

## **SPONSORSHIP FAQs**

### **Where does my money go?**

100% of funds raised go to our programs that help poor families in need.

### **Why doesn't my money go directly to children?**

To create lasting change, a child cannot be isolated from a family, or a family from a community. Direct assistance to individual families often creates dependency. Our programs are designed to encourage community participation and offer long-term, sustainable solutions rather than short-term welfare assistance.

### **How do I write to my sponsored family?**

You can write to us about writing a letter to your sponsored family and we will send you guidelines on what to write, and what to avoid.

You can post your letter to Work For Love, PO Box 136 Noordhoek 7979, Cape Town, South Africa. Include your sponsored family's and your name on your letter and on your photos. To prevent unwanted mail from people not connected to your sponsored family, please don't include your address in your letter or on the envelope.

Once we've received your letter, we'll screen it to ensure the content is appropriate before sending it to your sponsored family. Your letter will be translated and delivered to your sponsored family.

### **Can I send my sponsored family a gift or money?**

While this is very thoughtful we are not able to accept gifts or money for sponsored families. Despite the very best intentions, gifts can cause tension between other families in the community and may not always be appropriate for some cultures. Although you can't send gifts, we do encourage you to write to your sponsored family. You can send letters, cards and photos; children especially love to see what their sponsor looks like!

### **Can I fund my sponsored family's education after they graduate from the sponsorship program?**

We do not encourage this. We cannot guarantee the funds are being spent as you have anticipated, and it has the potential to create a dependency on the sponsor which is not in a family's best interests.

### **What happens when my sponsored family graduates from Work For Love?**

Once your sponsored family graduates, they will graduate from the sponsorship program. You should be very proud, because you helped make this happen! At this time we'll give you the option to continue to make a difference by sending you details of another family, unless you've advised

otherwise. If you're happy to continue, you don't have to do anything and your contributions will transfer to your new sponsored family and their community. If your sponsored family leaves the sponsorship program before they graduate, we will also give you the option to continue your support by sending you details of another family.

### **Can I post pictures of my sponsored family on social media?**

To protect the safety of your sponsored families, please do not post personal details or photos of your sponsored family on social media platforms like Facebook or Instagram, or use the photos on websites and in emails.

You're welcome to display photos of your sponsored family the same as you would display photos of your own family and friends. If you would like to display information about your sponsored family for group sharing or fundraising purposes, please contact us first.

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

Of course! We always encourage you to build a relationship with your sponsored family and the community you're helping. Meeting your sponsored family is an exciting experience – you'll get to see the difference you're making to their life with your very own eyes.

Preparing for your visit requires careful planning Work For Love and the fieldworkers. To ensure the safety of sponsored family, we require all visitors (18 years and over) to undertake a national police check. All visits must be arranged with our Sponsorship Coordinators at the Work For Love Centre.

[Contact us to find out more.](#)

**YOU can enable a family to realize their dreams.**

**YOU can change a family's life for less than \$9 per day (R 4000/month).**

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