

## **EMPOWER-A-CHILD Q & A**

### **Empower-a-Child programme**

#### **What does 'Empower-a-Child' provide?**

Your support enables a child to receive the continuous education, nutritious meals, basic health and hygiene and quality holistic care which he/she needs to develop academically and socially to break out from the cycle of poverty.

#### **Why 'Empower-a-Child' at Dignity for Children Foundation?**

As a direct service provider rather than a fundraising agency, we know each child entrusted to us and are unequivocally committed to his/her success in breaking out from the cycle of poverty. Our experience with hundreds of children since 1999 assures us of the success of our programmes. Their continuity depends however, on the regular support and generosity of donors who share our vision of transforming underprivileged children through quality education, to becoming valuable members of their community.

#### **How is my donation spent?**

100% of your monthly donation will be applied directly to benefit a child. Although we pair a donor to a child, your contribution will be pooled with other contributions to fund the holistic care and quality education provided to the children at our learning centre.

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1. **1.** **Continuous Education**

We provide early childhood, primary and secondary education as well as special assistance to help our

1. **2.** **Nutritious Meals**

We provide daily lunch and snacks to all our children to ensure that they receive adequate nutrition for

1. **3.** **Health, Hygiene & Medical Care**

Our children have basic good health and hygiene due to their periodic physical check-ups and hygiene

1. **4.** **Student Leadership & Character Development**

In taking up active roles in our daily operations, and participating in decision making processes, selected

### **Pooled Contributions**

1. **5.** **Education Experience Beyond Classrooms**

Through field trips and other learning beyond classrooms, our children learn to connect with their environment

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1. **6. Sports and Physical Development**

In addition to physical development, our children learn about sportsmanship, fair play, respect for others

1. **7. Vocational Development**

As they discover new careers and set goals for their own lives, our children find direction and focus for

1. **8. Community Support**

Support including family counselling is given to a child's family dealing with an emergency whether de

**How can I empower a child?**

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Just fax, email or post the completed 'Empower-a-Child' form to us at 603 4044 1395 / [dignity@dignityforchildren.org](mailto:dignity@dignityforchildren.org) / P O Box 196, Gombak, 53700 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The names and respective contributions of joint donors must be given in the completed form.

### **What will I receive?**

You will receive:

- A photo and a brief profile of your child
- 2 academic progress reports of your child in each year
- Our Annual Report

### **Can I choose a child?**

As many children may already be dealing with feelings of rejection, our practices must be patently non-preferential and non-discriminatory. So that opportunities are provided equally to all the children, we will pair a donor with a child according to our allocation system where each child is valued as much as another.

### **How long does the Empower-a-Child programme last?**

For a child to transit meaningfully into adulthood and become a contributing member of a knowledge based society, he/she must attain at least secondary and, if possible, tertiary education.

### **Visiting your child**

### Who is eligible to visit?

As change takes time, a donor who has provided full support for a minimum of 6 months and is committed to full support for a child for a year may visit the child with whom the donor is paired.

### What do I need to do?

Just fax, email or post a completed Visit Request and Visiting Protocol form to us at 603 4044 1395 /

dignity@dignityforchildren.org / P O Box 196, Gombak, 53700 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Our Empower-a-Child coordinator will then contact you to arrange the visit. Please give at least 2 weeks' notice to enable us to make suitable arrangements.

### What can I expect from a visit?

Your visit will consist of:

- 20 minutes

Welcome and a brief tour of the learning centre.

- 30 minutes

Meeting with the child either at our Harvest Café (for children of 13 years or older) or in the classroom (

- 10 minutes

Closing discussion and light refreshments with our Empower-a-Child Coordinator at Harvest Café.

### **Correspondence**

You may fax / email / post your letter to your child to 603 4044 1395 / [dignity@dignityforchildren.org](mailto:dignity@dignityforchildren.org) / P O Box 196, Gombak, 53700 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Please write in English or Bahasa Malaysia. As your child may need time to respond to probably his / her very first letter, please allow 1 month for a reply.

So as to avoid unwelcome direct appeals to you, please use only your name and the EAC donor number allocated to you in your correspondence with your child. Please do not give your contact details as no direct correspondence with the child or his / her family is allowed. You may write about yourself, your family, your pets, hobbies, sport and your work and ask your child about his/her life and family and share appropriate photos of yourself, your family or pets. Our Empower-a-Child Coordinator will be involved in your communications to assist the child and to ensure that all communications accord with our child protection policies.

### **Can I give gifts to the child whom I empower?**

Gifts are not encouraged as all our children must be treated without partiality. Particular requests will be carefully considered by us but no branded goods or electronic items will be allowed. All gifts must be handed to our duly authorised personnel at our main office and unsuitable gifts will be returned.

### **Can I contact my child via email, facebook or other social media?**

As social messaging sites are not a safe forum for communications for children and we are unable to monitor direct online communications, this or any form of direct contact with any of our children (or their family members) is not allowed. Social networking sites can also expose our donors to criminal or unlawful activities by people acting under an alias.

We will view any unauthorised contact with a child or his / her family very seriously and no responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from such contact will be assumed by Dignity for Children Foundation or any of its officers or personnel.

### **Tax deductibility**

#### **Are Empower-a-Child donations tax-deductible?**

Monetary donations are tax deductible under Malaysian law. The Malaysian tax-deductible receipt will be issued in the name(s) of the donor(s) stated in the Empower-a-Child form submitted to us. Please allow at least 3 weeks for your donation to be processed.