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Solidarity Campaign

Child Sponsoring Programme

Why give financial assistance to pupils of Waldorf schools in foreign countries?

Almost nowhere in the world are there government subsidized Waldorf schools as we know them. Parents have to pay the costs of salaries, school buildings, maintenance and school materials out of their own pockets. That is why, in most countries, school fees are much higher than in the Netherlands. Many parents of Waldorf school students in foreign countries cannot afford this financial contribution, or can only pay part of it. Especially people in developing countries hardly earn enough money to provide for the bare necessities of life. However, it is important that children from all strata of society can attend Waldorf schools, for if the population of these schools were to consist of pupils of well-to-do parents only, they would be elite schools. That is why parents who cannot afford to pay the necessary school fees but desperately want their children to attend a Waldorf school need help.

Where does your money go?

A sponsor can pay the full school fee for a child or part of it. The money will go directly to the school of the sponsored child, so that the child does not have to pay the school fee, or has to pay only part of it. The parents are informed of this.

If you make a donation to the SOLIDARITEITSFONDS (Solidarity Fund) without indicating a country, school or child, the board of IHF will choose the school and child.

Children in the following countries and schools can be sponsored:

In Africa::

- Mbagathi School, Kenya
- Hekima School, Tanzania (KAWE sponsorship)
- Dassenberg Waldorf School, South Africa
- Hermanus Waldorf School, South Africa
- Gaia Waldorf School, South Africa
- Stellenbosch Waldorf School, South Africa
- Max Stibbe Waldorf School, South Africa
- McGregor Waldorf School, South Africa
- Michael Oak School, South Africa
- Stellenbosch Waldorf School, South Africa
- Zenzeleni School for Creative Education, South Africa
- Creative Education Foundation Zanzibar, Tanzania
- Waldorfschool Plettenberg, Zuid-Africa
- Waldorfschool Windhoek, Namibia

In Asia:

- Abhaya Waldorf School, India
- Diksha Waldorf School, India

- Nanhi Dunya School, India
- Tashi Waldorf School, **Nepal**
- Maitreya Pathsala, **Nepal**
- Dieu Giac Waldorf Kindergarten (VCP), **Vietnam** (alleen groepen)
- Than Lan Waldorf Kindergarten (VCP), **Vietnam** (alleen groepen)
- Tho Trang Childcare Centre (VCP), **Vietnam** (alleen groepen)

In Eastern Europe:

- Garegin Hovsepian Waldorf School (teachers' fund), **Armenia**
- Tavisufali Waldorf School, **Georgia**
- Stupeni Waldorf School, **Ukraine**

In Western Europe:

- Waldorfschool Chant'Arize, **France**
- Kindergarten L'Arc en Ciel, **France**
- Palermo Waldorfschool, **Italy**
- Infancia Viva, Wadorf Kindergarten, **Portugal**
- Escola Livre do Algarve, A Oliveira, **Portugal**
- Escola Harpa, **Portugal**
- Escola Caracol ão Sol, **Portugal**
- Escola Tretzevents, **Spain**

In Latin America:

- Aitiara, Waldorf School, **Brazil**
- Novalis Waldorf School, **Brazil**

School fees

School fees vary from country to country and from school to school and range from **€25** to **€250** a month.

Duration of sponsorship

Of course you can decide for yourself for how long you want to support a child. You can end your sponsorship any time without reason. However, if you don't want to or cannot contribute a fixed amount of money for a longer period of time, a sponsorship is not the best option. In that case a donation to the Solidarity Fund (Solidariteitsfonds) would be more appropriate.

You can indicate the school or country your donation should go to.

You can of course also give a general donation, either a once-only or a periodic one. In that case it is also possible to indicate if you want your donation to go to a specific school or pupil.

Termination of sponsorship

If you want to end the sponsorship, please let us know as soon as possible, either by mail or e-mail. We can then try to find a new sponsor for the child so that the continuity of his or her school career will be guaranteed. We will inform you as soon as the child you are sponsoring is leaving the school.

Information about the child

If you commit yourself to a personal sponsorship, you will get information about the child and a photograph. If you wish, you will also receive the address of the school. In this way you can keep in touch with the goings-on at the school and with how the child is faring. In our newsletter, *de rOndbrief*, we also report on sponsorships, projects and initiatives.

Personal contact?

Personal contact between sponsor and child could lead to unexpected complications, such as:

- a special position for a sponsored pupil caused by extra attention, presents, etc.
- feelings of shame on the part of the child's family, e.g. if the sponsor visits them at home or visits the school
- pressure on the child if asked to express his or her gratitude, etc.

Therefore we do not encourage personal contact. Any contact should be through the school. We do ask the schools for a yearly report on the development of the sponsored children and we send these reports to their sponsors.

Change of address

IHF will of course be notified of the sponsor's change of address.

Tax-reduction

The IHF is a Charity, a so-called ANBI-organization. Donations to IHF are tax-deductible according to article 24 of the Law of Succession, within the boundaries established in this law. If you wish your donation to be fully deductible for the income tax, please contact us.

How to become a sponsor?

You can become a sponsor by filling out the enclosed form. It is also possible to ask for more information. By signing the form you authorize IHF to draw the amount indicated on the form from your bank account (direct debit). If you disagree with a debit, you can always instruct your bank to restore the amount to your account within 56 days.

(Please indicate on the form if you have a prohibitive objection to a direct debit.)

We hope you will decide to become a sponsor and are looking forward to receiving your completed and signed form.

The board of Internationaal Hulpfonds wishes to thank you most sincerely for your interest.