



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does a sponsorship cost? How do I pay?

A: Our sponsorships are \$39 per month. This is a monthly, recurring payment. The best way to pay is online with a credit or debit card. You can also mail a check to The 410 Bridge Child Sponsorship, PO Box 450, Alpharetta, GA 30009.

Q: How will my donations be used?

A: We use your donations to address direct barriers to education, for example: school fees, textbooks, desks, school supplies, and school uniforms. We also address indirect barriers, like lack of access to safe water or a health clinic. We also use sponsorship funding to improve the quality of education your child is receiving, through programs like teacher training. Your donations also make our discipleship programming possible. Good stewardship is important to us and we strive to spend your money where it will have the greatest impact for your sponsored child. Each community we serve has unique challenges, so we customize sponsorship programming in each community we serve.

Q: How will my sponsorship specifically impact my sponsored child?

Your sponsorship will guarantee that the child you sponsor is enrolled in school and has access to a quality education. Your sponsorship also addresses your sponsored child's physical needs, through health monitoring and feeding programs when needed. Most importantly, your sponsorship gives your child the opportunity to learn about Jesus and be encouraged through our discipleship programming. Sponsoring a child gives you a chance to build a personal relationship, but your impact will reach even further. Our model is holistic, and your decision to sponsor one child creates a ripple effect, raising the quality of education for all children in the community.

Q: Can I write to my sponsored child? Will they write me back?

A: Our students are always excited and encouraged when they receive letters and photos from their sponsors! There are 3 ways you can send them:

1. Log in to your sponsorship account to write a note and upload photos. These will be printed out and translated into your child's language.
2. Send your letter and pictures directly to our office: The 410 Bridge Sponsor Letters P.O. Box 450 Alpharetta, GA 30009-0450.
3. Email your letter to sponsorship@410bridge.org. Your letter will be translated and printed for your child, along with any photos you attach.

Please limit sending letters to once per quarter (4x per year) and make sure they are no longer than 2 short paragraphs. This helps with the cost of printing, translating and



delivering them. Including photos is a great way to tell your child about yourself or your family.

Relationships are at the heart of what we do, and we make every effort to make sure you receive letters from your child. With that said, the communities where our students live are remote areas of the developing world and regular correspondence is often challenging.

Q: Can I visit my sponsored child?

A: Yes! It's a special moment when sponsors are able to meet the students they sponsor for the first time. Service trips are the perfect chance to catch a glimpse into your sponsored child's daily life. To find a trip, visit our website at www.410bridge.org.

Q: Can I send gifts to my child?

A: Healthy giving is central to The 410 Bridge Model. We separate giving from our desire to feel good about ourselves. While well-intentioned, gifts often disempower our communities, undermining their progress and causing lots of problems for the child, school, and other children. If you become aware of a special need outside the scope of your monthly donation, we'd love to help you give in a healthy way. If you have further questions around our gift giving policy, please get in touch! We'd be more than happy to discuss this policy with you in greater detail or help facilitate giving to a special need.

Q: What else can I do to help?

Besides sending letters and photos, we encourage you to pray for your sponsored children. We offer several other ways to get more involved with 410 Bridge Sponsorship. You can visit our community profile pages on our website to stay up to date with what's happening in your child's community. You can also use your gifts and talents to reach more children through our Sponsor Ambassador Program. You can support a sponsorship program such as our Education Quality Improvement Program or the Rejoice Discipleship Program.

Q: How long does my sponsorship last?

A: While there's no specific timeline for your commitment, students are generally sponsored through primary school and then secondary school if they qualify.

Q: Why does The 410 Bridge have multiple sponsorships for each child?

A: One of the things that makes our model unique and effective is multiple sponsorships. Having multiple sponsorships for each child allows us to make a deeper impact. The first sponsorship addresses barriers to education like school fees, textbooks, desks, school supplies, uniforms and feeding programs where needed. Additional sponsorships improve the quality of education by employing additional teachers,



providing teacher training, and offering leadership and discipleship opportunities. Our model ensures that your sponsor child is able to attend school, and that he or she is receiving a quality education. Sponsors create a ripple effect, and improve opportunities for all children in our communities.

Q: Tell me why 410 Bridge Sponsorship is unique.

A: We are a holistic, Christ-centered ministry. We care for the physical, spiritual and educational needs of each child, while also holistically impacting the entire community. Our Sponsorship programs are customized to address the specific needs of each community we serve. We focus on relationships, and meet the spiritual needs of our children through discipleship programming. Our model creates lasting life change and empowers children instead of creating a cycle of dependency. We've seen children graduate from our program and come back to serve their communities.

Q: How does Sponsorship address children's spiritual needs?

A: In addition to physical and educational needs, we work to meet the spiritual needs of the children we serve. Our discipleship programs are central to our Sponsorship Model. [Click here to visit our website to learn more about discipleship programs like the Rejoice Program.](#)

Q: Is 410 Bridge Child Sponsorship associated with a particular denomination?

We're not associated with a particular denomination. We're committed to a calling that surpasses denominational lines and unifies the body of Christ in such a way that God would be glorified and people would experience His grace and love.

Q: How do you maintain financial integrity? Can I see The 410 Bridge's most recent audited financial statements?

Financial integrity is central to our mission. We keep our administrative costs low and evaluate our programs often to make sure your donations are being used where they will have the greatest impact for your sponsored child. [Click here to view our financial statements.](#)

Q: How much funding goes directly towards programs?

We work hard to be good stewards and keep our administrative costs low so your donations can go further. 82% of the sponsorship funding we receive goes directly towards programs.

Q: Are my donations eligible for tax deduction?

A: Yes! Your sponsorship donation is processed by Child Sponsorship Services and executed by The 410 Bridge Sponsorship Program. Child Sponsorship Services is a division of BrightPoint for Children, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3) organization, and long-time



sponsorship administration partner of The 410 Bridge. All donations and sponsorship payments made to Child Sponsorship Services are 100% tax deductible. Child Sponsorship Services will issue your year-end donation statement.

Q: How do I discontinue my sponsorship? What will happen to the child I'm sponsoring?

A: You can discontinue your sponsorship at any time by emailing sponsorship@410bridge.org or by calling us at (770)-664-4949 ext. 316. Once we're notified, we'll begin finding a new sponsor so your child's support can continue uninterrupted. We appreciate you giving us as much lead time as you can.

Q: Anything else I should know?

A: We work in some very difficult and remote places in the world. Children are very poor with daily challenges beyond what we will ever experience or understand.

Despite the opportunity they receive from our sponsors, children run away, drop out of school, become pregnant, get married, leave without notice or don't show up to write letters. You should know that your child might leave before they reach the end of their sponsorship. While this happens with less than 10% of our sponsorships, we want to be transparent and sharing this possibility with you is important.

We ask that you pray for your child, their family, and their community. Your child will know your name, pray for you, and treasure the letters and pictures they receive. They feel encouraged by being sponsored and their life path will be different because of your generosity and relationship with them. If your child should happen to leave our program, we'll notify you immediately and ask that you prayerfully consider sponsoring another child.

Remember...we're on a journey of development in your child's community. Our goal is to help your child break out of the vicious cycle of poverty. Because of your commitment and compassion, you have the opportunity to accompany them on this journey and see true, lasting change in their lives!

Q: How do I get in touch if I have a question?

A: Call the office at 770.664.4949 ext. 316 or email sponsorship@410bridge.org. We're happy to chat and answer any questions you have!