



Providence
WORLD MINISTRIES 

Child Sponsorship Program

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:12

A **Providence Child** is an orphan living within La Providencia or a child at risk within the community. Our sponsorship model does not allow the Advocate Families to choose a specific Providence Child.

One of the keys to the Providence Model is our unique child sponsorship program. Importantly, the sponsors are not at the center of the model. Rather, the center of our model is the child, so every aspect of our model is relational, culturally enriching, and empowering for the child. And under this model, the people who sponsor children will be more likely to do so for pure, Godly, and altruistic reasons.

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Relational

Each child at La Providencia will be supported by six families and/or individuals, called **Advocate Families**, who know each other and commit to supporting their child for the entirety of his or her educational life, approximately 16 years, through prayer, relationship, and finances. Of the six Advocate Families, one will be chosen to be the **Lead Advocate Family**. The Lead Advocate Family will be responsible for leading the other Advocate Families through the sponsorship process with the assistance of the PWM staff.

By dividing the needs of the child between six families, the model becomes stronger, more relational, and more financially accessible to those wishing to participate. Through their commitment the six Advocate Families likely will form a deeper and long-term relationship with one another because of their La Providencia child. This strengthened relationship encourages stability and accountability, support, and eliminates abandonment of the child.

Unique Model

Stability and Accountability

A strand of three is not easily broken and six is even stronger — If something were to happen to one sponsor and cause him or her to be unable to continue sponsoring the child financially or otherwise, the other five sponsors will be able to either find another sponsor or increase their financial commitment to take care of the child.

Support

The group of six forms a life-long relationship with the child, and acts as a support group for the child, providing advice, prayer, and family relationships. The likelihood of the sponsors consistently praying for and communicating with the child increases dramatically when the sponsors know each other and do it together on a regular basis.

Eliminate Abandonment

The feeling of being abandoned is one of the most significant issues that plague an orphan’s thoughts. Sponsors in most other Child Sponsorship Programs are only required to commit to their child for one to two years. Assuming that each child has six sponsors, which is typically the case, such a model could result in up to 48 donor abandonments during the life of the child. Because the PWM model is centered around the relationships with the child, that result is unacceptable. PWM eliminates the possibility of this situation by requiring each sponsorship group to commit to approximately 16 years of the child’s life.

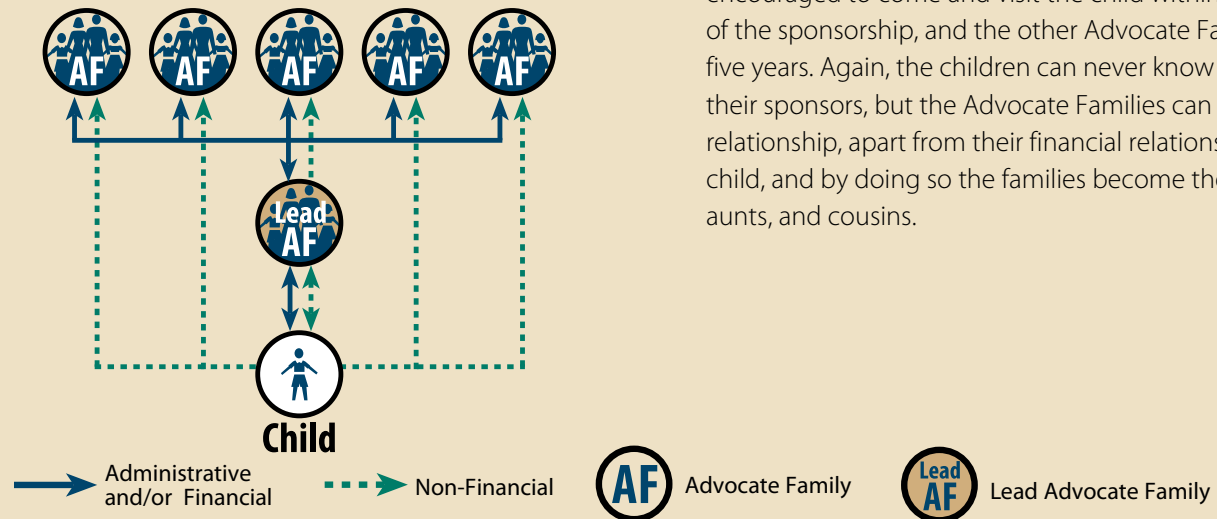
Culturally Enriching

The Child Will Never Know About The Financial Support

The most important, yet different, part of our model structure is that the children will never know that the **Advocate Families** are their source of financial well-being. We do this to protect the child, and to ensure that they will never feel the burden of keeping supporters involved for fear of financial loss. We want to cultivate a culture of generosity and thankfulness, but not one of begging and dependency.

We ask families to accept the following verse as a model:

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”
Matthew 6:3-4



The Sponsors Will Know Their Child

Even though the children can never know about their financial support, we commit to updating each sponsor on a regular basis through e-mail, webpage, blogs, and pictures as part of our commitment to the Advocate Families. These updates will be accessed by visiting a website that is coded with special passwords and usernames for each child so that each sponsorship group will be the only people able to access the child’s information. La Providencia’s goal is to provide each sponsor with a venue to review our stewardship of the donated funds, while continually protecting each child’s privacy and well-being.

Not only will the **Advocate Families** be updated on the child’s well-being quarterly, but they will visit the child and meet him or her personally. The **Lead Advocate Family** is encouraged to come and visit the child within the first year of the sponsorship, and the other Advocate Families within five years. Again, the children can never know that they are their sponsors, but the Advocate Families can form a personal relationship, apart from their financial relationship, with the child, and by doing so the families become the child’s uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Communications between the children and Advocate Families are based on relationships, not obligation.

Culturally Enriching

Children Will Never Be Exploited

Another important policy that we have at PWM is that no children will have pictures posted on the internet, and the sponsors will not be allowed to view pictures prior to deciding to support a child.*

Again, we do this to encourage a culture of generosity. The children of La Providencia are not a commodity for sponsors to pick and choose from; they are each unique and beautiful, and we do not want to cultivate a situation where only the “cutest” are chosen. Once the **Lead Advocate Family** has the group of Advocate Families together, the group will be assigned a child. We feel this policy eliminates decisions that are simply driven by emotion, and places a broader biblical perspective that aids in supporting these children.

**Any photos of local community children used by PWM are used with permission of their parents. No orphan photos are used.*

Empowering

Participating in the Providence Community is a chance of a lifetime for these children. The orphans come into this Providence community after being abandoned by their families, and the local community children are living in levels of extreme and inescapable poverty. Honduras is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and the Providence Community is giving these children the best scholastic education, proper nutrition, professional medical care, and future education or training. This is the chance for these children to step out of the impoverished situations that their ancestors have been living in for generations, and do so within their own cultural context.

Basic Needs

The basic needs covered by the sponsorship are the child’s nutrition, medical care, k-12 education, in-home living expenses, transportation and logistics, and a college fund or business start-up fund.

The six donations made by the six Advocate Families will be allocated to these six categories. These funds will only be used to pay for the staff and needs that directly touch the children, such as the medical staff, social workers, psychologists, teachers, cooks, food, and clothing. Not a single penny of sponsorship funds will be used to pay for PWM’s other administrative costs, overhead costs, and/or salaries.



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Each sponsor unit can choose one of the following financial commitments:

Monthly Payment

The sponsor can pay **\$35** per month. While this option may not provide a financial return for La Providencia to help other parts of the ministry, it allows the sponsor to build a relationship with the child on a more consistent basis over time.

Yearly Payment

The sponsor can pay **\$420** per year, which will result in a reduction of La Providencia's bookkeeping entries and administration costs. The U.S. administrative costs are typically donated from separate funds and are never paid for by the sponsorship funds dedicated to the children.

One-time Lifetime Payment

The sponsor can pay the entire lifetime amount for the child (i.e., **\$6,720**), which will create an endowment for the child. The interest from the endowment will be dedicated to the John Eaves Medical Clinic, allowing the clinic to become stronger and help more orphan children. Assuming a 10% rate of return, this option would result in an additional ~\$6 million for the medical clinic if all sponsors were to choose it.

Initial Sponsorship

Prior to receiving these children, there is an initial sponsorship of **\$180** to cover immediate needs. This includes medical and nutritional problems that likely all children will have.

Medical Care Sponsorship

This is an additional **sponsorship of \$5** that is optional, allowing medical coverage for orphan children in another orphanage in the state of Comayagua, Honduras (where La Providencia is located) who do not regularly receive medical care. They will be treated at the John Eaves Medical Center. This sponsorship is designed to work in conjunction with the \$35 per month sponsorship, making the total sponsorship cost **\$40 per month**. This enables each group of sponsors to sponsor a total of up to 7 children at the medical level. **Advocate Families** can use this opportunity to engage their own children in a similar model. Younger children in the family can make the same commitment at a smaller level (\$5 per month for 16 years). This sponsorship model can teach younger children about charity, grace, missions, and stewardship. If this is not an option for your family, we encourage you to still prayerfully consider the additional \$5. If this is accepted, your financial commitment would change to **\$40, \$480, and \$7,680** respectively.

17%

of the funds received for children of La Providencia will be used for medical expenses



In virtually all cases, the children we receive will be malnourished, have severe infections, be HIV-positive, and/or have other unknown illnesses or conditions.

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Assuming the **Medical Care Sponsorship**, each of the six Advocate Families will donate \$40 per month, with \$35 going to the sponsor child, and \$5 covering the cost of medical care for an additional orphan. So, six more orphans will receive medical care when each sponsor unit provides the additional \$5 per month.

As previously mentioned, these funds will only be used to pay for the staff and needs that directly touch the children, such as the medical staff, social workers, psychologists, teachers, cooks, food, and clothing. The \$210 per month goes to the child’s nutrition, medical care, k-12 education, in-home living expenses, transportation and logistics, and a college fund or business start-up fund.

One-sixth (1/6) of these funds are restricted to a college/business fund for the child, which will allow the child to obtain a college education or start his or her own business upon

turning eighteen (18) years old and becoming independent from La Providencia. In short, of the \$210 per month, \$35 per month will be deposited and professionally invested in a mutual fund over the next 16 years. The fund, which will include the same funds from the sponsors of every other Providence Child, is expected to grow to over \$3 million when the first children are ready to leave La Providencia.

Finally, the financial commitment of the sponsors starts six (6) months prior to the arrival of the child at La Providencia. This helps support the predisposed medical conditions of the child as he or she arrives at La Providencia. In virtually all cases, the children will be malnourished, have severe infections, be HIV-positive, and/or have other unknown illnesses or conditions. The additional six months of funds will ensure that we will be ready to treat each child medically, psychologically, and nutritionally upon his or her arrival.

“They only asked us to remember the poor — the very thing I also was eager to do.”

Galatians 2:10

Breakdown per Child:

\$35 per month
x 6 Advocate Families
\$210 per month per child

\$210 per month per child
x 12 months
\$2,520 per year per child

\$2,520 per year per Advocate Family
x 16 years
\$40,320 for a lifetime per child

Medical Sponsorship Breakdown for additional orphans:

\$5 per month
x 6 Advocate Families
\$30 per month per child

\$30 per month per child
x 12 months
\$360 per year per child

\$360 per year per child
x 192 Advocate Groups
\$69,120 per year for medical services (i.e. dental, wellness checkups)*

Breakdown per Advocate Family:

\$40 per month per Advocate Family (\$35 for sponsor child + \$5 for optional child’s medical care)

x 12 months
\$480 per year per Advocate Family

\$480 per year per Advocate Family
x 16 years
\$7,680 for a lifetime per Advocate Family

*A possible **1,152** orphans outside of our immediate care, but within our reach, will benefit from these medical services.

Application

Lead Advocate Family

(If you are not the Lead Advocate Family, there is no need to complete this application.)

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

ZIP/Postal Code _____

Country _____

Home Phone _____

Business Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

We have read the entire document and are in agreement with it.

Once we receive your application, we will contact you via email with instructions for completing the process online. Each Advocate Family will receive a similar email.

If you have trouble sending this file using the "Submit" button above, please save the PDF, attach it to an email message and send it to Israel Holliday at iholliday@providenceworldministries.org

Advocate Families

1 First Name _____ Last _____

E-mail _____

2 First Name _____ Last _____

E-mail _____

3 First Name _____ Last _____

E-mail _____

4 First Name _____ Last _____

E-mail _____

5 First Name _____ Last _____

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