriate to a country where an NPH home is located.

RECREATIONAL/SPORTS EVENTS: Ideas include bowling, basketball and volleyball tournaments, walkathons, bike races and dance marathons. Collect pledges and/or entry fees.

RECYCLING: Collect aluminum cans, newspaper and other materials to sell to a recycling center.

UNIFORM-FREE DAY: Discuss this idea with the school principal. Charge \$1 or more per student.

These are just some of the possibilities to raise funds for Friends of the Orphans. You are welcome to think of your own!



Ask for our
FUNdraisers Guide
to help you raise money
for your child sponsorship
or for all the children of
NPH!

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