

Sponsorship Form

Message from the President



DISTRESSED CHILDREN & INFANTS INTERNATIONAL



The Sun Child Sponsorship Program

A program of
Distressed Children & Infants International

DISTRESSED CHILDREN & INFANTS INTERNATIONAL (DCI) is a US-registered nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to improving the lives of underprivileged children worldwide. Since 2005, DCI has been working in Bangladesh to protect child rights, fight preventable diseases and child mortality, and decrease school dropout rates. DCI also promotes sustainable community development and income-generating activities for the children's families.

DCI's flagship program is the Sun Child Sponsorship, whose goal is to help underprivileged children lift themselves out of poverty by providing them with basic life necessities, education, and healthcare. The program also seeks to educate American children about the challenges facing underprivileged children worldwide, and to foster in them a desire to take a leadership role in working for humanitarian causes.

For only \$12 a month - just 40 cents a day -
you can save a life by sponsoring a child in Bangladesh.



Every child in this world deserves a life of dignity. Right now, millions of children around the world are living in desperate poverty. They do not have access to medical care or education. In many cases, they even lack shelter and decent clothing. Above all, they lack hope for a better future. No child should have to experience this.

Distressed Children & Infants International is dedicated to helping these children, as well as their families and communities, to reach their full potential. Our Sun Child Sponsorship Program seeks to tackle the root causes of poverty through education and long-term developmental programs. Our mission is a challenging one, but we know that with your support it is achievable. Won't you please sponsor one of these very deserving children today? Their future literally depends on your generosity. Together we can take a major step toward fulfilling the UN's Millennium Development Goal of halving world poverty by the year 2015.

Please circulate this Sun Child Sponsorship Program brochure among your friends and acquaintances who may be interested in helping an underprivileged child in Bangladesh. I also encourage you to reach out and help in any way you can. DCI needs resources of all types: time, skills, money - or even something as simple as your ideas. Thank you for your consideration and future support. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely yours,

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Name: _____
Age: ____ or DOB: _____
Co-Sponsor (if any): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____
Tel: (____)____-____ Cell Phone: (____)____-____
Fax: (____)____-____
E-mail: _____

Please check the appropriate box(es):

I want to sponsor a boy, girl either in Bangladesh for \$12 per month. (**Minimum one-year commitment is necessary*)

I am interested in knowing more about other DCI programs and activities.

I am interested in working as a DCI volunteer or wish to donate another service.

I wish to make a donation of \$ ____.

Please return this form with your donation by money order or check made payable to DCI:

Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI)
5 Shipton Court, Cheshire, CT 06410, USA

Please allow 6 -8 weeks to receive your child assignment and info.

Contact:

DCI International

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www.distressedchildren.org

The Need to Work for Distressed Children

At present, one billion children – one out of every two children in the world – live in poverty. There are 250 million child laborers worldwide. Many working children have no access to education and thus become trapped in low-skilled, low-paid work, further cementing them into a cycle of poverty.

Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI) believes in the potential of these children and is committed to helping them improve their lives. We do this by providing them with basic necessities of life, such as education, and healthcare.



Before DCI Support

After DCI Support

Currently, DCI is working with 800 children in Bangladesh, where nearly five million children between the ages of 5 and 15 have no education and are forced to work for little or no pay (UNICEF: Nov 2005).

There are 450,000 children living on the streets in Bangladesh. Many are physically and sexually abused. Girls, in particular, are easy prey for gangs who run street brothels. Widening income gaps in Bangladesh have given rise to the trafficking and commercial exploitation of children. These children are in desperate need of your help.

For just \$12 a month, you can make a world of difference in a Bangladeshi child's life. Through your support, you can help create the conditions necessary for children to lead safe, healthy, and happy lives.

Most important of all, you can give your sponsored child hope for a brighter future, and the opportunity to become an independent, productive member of society.

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Goals of the Sun Child Sponsorship Program

- ◆ To prevent children from dropping out of school and insure their education.
- ◆ To provide health care for children.
- ◆ To promote children's emotional and intellectual development.
- ◆ To support school modernization and teacher's training.
- ◆ To teach children their civil rights.
- ◆ To assist children's families through community development and job training programs.
- ◆ To educate American children about the causes and extent of world hunger; and to give children in America and Bangladesh an opportunity to develop lasting friendships that promote cross-cultural understanding.
- ◆ To motivate American children to volunteer for humanitarian causes and become empathetic leaders.

Troubling Facts...

- ◆ 30,000 children die each day due to poverty
- ◆ There are 250 million child laborers worldwide
- ◆ Every year, 22,000 children die in work-related accidents
- ◆ An estimated 130 million children in developing countries are not in primary school
- ◆ 1.4 million Children die each year from unsafe drinking water and inadequate sanitation.
- ◆ 2.2 million children die each year because they are not immunized
- ◆ 15 million children orphaned due to HIV/AIDS

How Do You Choose Your Sun Child?

You can let DCI choose the child/children for you.

You can go on the website and choose the child/children.

We will send you your sponsored child's picture and personal history, as well as regular progress reports.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: You can make your contribution by MAIL, by WEB via PayPal (www.distressedchildren.org), Or by BANK DEBIT using DCI's ACH (electronic funds transfer) system.

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How the Sun Child Sponsorship Program Operates



Step#1: Survey and select a location of extreme socio-economic hardship.

Step#2: Select a government-run school in the area with pre-existing administrative infrastructure.

Step#3: Set up a small local field office close to the school, hire local field officers and provide them with training to manage the program in that area.

Step#4: Form a 7-9 member advisory committee with teachers from the school and other respected members of the community. The advisory committee prepares a list of children who have already dropped out, and those who are in danger of dropping out soon due to poverty.

Step#5: Visit individual households and convince the parents to bring the child back to school.

Step#6: Make a formal written agreement with the parents to bring their child back to school.

Step#7: Find a sponsor in the United States and send them information and a photograph of the student.

Step#8: Provide for the child's basic needs, such as nutrition and healthcare; and assist the child's family with income-generating activities, such as starting a small business, so that the child has the time and means to go to school.

Step#9: Supervise and monitor each child and the overall program's progress via a paid local field officer and the local advisory committee. They will provide regular progress reports to DCI offices and to the sponsors.

Step#10: Establish contact between the child/children of the sponsoring American family and the child they are helping in Bangladesh through letters, drawings, and greeting cards, thereby encouraging the children in both countries to develop mutually beneficial friendships.