

## **SPONSORSHIP: INSTRUCTIONS TO GET STARTED**

Sponsoring a child means to give him the opportunity to study, because unfortunately education in Africa is completely private, so only a small percentage of children have the opportunity to attend courses.

The verb TO STUDY means only to go to school for all of us, but for African children this verb has many meanings, including having new clothes, learning a language in addition to their own dialect, making regular meals, helping their families to have hospital treatment.

Sponsoring a child is as easy to express this desire to a member of the board of directors (including by email or a private message on our Facebook profile) and you will be shortly contacted to get all the informations you need.

If you choose to participate in this important project, you will be delivered the following documents:

- 1) child biography
- 2) a recent photograph of the child
- 3) informations about the child's family and his village of origin
- 4) a letter from the Director of Community of Hope (the Kenyan Organization which has always worked with Heart of Africa Onlus Association), Father Charles Kyallo Mutua.

Of fundamental importance is to understand that child sponsorship is a long term engagement, depending on the age of the child and on the years he needs to attend all his training in primary and secondary school.

The fee to sponsor a child in primary school is €300 per year, while for secondary school is €500 per year.

There is also the possibility of offering professional training after completing their school education: it's usually a two-year course and the required fee is €340 per year.

All in all this is about €1 per day.

The most important feature of our association is the real closeness to children, as there are immediate connections to the community that takes care of them. This means that, for as long as you take care of the child you sponsor, you can write him in Italian or in English (translations will be treated by our social workers in Kenya, Monicah, Milcah and Lucy), you can send him clothing or school material, and if you want you can also visit him in his village (Heart of Africa and Community of Hope will be please to arrange your travel and accomodation).

Every year our president and our secretary fly to Kenya to check the health and economic conditions of all sponsored children: they meet them and deliver letters and gifts sent from Italy. All phases of the meetings are filmed and, when back in Rome, all sponsors are given a DVD to share their abroad experience.

If you're thinking of doing something important for someone who really needs your help, please contact us and we'll let you know how to give your contribution!