



# Sponsor a Child: Give One Child a Chance for a Better Future

In some of the poorest rural regions of India, most children cannot finish school and many even don't study at all. Poor families lack sufficient food, clean water and proper health care. Children start working as early as five years old. To reduce financial stress, many families force girls to marry at the beginning of puberty. It gets even worse - children born with disabilities experience discrimination and stigma even within their own families.

When you join our child sponsorship program, you give a child the chance for a better future. The child can complete school and receive adequate healthcare. Because we know that a child cannot succeed without others in his or her life also succeeding, we also provide support for the child's family and community. Part of each monthly contribution is used for programs to improve rural development and the living conditions of the child's community.

**For less than a dollar a day, you are able to support one rural child!  
It is amazing what your \$29 a month can do in the life of a sponsored  
children.**

## What support does your sponsored child receive?

- Access to free healthcare until the age of 18
- Support in school education up to the age of 23 or until university graduation
- The opportunity to participate in the our scholarship program
- Other indirect benefits include housing and additional support for children with disabilities
- Children with disabilities have access to walking aids, prostheses, wheelchairs, physiotherapy, and necessary surgeries. They also have access to special schools.



### What support does the child's family receive?

- Access to healthcare with a very low fee
- Participation in the nutritional supplement program
- Participation in the family welfare program
- Education support for siblings in some communities
- Financial assistance for women through our Income Generation Program
- Participation in our Ecological Programs that support families to buy animals, to implement drip irrigation systems, and to plant fruit trees
- Paid work as part of our programs (construction of houses, water wells)

At the beginning of your sponsorship you will receive a photo and information about your sponsored child (including information about his or her family, siblings, and school attendance). You can see your sponsored child grow through letters that you will receive twice a year. You will receive a newsletter from the Vicente Ferrer Foundation USA monthly with general information about our projects. You can write letters to your sponsored child and you are welcome to visit him/her and his/her family in their village or in the Rural Development Trust (RDT) campus in Anantapur, India.

**Your journey to change a child's life starts here!**

*"Knowing that you are part of these small improvements is one of the most rewarding things that has happened to me in my life. With a little effort from us great things are achieved there."  
Rosa (a child sponsor)*