



GLOBAL TAMIL FORUM



Sponsor a Destitute Family and/or an Orphan

GTF is very pleased that the government has heeded to calls from the International community to release the detainees, but remains concerned that the detainees will face immense difficulties returning to a life of normalcy even after their release. It is still not certain if those released will be under the care of the UNHCR. There are now reports that a few of the detainees who have been released have been left to fend for themselves, with no provisions for food, transportation or place to go. The monsoon rains are adding to the misery.

To address these concerns, GTF has prepared a SPONSOR A FAMILY OR CHILD proposal that calls for the relief assistance of the detainees, immediately following their release. This initiative is to support a limited number of children and families who have been released.

**\$50 pm
per family or
\$30 pm
per child**

Thousands of
orphans in
camps.

Released
families let to
fend for
themselves.

**You can make a
difference!**

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Sponsor a child

GTF has identified several orphanages that are accepting orphans being released from the camps. The breakdown is as below.

Cost

The cost to sponsor a child is \$30 per month. Payments can be made in full or 12 monthly installments.

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| Jaffna | 500 orphans |
| Mannar | 100 orphans |
| Trincomalee | 150 orphans |

The role of a sponsor

The role of the sponsor is to provide financial assistance to enable the child or family to receive food, clothing, medicine and education. The sponsor is not an adoptive parent, neither has claim over the child, but will sponsor purely on a humanitarian basis. It is recommended that a sponsor will continue to support the child or family until they are self-sufficient or for at least 12 months, however, there is no compulsion to do so.

Sponsor a destitute family

In addition, there are 450 IDP families who have been released in Punkudutheevu with no provisions and no financial support from the government or from overseas, and are in dire need of help. GTF will provide financial support through the local NGO -Sarvodaya. It's GTF's goal to support up to 1,000 orphans and these 450 families immediately for 12 months commencing 1 January 2010.

A careful study of the ground situation has revealed that it would take about 12 to 18 months before the detainees can return to a life of normalcy. This includes, seeking and finding employment opportunities, job training, adjusting to a new environment, and healing from illnesses, including depression and other similar maladies caused by the war. Until such time, the detainees would need regular disbursements of food and clothing for the family, including children.

Cost

The cost to sponsor a family is a minimum of \$50 per month (\$1.66 per day – the equivalent of giving up half a cup of coffee) and the cost to sponsor a child is \$30 per month (\$1 per day- the equivalent of giving up a can of coke). Payments can be made in full or monthly in 12 installments.

The Process*

Check with GTF re: the process in your country.

