Healthy, growing churches are filled with healthy, growing believers. But helping a believer move from knowing about Jesus to growing in Him can be a challenge.

**WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR CHURCH’S SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, CHILD SPONSORSHIP IS A STRATEGY THAT CAN MOVE THE NEEDLE.**

The apostle Paul said Christ called church leaders “to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV

Here comes another layer: when we serve God by serving children, we are following Jesus’ lead. Matthew 18:5 says “whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

Enter child sponsorship—a simple, strategic, tangible way to energize your church body around serving and discipling children in poverty.

**SO AS A CHURCH LEADER, WHY SHOULD YOU CONSIDER HOSTING A CHILD SPONSORSHIP EVENT AT YOUR CHURCH?**
HERE ARE THREE GOOD REASONS TO CONSIDER HAVING A CHILD SPONSORSHIP EVENT AT YOUR CHURCH:

#1 - It draws people closer to Jesus

Cultivating a servant spirit is central to making disciples. When people see the great need of children in poverty, and respond with Christ-like compassion for their suffering, their relationship with Him deepens.

#2 - It invites people to take a step of faith

Child sponsorship is a ministry strategy that can be used to reach new people for Christ and build the spiritual maturity of believers. As people make the decision to pour love, support and prayers into a child’s heart, the Holy Spirit works.

#3 - It gives people a stakeholder mentality

When you challenge your church to build discipling relationships with children in need, individuals will discover tremendous meaning, purpose and joy as they embrace an ownership role in a child’s life and in your church’s mission.

TO HOST A CHILD SPONSORSHIP EVENT, SIGN UP AT compassion.com/discipleship

Once your church is registered, we will send child packets for your event. Each packet will contain one child’s photo along with his or her story and a sponsorship sign-up form.

Since 1952, Compassion International has been releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name. Our work is carried out in partnership with more than 6,500 indigenous, evangelical churches that are equipped to serve and support their communities’ children in need. It’s an effective strategy that provides culturally-relevant care for children while strengthening the local church.