

The Rustic Pathways Foundation

Hill Tribe Support Project

Orphan Sponsorship Information & Application

Sponsoring an Orphan through The Hill Tribe Support Project

At present there are about 110 students who would qualify for the services provided by The Hill Tribe Support Project but who are unable to enter the program as they do not yet have sponsors. The money that sponsors provide (US \$ 450 per year for basic sponsorship or US \$ 570 per year for sponsorship+) covers the estimated annual costs for food, school fees, and school uniforms for the sponsored child. The sponsor+ level of support provides the sponsored child with basic sponsorship plus the equivalent of US \$ 10 per month for personal spending money to use as the sponsored child sees fit, under the guidance of our program managers. Once a child has a confirmed sponsor at either of these levels, Rustic Pathways (the company, not the foundation) provides at its expense free accommodation for the sponsored child at The Hill Tribe Orphanage, as well as providing program managers and leaders (trained and funded by Rustic Pathways) to oversee the students under sponsorship.

Period of Sponsorship

Sponsors are able to commit to supporting a child for just one year at a time if they wish, or for a number of years. Sponsorship periods of less than one year are not allowed except under emergency conditions as it is emotionally disruptive to the sponsored child. Three months prior to the expiration of your sponsorship term, The Foundation will advise the sponsor that their sponsorship will soon expire. At that time we ask that sponsors to either renew their commitment to sponsor their child, or advise us immediately that they will no longer be continuing with their sponsorship. This three month period allows us to find a new sponsor for a child where sponsorship is being discontinued. Children leave our program when they are finished with their education and gainfully employed. In rare cases a child will leave The Hill Tribe Support Project early. Should this happen, the sponsor will be advised that their child has left the program and any residual sponsorship money paid will either be returned or – at the request of the sponsor – rolled onto another student under our care.

Contact with Your Child

The Foundation stays in touch with sponsors on a regular basis. Sponsors should expect updates and pictures or emails from their child every six weeks on average. The Hill Tribe Orphanage now has an internet connection at the facility, and sponsored children learn English and learn to use the internet as part of their participation in the project. This sometimes allows more frequent communication where sponsors want this. Sponsors are also able to send simple gifts to their child, and by prior arrangement sponsors may visit their child at The Hill Tribe Orphanage.

Applying to Sponsor One or More Children

You must be at least 18 years old to sponsor a child, and be willing to sponsor that child for a period of at least one year. If you are under 18 years of age, your parent or guardian must approve your sponsorship and co-sign your sponsorship application. If you are a club, community service organization, or other group that wishes to sponsor a

child, please ensure that one contact person is nominated to receive correspondence for your organization. The Rustic Pathways Foundation reserves the right to reject any person or organization as a sponsor for any reason at our discretion at any time. To sponsor a child through the Rustic Pathways Foundation, please complete the one-page application form that follows this letter and return it by mail with your check or money order in US dollars payable to The Rustic Pathways Foundation.

Thank you!

The decision to sponsor a child should not be undertaken lightly. By choosing to sponsor a child through The Rustic Pathways Foundation, you are giving a deserving young man or woman the chance to go to school, live in a safe home, and eat three healthy meals a day. The path that each child takes in life after they gain an education remains their own choice, but the sponsorship you provide guarantees that the young man or woman you sponsor will have a whole world of opportunities available to them that they would otherwise not have.

On behalf of The Rustic Pathways Foundation – and especially on behalf of the child or children you may support – thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity of spirit and your assistance in offering these wonderful young people the chance to grow into educated, productive young men and women with futures much brighter thanks to your involvement.

Kind Personal Regards,

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Please complete this application carefully & return it with your check payable to The Rustic Pathways Foundation to the address shown below.

Full Name of Sponsor _____

(if you are under 18, please attach a note from a parent signifying their permission for you to engage in this sponsorship. If you are an organization, group or club, please attach a note and describe your organization for us.)

Your mailing address _____

Your email address _____

Your phone contact(s) _____

Number of children you wish to sponsor _____

Sponsorship Term (minimum 1 year - can be extended later) ____ year(s)

I will pay US \$ 450 per year per child to be a sponsor

or

I will pay US \$ 570 per year per child to be a sponsor+

which provides each sponsored child with \$ 10 allowance money per month

I understand that The Rustic Pathways Foundation will ensure that these funds are used solely to support a child in need under the care of The Hill Tribe Support Project, that I will be advised three months before my sponsorship term runs out, and that a receipt will be sent to me at the address above.

Your Signature and Date: _____

If you have any special comments or information we should know, or if you are sponsoring this child as a gift to another person or in honor of another person, please attach a note and let us know. We will issue the receipt for your donation to the person noted above unless you advise us otherwise.

Please send your check to:

The Rustic Pathways Foundation

PO Box xxxxxxxxxx

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