

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Why sponsor a child?

Sponsoring a child is a very personal way of giving. You develop a special bond with this child and transform his or her life. The sponsorship process is transparent and automated - you are able to see that your donation is received, and monitor the program success through regular letters and pictures of your sponsored child. Through your connection with this child, you will gain insight into another culture and way of life. Finally, you will have the opportunity to visit your sponsored child, his or her family and observe other VFF USA projects at RDT campus.

2. What information do I get about my sponsored child?

At the beginning of the sponsorship, you will receive a photo of your sponsored child as well as information about his/her family, their home region and their situation. We will send you a painted picture or a letter from your sponsored child twice a year. Every three years we send you a current photo of your sponsored child.

3. Will my donation only benefit my sponsored child?

Your support benefits the whole family and the whole community. Your monthly contribution goes to a fund that finances additional programs for the benefit of the entire community. The living conditions of the child can only change if the living conditions in the community change. We take a holistic approach to rural development, so that development is sustainable.

4. In which region do I support a child?

We work in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in Southeastern India.

5. Do I have a contractual obligation?

No, you can cancel the sponsorship at any time.

6. Is there any legal relationship between the child and the child sponsor?

There is no legal relationship between the child and the child sponsor. Sponsorship is not an adoption or guardianship, but a way to contribute to our development program in India.

7. Can I visit my sponsored child?

Yes, you can visit your sponsored child and his/her family and observe our other projects in India. You can stay at RDT campus in Anantapur for four days. For many sponsors, this is a very special and rewarding experience to witness the impact of their contribution in the local community. Please contact us if you are interested in a visit.

8. Can my sponsored child visit me?

Unfortunately, not. As there is no legal relationship between you and the child, minors cannot easily travel abroad on their own. A visit to a foreign culture would certainly be a very emotional challenge for your sponsored child. You are welcome to visit your sponsored child in India.

9. Can I send a gift to the child?

Yes, that is possible. We recommend sending simple things to your sponsored child, such as school supplies, balloons, puzzles, simple toys, and summer clothes. Please send the gift to the address below in Anantapur, and we will bring your gift to the sponsored child.

If you prefer that the foundation buys a gift for the child you can make an additional donation of \$23 maximum once per year, specifying that is for a present and the foundation will buy presents and other things of value for the child and his/her family in India. In both cases, you will then receive a letter from your sponsored child.

10. Can I write to the child?

Yes, you can send letters to the child. However, you should be aware that the mail translation and distribution process is slow and it may take a few months for the response to arrive. We recommend sending postcards, since the text is shorter and children love the images on the back (never musical postcards, since the batteries contaminate).

The delivery of gifts or letters to the child must be made by ordinary mail directly to the Indian office and the following information must be included in the recipient:

Name of the child and AF number
c/o Rural Development Trust
Bangalore Road
Anantapur 515001, Andhra Pradesh (INDIA)