

WHY COMPASSION?

Key Information for Working a Compassion Booth

WHAT IS CHILD SPONSORSHIP?

- An answer to a child's prayers.
- An opportunity to change a child's life by releasing them from poverty in Jesus' name.
- A personal relationship with a child.
 - 1:1 sponsorship – Each sponsor is the only sponsor for that child.
 - Sponsors can write and receive letters from their children and receive up-to-date photos.
 - Financial gifts (or flat gifts sent in a regular envelope) can be sent to their sponsored child and their family.

WHAT DOES CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROVIDE, AND HOW MUCH IS IT?

For just **\$38 a month**, your sponsored child receives holistic care and development,

- Supplemental nutrition.
- Educational support.
- Medical care.
- Vocational training.
- Christian care and guidance.
- Hope — knowing he or she matters to you.



... All through a local church in your child's community.

WHAT MAKES COMPASSION DISTINCT?

OUR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

Jesus is the core of our ministry, and his life and teachings shape our programs. They reflect the spiritual commitments of our staff around the world, and they guide how we love people, respect communities and cooperate with nations.



OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN

Child development through Compassion is all about the individual child. That's why we seek to link one sponsor to one child. The sponsor plays an active role in the development of the child through prayer, letters of encouragement and financial support. Each child in our program receives the unique holistic care necessary to help them realize their full, God-created potential! It is only through a careful blend of physical, social, economic and spiritual care that a child can fully mature to be released from poverty.

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH

Compassion partners with indigenous local churches for effective child development. We believe local churches are best suited to address the holistic needs of children in their communities, delivering both the Jesus-based teaching and whole-life care children in poverty deserve.

WHERE DOES COMPASSION WORK?

We partner with churches and denominations in Africa, Asia, Central America and South America to help them provide children with the opportunity to rise above their circumstances and become all God has created them to be.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WHILE WORKING THE BOOTH

Q: HOW MUCH MONEY GOES TO MY CHILD?

A: Compassion is deeply committed to financial integrity, spending a minimum of 80% of all income directly on our life-changing programs. Compassion has been recognized for superior financial integrity by numerous publications and accountability groups, including the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, the Better Business Bureau, Wise Giving Alliance and The American Institute of Philanthropy. For more information on Compassion's commitment to financial integrity, please visit [Compassion.com/about/financial](https://www.compassion.com/about/financial).

Q: WHEN WILL MY CREDIT CARD BE CHARGED?

A: The credit card will be charged when the event form arrives at headquarters, usually within 10 business days. This is the start of a recurring payment, and it will charge on that date every month. If the sponsor's credit card is charged for the first month on the fourth, their monthly payment will be on the fourth every month. Sponsors may change their recurring payment at any time online.

Q: WHAT DO THE ICONS MEAN?



A: Packets with the “priority” icon represent children who have been waiting six months or longer to be sponsored. Other symbols (HIV, Highly Vulnerable Children, Critical Care) represent unique challenges to a region that necessitate supplemental funding. Sponsors may add an additional \$7 a month to their sponsorship in order to help fund these life-changing interventions in their sponsored child's community. For an explanation of each program, please read the information on the individual packet.

Q: DO I HAVE TO PAY RIGHT NOW?

A: Occasionally an attendee would like to consider sponsoring — but not before talking to his or her parents or spouse. You can encourage the attendee to go ahead and fill out the front portion of the form while leaving the back payment portion blank. Keep the form and give the attendee the packet to take home. In this case, there is no obligation, but the attendee can take the packet home to discuss with another person before deciding. To complete their sponsorship, they can make their payment at [Compassion.com/firstpayment](https://www.compassion.com/firstpayment) within 48 hours.

Q: HOW LONG IS A SPONSOR COMMITTED TO SPONSORSHIP?

A: This is a personal commitment. We understand a sponsor's financial situation may change, so he or she may stop at any time. We ask, for the sake of the child, that sponsors stick with it as long as it is a responsible commitment. The sponsored child will graduate the program between the ages of 18 and 22, after receiving some post-high-school training or education.

If you are asked a question not covered in this document, please let the individual know they can call Compassion at (800) 336-7676 or visit our website (Compassion.com) to learn more or to ask any questions.

If you find that the same question is being asked multiple times, and we did not cover the answer, please ask your Partnership Host to let us know the question so we can add it to this document for future events.

