



Goodwill Children's Homes

Care & education for destitute children in South India
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Your Questions Answered

Does my donation go directly to the child I sponsor?

We use your donation to fund all of the projects that we are involved in. So, not only will you be helping your sponsored child, you will be helping hundreds of other children, both in our residential homes and via our Tribal Outreach Program.

How will I know that I'm making a difference?

You won't ever doubt it. This child you are sponsoring and the staff at Goodwill Children's Homes India will show you in the letters and reports that they send.

Can I write to my sponsored child, or send them gifts?

You are very welcome to send letters to your child, the children love to receive letters from sponsors, and it makes a big difference to them knowing that someone so far away cares for them. Since not all children are sponsored and to prevent perceptions of difference that can emerge through sponsorship 'benefits', any gifts should be of a reasonably low value, the children love hair slides and stickers, photographs of their sponsors, colour pens and drawing or story books. Please do not send money gifts to India, these need to come to the UK office, we will then inform our Indian partners of the value of the gift and the money will be transferred to them. A small part of any money gift you send will be spent on a gift for your child; the remaining amount will be placed in an account where it will earn interest and then be given to your child when they leave our care.

Why is Gift Aid so important?

If you are a UK taxpayer and you sign the Gift Aid Declaration you will increase your contribution by almost a third. It doesn't cost you a penny, so please ensure you complete the Gift Aid Declaration on the standing order form.

What will I receive as a sponsor?

As a sponsor you will receive 3 letters a year from India (for the younger children who cannot yet write in English this will include a translation), an annual report that includes a recent photograph and newsletters from the UK office.

What do I do now?

Please start sponsoring! All you have to do is complete your details on the standing order form, return the form to us and we will send you your welcome pack. If for any reason, you've found that sponsorship isn't for you, please return the details we have sent you so we can find the sponsor that this child urgently needs.

Thank you

Please remember us when making your will. Your support is their future.