



## Child Sponsorship Agreement

Between Street Children Ministry and \_\_\_\_\_

Street Children Ministry (Hai-khor Williany, Jebel Market, Juba), a South Sudan non-profit organization (hereinafter referred to here as “SCM”)

and,

\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to here as “\_\_\_\_\_”),  
come together in this Agreement to form a relationship.

### 1.0 Understandings

1.1 The Child Sponsorship Program is defined as an SCM program that individuals can participate in by making regular donations that support children who are part of SCM’s projects, and by sending letters to children on a regular basis.

1.2 A Child Sponsorship begins when SCM actually confirms the start of that relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ and takes receipt of the first donation as a result of the individual having agreed to sponsor an SCM child.

1.3 The potential sponsor will receive a Child Sponsorship Welcome Packet containing this agreement, a picture and Biographical Overview of a child, and an application form that an individual completes in order to participate and donate on a monthly/quarterly basis to SCM’s Child Sponsorship Program.

1.4 SCM may provide other helpful materials and resources to \_\_\_\_ as part of the Child Sponsorship Program.

### 2.0 Policies

2.1 General:

Failure to comply with the following child sponsorship policies can result in termination of the child sponsorship and/or future partnership with SCM. All individuals wishing to sponsor a child should coordinate a sponsorship only through SCM. Only SCM can determine if a specific child is enrolled and/or eligible for the

sponsorship program. SCM reserves the right to cancel child sponsorship if any parts of this sponsorship agreement are not

SCM's financial sponsorship commitments are as follows: Per child \$60/mo or \$180/quarter

## 2.2 Communication:

For the privacy and safety of all individuals, personal information should *not* be shared with a child or any other related individual. For the purposes of this Sponsorship Policy, personal information *not* to be shared is outlined as:

- Phone number
- Address
- Email address
- Social media page

This will protect sponsors from tangible and/or intangible requests in the future. Proper channels of communication will be directed through SCM, as described in this Sponsorship Policy. SCM is not liable for any consequence that occurs, in case of failure to comply with said communication privacy policy. In the event that a student contacts you for personal needs, please redirect them to make their requests through the local SCM office in Juba, South Sudan. SCM also asks you to notify them of such contact by a child.

## 2.3 Letters:

All letters should be sent to the email address provided to you by SCM.

SCM reserves the right to review all letters for personal or sensitive information prior to delivering them to the child. Inappropriate content includes, but is not limited to: promises of any kind, asking that your child visit the US, any kind of violent or sexual content, or content otherwise deemed unhealthy for the child's development. SCM reserves the right to not forward any letter to a child that is considered to contain inappropriate content.

## 2.4 Gifts:

Gifts to your sponsored child or the children's home is allowed and a way that can assist in empowerment and sustainability. If a sponsor is interested in helping someone through a financial or material gift beyond their monthly sponsorship donation, they are required to organize this gift through SCM. SCM will collaborate with the sponsor to determine the needs of the child. SCM has the authority to decide what is an appropriate gift. The gift will be applied according to the needs of the child and/or the benefit of the organization as a whole to serve the children. It is a priority

of the organization to purchase the gift in the community that SCM serves. The gifting of phones, tablets, television, or computers is strictly prohibited.

## 2.5 Lapsed Sponsorship Payment:

In the event that a monthly/quarterly sponsorship donation is missed, SCM will initially try to contact a sponsor via telephone, followed by an email, and/or a letter sent to the address on file. If after 60 days there has been no communication regarding said lapsed payment, SCM will reserve the right to cancel the current sponsorship. If one wishes to restart the donation, SCM will make every effort to pair the sponsor with the original sponsored child, if requested. Sponsorship is a voluntary, ongoing contribution. SCM realizes that sponsorship is not always feasible. If a sponsor decides to pause his or her sponsorship for whatever reason, that sponsor has 60 days to resume sponsorship before SCM contacts that sponsor to either resume or cancel his or her sponsorship agreement.

## 2.6 Cultural Differences:

All individuals should be sensitive to and understanding of the different culture and lifestyle of individuals in South Sudan. Due to the difference in cultures, there can be cultural barriers in the form of miscommunication. SCM will assist by reviewing letters, discerning a child's needs, and providing explanation.

## 2.7 Termination of Sponsorship:

Sponsors will be notified within 60 days if a student is no longer in SCM's Sponsorship Program. There is a range of reasons why a child may no longer be eligible for sponsorship, not limited to the following:

- A child has become self-sufficient.
- A child has moved to their family outside of SCM's range of influence
- A health condition
- A child has left SCM's Sponsorship Program

SCM will offer alternatives for the sponsor, which could include sponsoring another child.

## 2.8 Confidentiality

The following topics of information regarding a child and their family members is confidential and shall not be shared with other individuals or on any form of social media:

- Health
- School performance

- Behavioral issues
- Socio-economic status

## 2.9 Reports:

Sponsors maintain the right to be informed of their child and their child's well-being. For that purpose, SCM is committed to sending out bi-annual reports on a child's development to their sponsor.

Please contact SCM with any questions regarding the Child Sponsorship Policy. SCM is immensely grateful for every single sponsor. The sponsorship will assist in fulfilling our mission to transform lives for the glory of God and a better future for each child.

## 2.10 Operation and Termination:

Payments by the sponsor are usually made on a monthly basis, but can also be made on a quarterly basis if requested.

Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by sending a written notice to the other party.

## 3.0 General Conditions

3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SCM, its agents, employees, and volunteers from any claims, losses, injuries, or damages (including attorney's fees) arising out of or caused by the sole negligence or intentional misconduct of \_\_\_\_\_. SCM agrees to indemnify and hold harmless \_\_\_\_\_ from any claims, losses, injuries or damages (including attorney's fees) arising out of or caused by the sole negligence or intentional misconduct of SCM, its employees, agents or volunteers.

3.2. The parties will make every effort to resolve any claim or dispute arising under this Agreement out-of-court.

Should the parties choose to use arbitration, they agree that:

3.2.1 The arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator in a manner consistent with the American Arbitration Association's Commercial Arbitration Rules.

3.2.2. The arbitrator's decision shall be final, binding, and enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

3.2.3 The parties shall share all costs of the arbitration equally.

3.3. This Agreement is considered confidential. Neither party to this Agreement shall disclose any information, without the prior written consent and agreement of the other party, the terms and conditions of this Agreement, any organization information, donor information, document, or internal process related to the performance of this Agreement to any third party.

3.4. This Agreement may only be amended in a written document mutually signed by both parties

This Agreement is agreed to on the date of \_\_\_\_\_ by the parties below.

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SCM Director \_\_\_\_\_ (William Agany)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_