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# Chalice Sponsorship Weekend

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# Chalice Child Sponsorship

Chalice is Canada's largest Catholic child sponsorship organization.

Sponsoring with Chalice enables parishioners to help families struggling with poverty through an organization which is faithful to the Church and obedient to her bishops. Sponsorship calls parishioners to greater holiness and participation in the mission of the Church. Founded in 1992 by Fr. Pat Cosgrove in Nova Scotia, we are now supporting almost 50,000 children and elders in 13 developing countries.

We partner with groups of lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities to run our sites. Our sponsor sites work with communities that lack the essentials, including food, medicine, and clean water. When families live in these circumstances, educating their children becomes a luxury they cannot afford. Sadly, many children drop out to join the workforce and help support their families. This continues the 'cycle of poverty.'

Your sponsorship of \$42 per month changes all that.

When you become a sponsor, you connect directly with a child and show them that their future matters. And the key to a bright future is education. Chalice sponsorship is focused on giving children all the support they need to finish school – be that secondary, post-secondary, or vocational training.

## How does it work?

Sponsored children each have unique experiences of poverty, depending on their community and family circumstances. That's why our sponsorship model gives financial decision-making power to the people who know what the child needs best: their parents and guardians. Empowered with training and supported by staff, the parents get to choose how to spend or save your sponsorship funds.

They know what to do: they educate their children and uplift their whole family.

Their local Chalice sponsor site also supports the families with other building-blocks for success, including nutrition, community infrastructure, skills development, healthcare, water, sustainable agriculture, and small-business development.

You will receive correspondence from your child every year, and you can write to your child at any time.

## Being an informed donor

Chalice has an [A rating with Charity Intelligence](#) and ranked in the [Charity Intelligence Top 100 charities](#).

For every dollar donated, after overhead costs of fundraising and administration, Chalice commits more than 90% of its spending in support of programs.

You will get a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of your sponsorship.



## Almost 50,000 sponsored children in 13 countries

Bolivia	Haiti	Paraguay
Chile	India	Peru
Guatemala	Kenya	Philippines
Ghana	Ukraine	Tanzania
		Zambia

## How to sponsor today

Chalice volunteers are stationed at a table where there are information pamphlets about real, specific children who need sponsors now.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the table and discern a call to sponsorship. Our volunteers will be able to answer your questions and assist you to sponsor one of these children today.

For those joining Mass online, go to [Chalice.ca](http://Chalice.ca) and click "sponsor."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Parish Coordinator, Andrew Hachey  
[andrewhachey@chalice.ca](mailto:andrewhachey@chalice.ca) or 902. 707. 0711 ext. 101

# Sponsorship FAQs

## 1. What should I know before I become a sponsor?

- That you are going to make a great difference to a child (or elder) and their family!
- Sponsorship is \$42 per month or \$504 annually.
- Children are enrolled for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion. The children are not necessarily Catholic, although many are.
- Sponsorship does not necessarily end at age 18. If your child pursues further education, you can still sponsor (at the same rate) for as long as s/he is studying.

## 2. My charitable giving decisions are based on research and financial trustworthiness. Why choose Chalice?

- Chalice has an **A rating** and is ranked in the **Charity Intelligence Top 100 charities**.
- For a dollar donated, after overhead costs of fundraising and admin/management, Chalice commits **90.2 percent** of its spending in support of programs.
- Chalice's sponsorship model pairs one child with one sponsor.
- Chalice is in control of distributing funds. The distribution of funds is mandated by Canada Revenue Agency regulations. We are audited by an external auditor and internal auditor. All the funds that are sent to the sites are audited on a quarterly basis.

- You can read our Annual Reports and financial statements at any time.
- Chalice respects our supporters' privacy. We keep all information on our supporters (and sponsored children) in a very secure system and do not release names or other information to other organizations.
- Chalice is a registered charity in Canada under the Income Tax Act. Our CRA Registration Number is 13759 1012 RR0001.

## 3. There is so much need in the world... How can I choose a child/elder?

- There are no "wrong choices"- every child or elder is in significant need of sponsorship. If there is a country, age, or gender that speaks to your heart the most, then feel free to let that guide your decision.
- You can also contact us and we will help you choose.
- If you are concerned about the duration of your sponsorship, perhaps consider an older teenager who may only need a few more years of support to complete their education.

## 4. I'm a sponsor! What does that mean for me?

- You will receive correspondence from your child every year. This will include a new photo, a letter from your sponsor child and a status report from a Field Worker. You will also receive a Christmas card along with a sponsor site update from the Site Director.

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- If you need to change your mailing address or anything else about your personal information, just contact us.
- **You can write to your child at any time.** We highly encourage this! Your sponsored friend would love to know more about you and your family. Many sponsors build strong bonds through their letters.
- We do not facilitate email correspondence or encourage social media connections. This protects both you and your friend's safety and privacy.
- You will get an official tax receipt for the full amount of your sponsorship. Income tax receipts are issued each February for donations processed in the previous year.

## 5. Can I do more?

- You can send your child/elder extra funds, of any amount, any time you wish. These are called gifts of 'special money.' Many sponsors like to send extra amounts around Christmas or their child's birthday.
- If you become aware of any special needs for your child or their family, please contact us. We will contact the site on your behalf to get more information on how you can best help.

## 6. When does sponsorship end?

- In a perfect world, either when the young person finishes their studies and enters the workforce, or their family reaches a level of income stability that they no longer need your financial support.
- However, sometimes they must exit the

program because they or their family moves or chooses to withdraw for personal reasons.

- When your current sponsorship relationship concludes, we will contact you about your decision to sponsor another child or elder.

## 7. What if I can no longer sponsor?

- We understand that personal circumstances change, and you may contact us to cancel your sponsorship at any time.
- Please be assured that your child/elder will **not** lose their benefits. Chalice will continue to support them until they are paired with a new sponsor.