

# Sponsor Information Sheet

Thank you once again for investing in the lives of a girls of Prince of Peace Ministries.

To get started, here is a list of commonly asked questions. We hope that you will find all that you need to know on this sheet. However, if you have additional questions, please feel free check out our website at [princeofpeacegt.com](http://princeofpeacegt.com) or email us at [pophome@itelgua.com](mailto:pophome@itelgua.com). We look forward to partnering with you to make a difference in the lives of Guatemalan girls.

## How much should I pay each month?

The suggested amount of a child sponsorship is 30.00 per month, although the sponsor may contribute more or less, or may increase the amount at any time. The amount may be sent monthly, quarterly or annually. Please indicate on the reply envelope, on the check or a separate note the name(s) of the girl(s) you are sponsoring. All contributions are tax deductible. The thank you letters you receive will serve as your tax-deductible receipt.

## Where should I send my financial support?

Your check(s) should be sent to our US based finance office. All of your contributions are deposited into a Prince of Peace account and reported to the leaders of the Home in Guatemala. It can then be exchanged into Guatemalan currency to care for the needs of the girls. This process allows us to be as efficient as possible. The support address is: **Prince of Peace Home for Girls; P.O. Box 1344; Mt. Sterling, KY 40353.**

## How long is the commitment?

We ask that you commit to one year if possible. This allows the girl(s) as well as you, the sponsor, to get to know each other. Furthermore, we encourage you to continue sponsoring the child as long as she remains at the Home.

## What happens if my child leaves during my commitment of sponsorship?

In this case, we will notify you that your child is no longer at the Home. We will then ask you if you would like to choose another girl to sponsor or we can simply assign a new child to you. We will then send you an updated packet of information about your new child.

## Does my sponsoring a girl really make an impact?

YES! The girl(s) that you sponsor will receive opportunities that many other Guatemalan children may never know. The following is a list of services and opportunities:

### ***A Place to call Home***

In most cases, the girls that arrive at Prince of Peace come from extremely challenging home environments. Daily the girls have faced abuse, neglect and a life of fear. However, at Prince of Peace, they have the opportunity for a safe and nurturing home staffed by people who truly care about them. Our housemothers or Tias ("Aunt" in Spanish) are interviewed, screened by a senior staffer and trained. The girls are also given a well balanced diet that will provide them the vitamins and minerals needed to grow.

### ***Health Care and Dental***

Most often when a child or a teenager arrives at the home, she has seldom, if ever, seen a doctor or a dentist. The *Clinic of Hope* is a clinic owned and operated by the Home that treats the girls, as well as the community. In addition, the girls are taught personal hygiene, personal development and good health care practices.

### **Educational Opportunities**

Thirty percent of the children of Guatemala receive only a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education. Each of our girls is required to attend *Puerta de Esperanza*. This school is located on the grounds of the Home and goes through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. When they have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the girls are then sent to a private high school.

In addition, because many of the girls have a natural gifting for music and art, private teachers are hired to help develop these gifts. If you as a sponsor would like your girl(s) to have this additional opportunity for music and art, you are welcome to send additional funds.

### ***Spiritual Guidance and Growth***

Because of your support, the basic needs are met. Furthermore, there is one aspect that is most important, which is spiritual growth and guidance. Each of the staff of Prince of Peace set a Godly example of what it means to follow Christ. Each day the girls spend time alone with the Lord as well as corporately in a group. The Tias and administrative staff also exhort and correct the girls in love according to the guidelines in the Scriptures. The girls also have the opportunity to be involved in a local church, where they truly experience what it means to be a part of the body of Christ.

### **Am I the only sponsor for the girl that I choose?**

No, because the actual cost for all that is listed above comes to \$260.00 per month per girl.

### **What happens if I discontinue my sponsorship?**

We understand that your financial situation can fluctuate. Therefore, if you need to discontinue your sponsorship, we will find a new sponsor as soon as possible for this child. In addition, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible of any upcoming changes.

### **Can I write the girl(s) I sponsor?**

Yes absolutely, we welcome your communication with the girls. Our girls love to receive mail and or packages. However, please understand that the postal system of Guatemala is not the most reliable. Often packages can take up to 2-3 months to arrive and may require us to pay an additional postage. We do encourage light weight envelopes with items such as photos, bookmarks or stickers. It is also an incredible help to us if you can have your letters translated into Spanish prior to sending.

Mail can be sent to:

Hogar de Niñas Principe de Paz  
Apdo. Box 136  
Periferrico Guatemala City  
Guatemala  
Central America 01011

### **Will my girl write to me?**

Yes, you can expect three letters a year and a Christmas card. Email is also welcome to send updates from your family to the girl(s) you sponsor. However we are still in the process of developing a system for the girls to reply to you—thank you for your understanding in this situation.

### **Can I send gifts for special occasions?**

Yes and No. Again, because of the unreliable postal system we discourage actual gifts unless you are coming to visit in person. However if you want to contribute funds for a special occasion such as Christmas or birthday, you can send it to the Colorado address and note which occasion it is for. The suggested amount is \$5 to \$20 per gift. The Home will purchase a gift for the girl keeping with her best interest.

### **Can I make payments online or have it deducted from my bank account?**

Yes. It is as easy as setting up a PayPal account on-line. It will be deducted from your account, as you deem best. There are more details about this on the web page.

### **Can I visit the girl that I sponsor?**

Yes! You are more than welcome to come and spend some quality time with the girl(s) that you sponsor. You will need to first check with Lana Sanders to coordinate dates and times. We want to insure that the time that you have here is in the best interest of your schedule and ours. Please know that there are many things that have to fall into place in order to have a team of people visit the Home. Thank you for your patience as we attempt to get these plans into place. There is additional information about this on the website as well—short term or work team.