



Forever Angels Baby Home **Policy on: Sponsoring a Child**

As a way of generating income for our day to day running costs – we have set up a ‘Sponsor a Child’ scheme.

The cost of caring for a child at Forever Angels is approximately £200 a month.

This cost covers all food, clothing, toys, toiletries, nappies, staff salaries and utilities. It also covers basic medical care.

When people choose to sponsor a child at Forever Angels Baby Home – we will allocate a child to them and send regular photos and information about the child that they are sponsoring. If a sponsor would like to select a particular child themselves – we are happy for this also.

Whilst the full cost is estimated at £200 per child, we realise that some sponsors may be unable to afford the full amount and so we have adopted a system of co-sponsorship. This means that, if necessary several sponsors can give individual amounts that collectively will add up to cover the full cost.

Although someone may be sponsoring one particular child, their money will be paid into our general fund in the UK. Every quarter the UK sends money to the Tanzanian team who are responsible for the day to day running of the project. This includes the purchase and provision of food, clothing, wages, and healthcare including medical expenses, and the provision of essential services, water and electricity.

Our goal at Forever Angels Baby Home is to be an interim care home – we endeavor to reunite as many children as possible, back with their own families– or to find adoptive families if this is not able to happen
So sooner or later – the child you are sponsoring will leave Forever Angels Baby Home.

This may be for a variety of different reasons and depending upon the reason a child leaves us – we may ask you to reconsider/change your donation:

- **If your sponsor child is transferred to another orphanage:**

Forever Angels only has a licence to care for children up to the age of 5. If a child reaches this age and no family have returned to care for them-or they have not been adopted our plan is that they will be transferred to another orphanage. In this case – the new orphanage will be responsible for the child’s future costs. You will be informed of this and we will automatically transfer your donation to another child at Forever Angels Baby Home who is in need of sponsorship.

- **If your sponsor child is adopted:**

In this situation, the adoptive family will generally not be in need of your donation and so we will inform you that the child has been adopted and we will automatically transfer your donation to a new child.

- **If your child dies:**

We care for orphaned, abandoned and HIV positive babies any of whom may be very ill when we receive them, and so unfortunately, may die whilst with us. In this case – we will inform you of this tragic event and we will automatically assign you to another child in need of sponsorship.

- **A child is returned to their family:**

This is our ideal situation for our Forever Angels Babies.....but, most families are in such poverty stricken situations – any child who is returned, may well be poorly fed, not treated for disease and will not attend school. Our ideal would be to keep on sponsoring the child once they return to their family by using the donation to buy monthly food staples and pay for medical care and schooling (when the time comes) for the child. Obviously if this was a consideration for the child you sponsor – it would need your approval and our careful monitoring. We would inform you of this situation and give you the choice of either continuing to support your original sponsor child within their family environment – or to choose a different Forever Angels child to support.

If you wish to send gifts to your child – or send photos or letters to them – this is quite acceptable. All of our children have a ‘Life Book’ which will go with them wherever they move on to – and any correspondence from sponsors will go into it. If you wish to send gifts – we ask you to send clothes for your child – or sweets/treats which can be shared amongst **all** the children rather than toys.

Please note that parcels are expensive – you pay a lot of send them and we are often charged a lot of money to receive them – so it is often much wiser and cheaper to instead, donate money to the Baby Home and request us to buy sweets or clothes or gifts on your behalf.