

Food for the Hungry - Child Sponsorship

Food for the Hungry is a Christian organization seeking to end all forms of human poverty by going into the hard places and closely walking with the world's most vulnerable people. They do this through purposeful relief and development. They serve in over 20 countries globally by working side-by-side with local leaders, responding to their needs with transformative solutions, which are both sustainable and implemented at the hands of the communities themselves. Since 2017, Blackhawk Church has partnered with Food for the Hungry by coming alongside the community of Lajastambo, Bolivia

One of the ways we support them is by sponsoring children in the community of Lajastambo. When you sponsor a child with Food for the Hungry, you not only come alongside a child but also alongside their family and the entire community. Through your sponsorship, you build a relationship with the child and their family while also equipping Food for the Hungry to help the community tackle their biggest obstacles such as clean water, medical aid, food, equal educational opportunities for girls and boys, and vocational training and empowerment.

How to sponsor a child?

Go to <https://www.fh.org/church/blackhawk> and choose a child to sponsor. Through the site, you will create an account and set up your pledge. After you have signed up, you will be mailed a welcome packet more information about your sponsored child, the community of Lajastambo, Bolivia and ways to connect with your sponsored child.

What is Child Sponsorship?

When you sponsor a child with Food for Hungry, you begin a relationship with the child and their family. Through consistent monthly support, letters, and prayers you and your sponsored child build a relationship that ministers to both of you. Your sponsored child's community will also experience lasting change.

What is expected of me?

The cost of sponsorship is \$38 per month. Besides your financial commitment, you can build a relationship with your sponsored child and their family through written letters and prayers. You may receive occasional correspondence from Food for the Hungry about additional funding needs, but these are not a required part of sponsorship.

What does the \$38 a month provide for the sponsored child?

Food for the Hungry staff will work with churches, leaders and families to design a development plan in your sponsored child's community. The plan includes equipping each family and community to adequately provide for their children's need in areas of education, health and nutrition. This community transformation plan has a strong impact on children through basic needs like water and food, education, spiritual development and medical care.

What type of communication can I expect from Food for the Hungry and my sponsored child?

All new child sponsors will receive an initial welcome packet that contains information about your sponsored child, their family, and the community they live in. Throughout the year, you will also receive updates, prayer and praise requests from the community, activities, and a Christmas card from your sponsored child. You are encouraged to write as often as you like and FH will translate on your behalf. Your sponsored child will respond to up to four letters he or she receives during the year.

How long am I expected to sponsor?

When you sponsor a child, the hope is that you will develop a long-term relationship that will continue until the child is no longer in the program – graduates, ages out, move from the community. Children in the child sponsorship program are between the ages of 5 and 21. Children who started school late may stay in the program until age 21. Both Blackhawk Church and Food for the Hungry understand that circumstances can change, making sponsorship no longer an option, and you are free to end your sponsorship at any time.

For any questions not answered here, please e-mail impact@blackhawkchurch.org.