

Student **SPONSORSHIP**



JUNGLE KIDS
FOR CHRIST



Mission

Empowering children for God's glory.

Vision

To empower children in the jungle of Ecuador so that they can break the cycle of poverty and abuse and share a message of transformation with their family, community and world.

How is OUR VISION
accomplished THROUGH
SPONSORSHIP?



By connecting supporters with students and their families, they may develop and share God's transforming love through cross cultural relationships.



Antioch Christian Academy

A private, Christian school from Pre-K to U.S. 12th grade that provides high quality education in a loving and caring environment.

Safe and nurturing spaces for children in the jungle are limited.



Access to quality education is low. Most students only have the option of attending community school, which is 1st - 7th grade.

This is the difference sponsorship makes!

244 Students Enrolled (serving and witnessing to over 100 families)

100% Reach Expected Level of Reading
77% of Graduates Enrolled in College and 40% attend College outside Ecuador.



OUR PROGRAM

The sponsorship program enables the school to provide quality education to students who otherwise would not have access to this kind of education.

As a sponsor you are partnering with the student, their family, and other sponsors to help cover the cost of tuition through scholarship.

Our goal is to raise approximately 185k a year, comprising 35% of the school budget, through the sponsorship program for Antioch Academy.

Tuition at Antioch Academy covers:

- Classroom Materials
- Training for Staff
- Technology
- Teacher Salaries

Parents are responsible for:

- Tuition according to their financial ability
- Buying Uniforms
- Purchasing or providing lunch
- School Supplies

OUR EXPECTATIONS

Give. Communicate. Pray.

- Make **\$45 monthly** or **\$540 annual** donation.
 - **Communicate** with your student at least **one time a year**
 - Examples include sending a Christmas or birthday card.
 - **Pray** for your student.
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Additional opportunities to invest in your student include:

- Opportunities to give beyond
- Visiting campus
 - Bringing gifts to Ecuador
- Sending gifts from the U.S.
- Communicating with the student

We offer the following guidelines to instruct you in these areas.

Giving Beyond

When you make a pledge you are committing to partner with your student, their family, and other sponsors.

We invest approximately \$2400 into each student every year. Students and their families pay between \$580 and \$1350. The rest of tuition is supplemented through the sponsorship of one or more sponsors.

If you feel led to give more than \$45 a month and wish to know the level of sponsorship your student needs contact our Sponsorship Coordinator.

Special Opportunities

When applicable, we will contact you for special opportunities to partner with the parents and the school.

- Special medical or mental health needs that parents are unable to pay for.
- A special gift to cover school materials if parents are unable due to financial crisis.
- Contribute to their Senior Vision trip.

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Visiting the Student

There are a variety of ways to visit us:

- Short Term Teams through churches or other organizations
- Medical Mission Teams
- Family Mission Trips

Step 1

Let the Sponsorship Coordinator, Samara Davis (sdavis@junglekidsforchrist.org) know your travel dates.

- Even if you are traveling with a group it is still important to contact our coordinator.

Step 2

The Sponsorship Coordinator will communicate with the school and parents to determine the best dates and times the student is available.

- Most visits with your student occur at school between classes or during lunch.

Step 3

While in Ecuador, a one of our staff members will accompany you to the visit and facilitate communication and scheduling as needed.

Additional Visit Opportunities

If you are invited to visit the student's home or their families work place (store, hotel, restaurant), we leave the decision to accept or deny up to your discernment.

BRINGING GIFTS

Regardless of their age, students will always appreciate gifts that they can use.

Although it is not a requirement, many sponsors enjoy bringing a gift to their student. Please consider the following suggestions.

Ideas:

- Clothes, school supplies, books, and games.
- Keep it simple. Gifts are great, but you don't want to overdo it.
- Don't spend more than \$30 to \$35 on gifts.

If you need information related to clothing size or ideas related to the student's interest/hobbies, the sponsorship coordinator will be able to provide some guidance.

What if...

...the student or parent offer you a gift?

Accept it. This is their way of showing gratitude.



Sending Gifts from the U.S.

Any time of the year that you desire to send a letter, note, or postcard, or anything that fits on an envelope, coordinate directly with Samara, the sponsorship coordinator.

Ideas

- Sending a greeting card (introduce yourself and including a family photo)
- Birthday card
- Christmas card
- Response to a postcard you received from your student

Please do not send cash or gift cards.

Larger Gifts

If you want to send something bigger and heavier than an envelope,

- You will have to first contact the sponsorship coordinator and ask for availability.
- Apply guidelines described on the previous page for appropriate gifts.



Communicating directly with your student

Because of social media or email capabilities, some students and their parents may reach out to you directly.

Be polite, and feel free to communicate with them, however, notice the following recommendations:

Things to remember:

- Encourage them with love, wisdom, and knowledge.
- It is the parent's responsibility to provide for their emotional, spiritual, physical, and financial needs.
- Be careful to not make promises to them.

What if...

...they ask for gifts or financial assistance?

Politely say “no” and **please let the Sponsorship Coordinator know.**

The sponsorship coordinator will inform you of any familial crises and if there are any opportunities for extra financial assistance.

...I do not speak Spanish?

Reach out to the Sponsorship Coordinator they would be happy to help with translation.



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Tell us what you think!

If you have questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to Samara!



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Thank you!