



## Thank You!

LCW/LCP would like to thank each of you for showing love, giving help, and bringing hope to a poverty stricken child through sponsorship. Your sponsorship totally changes your child's life forever. This ministry would not be able to continue without generous people like you. In the future, the world will be different because you cared and gave. Only eternity will reveal how many lives were changed because you were important in the life of a child. May God bless you with health, happiness and peace.

**"Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me."**

**Mark 9:37**



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# Little Children of the world, inc.



## Sponsorship Manual

Discover How You Can Give A Hand Up To A Better Future

# Important Contact Information

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## Giving a Hand Up to a Better Future

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# General Information

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## **The Philippines**

- If it is day in the US, it is night in the Philippines.
- Dumaguete City is located on the boot shaped island of Negros in the central-southern part of the Philippines.

## **Language**

- Tagalog is the national language of the Philippines, however Cebuano is the regional dialect that is spoken in Dumaguete.
- English is taught in schools, but is usually only spoken by college educated individuals.

## **Circumstances**

- There are 1.5 million street children in the Philippines alone and many actually sleep in the street. They work as street vendors, selling peanuts, etc. Some dive into water to collect coins, shells, or oysters for pearls. Many clean motorcycles or pedicabs.

## **Sleeping**

- LCP children sleep on mats in homes with dirt or bamboo floors.

## **Money**

- Pesos—Approximately 50 pesos to a US \$1.00. (changes frequently)
- Average daily pay for a working parent is \$1.40 for long hours.

## **Church**

- Worship is held in the LCP open air chapel each Sunday.
- Sunday school classes are held under the mango trees.

## **Bible**

- Each person studies the Gospel of John and answers questions in the discovery material to receive a free Bible.

## **Homes**

- Most families live in a one-room house or house with a loft.
- In Dumaguete, most houses are Nipa huts—bamboo with thatched roofs (woven leaves together)
- Houses are often built high above the ground to protect their homes during the rainy season. They also cook under the houses, as well as raise pigs or chickens under the house.
- Many homes do not have bathrooms (CR-comfort room). The CR has only a commode surrounded by fabric or concrete blocks over a hole.
- Electricity is very limited with a light bulb in the ceiling and only one plug, if the family has electricity at all.
- Homes often do not have running water, so they use a community well.

# Additional Ways to Help

## Higher Education:

**We send every eligible sponsored child to college.** A high school average of 84% or higher is required for College Work Scholarship Program at LCP. Sponsorship continues through college. However, college requires additional expenses in addition to sponsorship. A college degree opens up tremendous opportunities for jobs. In the Philippines, many jobs including bel-hops, fast food cooks, gas station attendants, etc. are unavailable without a degree. If you are able, you are welcome to support your sponsored child's college education in addition to sponsorship. If you are not able to support college in addition to sponsorship - That's OK! **We will match your sponsored child with a donor for a scholarship. As a sponsor, you are not obligated to pay your child's college tuition.**

## Cost of Higher Education:

**The annual cost for one student is \$400 per semester.**

As of the 2023-2024 school year, all LCW college scholarships are \$400 per semester (2 semesters per year) per student for all courses and schools. Students may be enrolled in a 2 or 4 year course at a variety of Universities. This program is for students accepted into the scholarship program. Additional information about the College Work Scholarship Program is available in the College Manual.

**Sponsorship continues throughout college at \$35 per month.**

**LCW is proud to have over 350 total college graduates scattered throughout the Philippines as well as other countries.**



# Sponsorship Manual Introduction

**Little Children of the World, Inc.**

The **LCW Sponsorship Manual** has been prepared for child sponsors and potential child sponsors. The writers have gathered data from many sources in addition to numerous questions from e-mails, correspondence, phone calls, and personal contacts. An attempt has been made to answer most of the frequently asked questions people have regarding Child Sponsorship with LCW. If this manual does not cover the information you are seeking, please feel free to contact:

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# Additional Ways to Help

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## Health Insurance:

In addition to sponsorship, Hospitalization Insurance is available for **\$142 per year**. This covers hospitalization costs for children and immediate family living in the same home in the event of a medical emergency. Even public hospitals will not take patients without insurance or means of payment.

## Programs:

The holistic HELPS strategy covers both physical and spiritual needs. Partner financially with any of our programs to make a difference that directly benefits your sponsored child. We fundraise for each program individually, so donations to any program or our Urgent Needs Fund directly helps your child.

## Pray:

Every penny counts, but your prayers are more valuable than gold. We pray for the Lord's blessing on this ministry and we give thanks for our sponsors and donors every day. Pray for your child and their family to give honor to the Lord in everything they do.

## Volunteer:

You can travel to the Philippines to meet your sponsored child and volunteer in any of our programs, or you can help out in our office in the US.

## Encourage:

Encourage your child to do well in school and fulfill their commitments at LCP, but also encourage them to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Sponsored children often look up to their sponsors as parent-like figures, so your encouragement goes a long way.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And when he is old he will not depart from it."*

**Proverbs 22:6**



# Sponsorship Information

## Sponsorship FAQs:



### Can I sponsor more than one child?

Yes!

### Can I pick the gender and age?

Yes, you can choose a boy or girl and also choose an age preference. From the priority list, one will be selected as closely to your request as possible.

### Can the same Filipino family have more than one sponsored child?

No. There are hundreds of other children on the waiting list. Some have been waiting for a long time. Only under extreme circumstances is this permitted.

### How long does sponsorship continue?

It is entirely up to you. As a general rule, we encourage sponsors to see the child through high school if possible. However, most sponsors cultivate a special bond with their child that carries them through college.

### What are other ways I can help my sponsored child/family?

Encourage your child and family to abide by the LCP rules of sponsorship (SWAP 10 hours of service with a purpose), participate in Sunday School, Worship, Community Bible Study, and Federation meetings. Encourage your child to attend school regularly, study hard and do homework to prevent failing grades. Failure to keep their commitment to LCP could result in loss of sponsorship. Encourage your friends, family and church to sponsor children on the priority waiting list. There are currently over 300 children waiting to be sponsored.

### How do we determine clothing and shoes sizes for our sponsored child?

From information on the questionnaire mailed from LCP at the end of each year or call the LCW office for assistance.

# What is Little Children of the World?

Little Children of the World (LCW) is a Christian organization that ministers to over 6000 people through sponsorship and programs addressing urgent needs. There are many children waiting for sponsorship and so many more that need salvation that comes through Jesus Christ.

**Give a child a Hand Up to a brighter future with LCW, today!**

## Why is Little Children of the World?

- **Christ Focused**  
Our main goal is to bring the Gospel to the lost
- **Relational**  
We are a large ministry with a personal feel
- **Holistic**  
Our programs address both spiritual and physical needs



### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help develop caring Christian communities for the world's children at risk so they will be able to escape poverty and abuse. We **share**

**love** by letting poverty stricken children know that someone cares about them, **give help** through financial partnership, and **bring hope** to those who have none through sharing Jesus.



### OUR VISION

Little Children of the World is a Christian ministry lending a **Helping Hand** to those in need. Our holistic strategy for ending the cycle of poverty is best described by the

acronym **HELPS**:

- H** – Health and Housing
- E** – Education
- L** – Livelihood
- P** – Peace and Faith
- S** – Sponsorship

## Holistic Approach:

**H** - adequate **HEALTH** services & **HOUSING**

**E** - **EDUCATION** at all levels

**L** - Opportunities for **LIVELIHOOD**

**P** - **PEACE** and Faith Program

**S** - **SPONSORSHIP**

## Programs Offered:

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| - Weekly Health Clinic                   | - Tutoring                        |
| - Nutritional Supplements                | - College Work Scholarships       |
| - Therapy for Children with Disabilities | - Livelihood Skills Training      |
| - School on Wheels                       | - Sunday School                   |
| - 5 Residential Dorms                    | - Weekly Worship Meeting          |
| - Soup Kitchens                          | - Bible Studies in 14 Communities |
| - 7 Preschools                           | - Child Sponsorship               |



## Late Sponsorship Payments:

- After 1 month sponsors will receive a reminder letter.
- Contingency money is used to cover sponsorship until payment is received.
- Area Representatives will call the sponsor if payment is not received by the 3rd month.
- Contingency money is very limited. **If a response has not been received by the 4th month, LCW will be forced to drop the sponsorship.**

If you have unexpected financial difficulties, please call the LCW office and we will attempt to work with you. **If you can no longer support a child, the sponsorship staff needs to know as quickly as possible.** Please help us find a replacement such as a friend, relative, Sunday school class, or civic group.

## Termination of Sponsorship:

**LCW is a hand up not a hand out.** Failure of sponsored children to keep commitment to the policies of LCW/LCP will forfeit sponsorship. Examples are failing to do Service With A Purpose (10 hours service to an LCP program of choice each month), dropping out of school, family moves out of LCP area, failing grades, pregnancy/getting someone pregnant, use of illegal drugs, graduation from High School if not pursuing college, and graduation from college. Another reason would be a Sponsor's non-payment of sponsorship for 4 months.

## Change of Billing Information:

To make any change to your billing information such as address, credit card information, or payment schedule, please contact Marie Lou Abbott, Vice President of Sponsorship.

**[marielouabbott@littlechildren.org](mailto:marielouabbott@littlechildren.org)**  
**770-358-2771**



# Sponsorship Information

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## Gifts:

Special gifts for occasions like Christmas, their birthday, and school starting are a treat to sponsored children. Many sponsors choose to send items or give money for those events. However, there is no obligation to give anything in addition to your sponsorship payment. Again, gifts help create a special bond between sponsor and child, and they also help meet additional needs that cannot be covered with sponsorship.

If you would like for LCW to include your gift in one of our shipments to LCP, please send it to the LCW Office address in clear ziplock bags with the child's name on the outside of the bag. Please include a list of items in the gift and the cost for your in-kind receipt. Please also include a donation for the shipping fee with your gift. LCW ships the first of March, July, August, and December. These shipments take 2-3 months to reach LCP so send your gift in the shipment that will ensure its arrival at the desired date.

### Gift Suggestions:

**Books, clothing, backpacks, school supplies, Bibles, stuffed animals, toys, hygiene items, canned meat, etc.**

**Food Packages are available as gifts for \$10, \$15, and \$20.**

Money is always appreciated since the families can purchase most of their needed items in Dumaguete. Money for gifts can be sent to the LCW Office and it will be wired to the Philippines in the next monthly transfer of funds.

**DO NOT SEND CASH OR CHECKS TO THE PHILIPPINES** (Cash may be stolen and checks cannot be cashed in the Philippines).

If you send packages directly, the child/parent may be charged a customs fee to receive the package. Often the customs fees are expensive and the child's family may not be able to pay this amount and will not be able to receive the package. **Do not send packages directly to LCP.**

# Sponsorship Information

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## Cost of Sponsorship:



**Full Sponsorship: \$35 per month (\$420 per year)**

**Half Sponsorship: \$17.50 per month (\$210 per year)**

**(Matched by another half sponsor)**

## What Does Sponsorship Cover?

**Sponsorship** covers the basic needs of the child, including preventive health care, education, and Christian nurturing. The family of the sponsored child enjoys the privileges of membership in LCP, which includes opportunities for livelihood, leadership training in the LCP community, tutorial opportunities as needed for their children, used clothing, family assistance for medicines and medical care, Bible studies and Christian fellowship in a close-knit and caring community. Sponsored children or their parents also give back 10 hours of **Service With A Purpose** every month to develop leadership skills and responsibility.

## Sponsorship Payments:

### Pay with credit card:

**By phone:**  
**770-358-2771**

**Online:**  
**[www.littlechildren.org/donate/](http://www.littlechildren.org/donate/)**

### Pay with check:

**Little Children of the World, Inc.**  
**Sponsorship**  
**P.O. Box 37**  
**Barnesville, GA 30204**

**All contributions to *Little Children of the World*, including sponsorships and programs are tax-deductible.**



# Sponsorship Information

## In Sponsoring A Child You Will Receive:

- A case study of your child
- An introductory letter
- A sponsorship manual
- Annual progress reports
- Quarterly letters
- Receipt for tax deductible donation
- All LCW publications

## How Your Money Helps:

### International Support:

70% is deposited directly into a bank account under the child's name.

15% is used for child services such as social workers, youth assistants, sponsorship correspondence, home and school visits, pictures, reports, updates to sponsors, and local administration of these services.

### Administration:

15% is used for sponsorship services in the USA such as sponsorship office, fund raising through the *Jericho Street Echoes* quarterly newsletters, and the yearly *Hand in Hand* newsletters. **These funds directly benefit the sponsored children because with these funds, we are able to raise funds for the LCP programs, all of which help the sponsored children.** Without these funds, LCW would be unable to provide sponsorship services for these precious children.

Children actually receive far more given to them by indirect social services than the 15% withheld. **So, between the direct and indirect services, the children receive far more than 100% of the sponsorship monthly payments. See page six.**

We do everything we can to keep the funds directly benefiting the sponsored children. In many cases through the years, the USA 15% funds have also supplemented LCP Programs.



# Sponsorship Information

## Progress Reports:

You will receive an annual report on the status of your child, and you will also receive quarterly personal letters from your child. In your reply, you may ask the child anything you would like to know. Due to request from many sponsors, you will receive a questionnaire with sample questions the Sponsorship staff has developed for the children to answer. It is for informational purposes only. **No one is under any obligation to fulfill any of the needs that may be revealed.**

You will also receive pictures of your child with any gifts you send or send money for them to buy.

## Communication:

Sponsored children love to receive letters and pictures from their sponsors and donors. That way you can really get to know each other, and understand how much positive change you have brought to your child's life. You can write your child at:

**Little Children of the Philippines, Inc.**  
**Attn: (Childs Name)**  
**Claytown, Daro**  
**Dumaguete City 6200**  
**Negros Oriental, Philippines**



Or, you can email your child at:  
**[littlechildrenofthephilippines@gmail.com](mailto:littlechildrenofthephilippines@gmail.com)**,  
just put your child's name in the subject line.

Letters and emails are monitored for protection of both sponsor and child. Becoming friends on social media is **PROHIBITED**.

### **Policy on Direct Communications**

**Direct, unmonitored communications between sponsors and sponsored children are not permitted. For purposes of this policy, sponsored children are defined as youth under the age of 18.**

**Failure to adhere to this prohibition may result in loss of sponsorship status for the child or inability of the sponsor to serve in that capacity.**