

Child Sponsorship Programme

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 70 VULNERABLE CHILDREN FROM THE COMMUNITY OF OSHIEYE, GHANA.

HELP US GIVE A CHILD A CHANCE



With your help, we aim to lift 70 vulnerable children out of poverty...

Oshieye is a small, fishing village on the coast of Ghana approximately 15km west of the capital city, Accra. Most families in Oshieye rely on the fishing trade to earn a living. The men catch fish and the women prepare and sell fish at market. The average income of a family in Oshieye is between \$30 and \$40 USD per month.

In order to survive on a day-to-day basis, most families in Oshieye have to spend all of their income on the most basic of essentials - rice, vegetables, cooking oil, coal and clean drinking water - and so there is rarely any spare capacity for healthcare, education or to invest in small business or enterprise. Without healthcare, child mortality is high and life expectancy low. Without education, children and families become trapped in a cycle of poverty. And without investment, economic growth is stalled and individual prospects are limited.

In response to these challenges, Partner West Africa provides a free children's daycare and nursery centre that - as of November 2016 - supports 66 vulnerable children and their families.

The centre provides children and families with; basic bathing and day-to-day care; recommended immunisations and daily access to a healthcare professional; a nutritious feeding programme with daily hot meals, vitamin supplements and unlimited safe drinking water; clothes, shoes and school uniforms; school books, educational materials and toys; a creative pre-school education from Monday to Friday; and a range of play, games, excursions and extra-curricular activities.

As placements at the centre are offered 100% free of charge, PWA relies on the generosity and support of donors and

sponsors from the international community to help fund the centre. Central to this approach is our Child Sponsorship Programme, through which sponsors are able to make a donation of any amount they choose each month to support the centre.

Your monthly sponsorship provides critical, stable and secure income that allows our charity to manage the centre effectively and provide true sustainability.

Would you like to visit Africa to volunteer at the centre...

www.volunteerwestafrica.org

Oshieye Nursery Child Sponsorship Programme



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Your Sponsorship:

What you can expect...

1. If your circumstances change & you have to withdraw your sponsorship, no individual child will suffer

Once offered, places at the centre are guaranteed by PWA for the full academic year. If your sponsorship stops, unlike in some direct child-sponsorship schemes, no individual child or family will suffer. You sponsor the centre, not a child.

2. Your sponsorship will not create winners and losers

All the children at our centre receive the same high standard of care and support. A common criticism of many direct child-sponsorship schemes is that the unsponsored children are of less value to the organisation in question, and therefore less likely to have their admissions renewed!

3. The children receive care not cash
Your sponsorship money will be used to provide food, water, clothes, medicines and educational materials. No individual will ever receive cash or tradable goods.

4. Information & updates

We will ensure that you receive important general information about the centre and the benefits that your sponsorship has provided. And if you or your family would like to correspond with the individual child you sponsor, this can be arranged subject to our child safe guarding policy.

For more information, please contact Sandy Craig at:



Pictured: Staff & children at the centre on opening day, August 2014

Case Study: 'Meet Mary'

"Mary is 4 and lives with her mother and five siblings in a single room concrete block dwelling in Oshieye. Mary's father is no longer in contact with the family. The family of seven have no electricity, no running water, and no furniture... they sleep sharing a floor mat each night.

Mary's health was very poor when our charity found her: Mary's twin sibling had died from malnutrition just months before, and Mary was also suffering from severe malnutrition and deep sores on her skin.

Partner West Africa enrolled her immediately and several years on Mary has become a healthy, happy, confident, creative little girl with a bright future in front of her."



Pictured: Children at the centre sit down for lunch, August 2014

Can't commit to a monthly donation?

Then make a quick, secure, one-off, online donation here:

<https://partnerwestafrica.charitycheckout.co.uk/Sponsor>

What your sponsorship will provide

You can sponsor any amount you like per month. But to give you an idea of what your money and generosity might provide at the centre, we give you 3 examples here of costs your sponsorship could contribute towards.

All sponsorship funds, however, go in to one single pot to fund the centre's full range of running costs. These packages are therefore simply examples of some of the costs that the centre must meet.

Regardless of which package you choose, every child who is admitted to the centre will be guaranteed full access to the full range of education, health, food, clothing and support/care services that we offer.

1) Care for 1 Child

\$50 USD or £36 GBP
per month

1x

Ongoing immunisations and basic healthcare plan with medical insurance, including medical consultations and medicines in the event of illness or injury each day.

30x

Days of nutritious morning snacks, cooked lunchtime meals and safe drinking water.

3x

Sets of clothes, shoes, and exercise books for each new school year.

2) Health & Nutrition

\$30 USD or £25 GBP
per month

1x

Ongoing immunisations and basic healthcare plan with medical insurance, including medical consultations and medicines in the event of illness or injury.

30x

Days of nutritious morning snacks, cooked lunchtime meals and safe drinking water.

3) Basic Healthcare

\$12 USD or £8 GBP
per month

1x

Ongoing immunisations and basic healthcare plan with medical insurance, including medical consultations and medicines in the event of illness or injury.

Our Guarantee:

You must be confident that your sponsorship is being used effectively and ethically to help those children and families who have the most genuine and pressing need for support.

One of the most difficult decisions we face on your behalf, in this regard, is choosing, in the first instance, which children should be offered a place at the centre. In order to make well-informed decisions, we spend a lot of time with each child to assess his/her care and educational needs. We visit the child's home so we can understand the circumstances in which the child lives. And we assess the child's vulnerability, based on their health, social and

economic circumstances, in order to identify the children who have the most immediate or pressing need for help.

This assessment and decision making process is open to your inspection and scrutiny and, at any time, our sponsors are free to ask us for detailed information regarding the reasons that places have been offered to individual children, what services are being provided at the centre, and/or how their sponsorship money is being used. As well as meeting the rigorous demands of the UK Charity Commission framework, these standards represent our guarantee to you, the sponsor.

On behalf of the children, their families & our team, Thank you.



The areas served by VWA & PWA are in the main, but not restricted to, the rural and suburban areas surrounding Accra - the capital city of Ghana - and the poorer areas of Accra itself.

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