



If you would like more information about sponsoring a child please contact us

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South Africa has one of the most unequal distributions of economic, organisational and human resources in the world.

The situation of street children needs to be seen in the context of the legacy of apartheid; entrenched poverty, racial discrimination and high levels of social tolerance for violence. There are an estimated 250 000 street children, a number which is rapidly increasing due to increasing levels of adult unemployment, the drift from rural to urban life, the rapid growth of cities and the breakdown of African family support systems.

Some of the reasons why children run to the streets are

- Culture of violence (thousands of children have been subjected to violence and brutality, often over a considerable period, either as victims or as witnesses)
- Psycho-social trauma resulting from the apartheid system
- Unequal distribution of resources
- Lack of good quality, low-cost housing and utilities
- Inefficient education
- Loss of parents due to AIDS or other illnesses



If you would like to help by sponsoring one of these children, we would ask you for a commitment of R2 300 for a year. This money would cover the child's school fees, school uniform, books and stationery as well as a bimonthly food parcel.

A YFC/KZN staff member, who will be the case worker for the sponsored child, will ensure your money is spent correctly. This also ensures the holistic development (social, mental, physical, emotional, spiritual) of the child because of their personal involvement with the child.

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We ask for a commitment of only one year as in this time the case worker will work with the child and family to try and make them independent. We try to get them access to grants, steady supplies of food, jobs etc. The idea is to make the family self-dependant and not dependant on us. After a year if the family still needs help, we will give you the option to keep helping them. If they are independent, we will ask you to stop your sponsorship or transfer it to another child.