



Sponsor a Child

Through your giving you became part of my living

Frequently Asked Questions:

What does Beautiful Gate Do?

Our mission is to reflect God's image as we care for and protect children, empower and preserve families and mobilise our community. Through our work we strengthen the capacity of community parents to care for orphans and vulnerable children.

Who would I be helping?

Orphans or vulnerable children abandoned by their family, abused or neglected in the broader Cape Town area of South Africa. Vulnerable children are identified and assessed by our social worker and placed under the care of a community caregiver.

Are the children HIV positive?

Yes and No. The Philippi health district has an HIV prevalence of 29%. Therefore many of our children are either infected or affected by HIV.

Will I always have this child or family?

Most commonly sponsors continue to sponsor the same child or family until they are self-sufficient. From time to time families are empowered to the point where they no longer need outside help. In such wonderful circumstances, we will inform you and assign you a new vulnerable child or family.

What is the cost of being a Sponsor?

Depending on the country of origin of the giver, a monthly gift of R150, \$30, €25 or £20, or more

How can I pay?

1. Stop order or Automatic Bank Draft
2. Credit Card online via our website <http://www.beautifulgate.org/donate.html>
3. By EFT (electronic funds transfer) into our account. Please email sponsorachild@beautifulgate.org for details

What does my sponsorship help buy for my sponsor child?

Your sponsorship contributes towards the following for each child:

1. School uniform
2. School Stationery
3. Monthly food parcels
4. Clothing vouchers
5. Social Worker and support services such as counselling
6. Home visits from our social workers and support team

Does the family receive cash from my sponsorship?

No. Sponsorship is converted into practical items and services as described above. Cash is not given to the family directly.

What do I get in return for my sponsorship?

1. Quarterly family updates – that inform you about what is happening in the family with the children.
2. General newsletters about the work of Beautiful Gate and success stories of community members.
3. Invitations to special events that we host from time to time.
4. Appreciation for your support through an annual thank you letter.
5. A tax donation certificate annually (if you are living in South Africa).

Can I send a letter or gift to my sponsor child?

Yes. Gifts and letters can be sent. Please keep to the following guidelines:

1. Gifts should be small and not too expensive. They should preferably fit in an A5 envelope.
2. Photographs should be appropriate and the content considered before being sent. Photographs of you and your family lets the child see who is caring and praying for them.

Letters and Gifts can be mailed to:
Beautiful Gate South Africa
PO Box 144
Mitchells Plain
7789
Western Cape
South Africa

I see Beautiful Gate is a Christian organisation. Do you support children who are not Christians?

Yes! Beautiful Gate supports all children and families irrespective of their cultural background or religious beliefs.

I see Beautiful Gate is a Christian organisation. Do I have to be a Christian to sponsor?

No, you do not need to be a Christian to sponsor. However, if you are a Christian, we would encourage you to pray for your sponsor child.

What does Beautiful Gate provide (over and above of my sponsorship)?

1. Each community guardian parent is trained in parenting communication skills and caring for sick and abused children.
2. A nurse provides home visits to support the children's medical needs and link them to our HIV child and adolescent clinic.
3. After School Clubs are provided for children to attend a safe place to learn and play after school and enjoy sports, dance, drama and music.
4. All children are invited to our annual Christmas Party and hampers

How do I know my sponsor child will actually get what I pay towards?

1. Beautiful Gate South Africa is registered with the National Department of Social Development as an official charity/not for profit organisation (005-086NPO).
2. Beautiful Gate South Africa is also a member of the Hospice Palliative Care Association of SA as a Children's Hospice. As such, we are accountable to the above body for appropriate practice.

3. Beautiful Gate South Africa has a team of staff and volunteers who help us to administer this programme and our annual financial statements are audited by an external audit firm every year. Please contact us for a copy or visit our website [http://www.beautifulgate.org/about leg.html](http://www.beautifulgate.org/about_leg.html)
4. Should you wish to contact any of our references, please contact us and we shall provide you with details of others on the sponsor programme for verification.

Am I the only sponsor of this child or family?

No. Other people may also be assisting with the cost of supporting this child as one monthly contribution will not cover all his or her needs. However, we do not over-subscribe one child beyond the cost of support.

How long do I need to give for? How long will sponsorship last?

As long as you like! Some sponsors sponsor different children over a long period, others choose to sponsor for a season. It's up to you.

Will the price go up?

Not every year. From time to time we review the sponsor amount in relation to the actual cost of providing the above items for the children. Should we increase the amount, this will not be an automatic occurrence, and the decision will remain in the hands of the sponsor.

If I have to stop sponsoring, what happens to the child?

Beautiful Gate is committed to provide the best possible care for each child. Should a sponsor fall away, we will make every effort to ensure that all children receive adequate support and care.

Are there other ways to get involved?

Yes. They are:

1. You can choose to donate a once-off amount
2. Volunteer your time to serve in our After School Clubs or Social Work team. For further enquiries regarding volunteer opportunities please contact volunteers@beautifulgate.org
3. If you are in Cape Town and would like to visit your sponsor family, please contact us and we can arrange a special visit sponsorachild@beautifulgate.org .