



# Sponsorship Rules, Hope Community Village

## **Whereas**

Hope Community Village offers long term family care to children who could not live with their parents in their own families

## **And Whereas**

Hope Community Village takes support of donors who want to sponsor a child at Hope Community Village and respects the donors as friends of children

## **And Whereas**

Hope Community Village respects and protects rights of every child in care and complies with rules and regulations of the Government as a registered child protection organization.

These Rules of Sponsorship are made by Hope Community Village in the best interests of children in care.

## **1. Definitions:**

1.1 Sponsor is a person or family or organization that supports a particular child in its growth and development with a monthly contribution as fixed by the organization.

1.2 Organization is the Hope Community Village in Kerala which is registered as a Charitable as a society and registered with Government of Kerala as per Juvenile Justice Act.

1.3 Village Director is the coordinator of care program as appointed by the Hope Community Village.

1.4 Managing Committee is the committee that manages the affairs of the Hope Community Village as per bylaws of the registered organization.

1.5 Child is the child in the care of Hope Community Village till the age of 18 and beyond on aftercare as beneficiary of the Hope Community Village.

## **2. Rules on sponsorship**

1. The sponsor contributes a monthly sum of Rs. 1000.00 as sponsorship contribution which may be reviewed and changed by the organization subject to that such change need not be applicable to existing sponsor for a period of five years.
2. The child is assigned by Village Director of Hope Community Village and is not chosen by the sponsor, the sponsor could however give his likings like boy or girl, age etc on sponsorship application which may help the Village Director on assigning child.
3. The sponsor receives initially a photograph, welcome letter and some recitation on the child's present status. Some background information is provided however limited to information that does not affect privacy and other interests of the child.
4. The photograph and details are provided on receipt of first payment contribution.
5. The sponsor receives a report on the progress of the child during summer and receives a current photograph on New Year.
6. The sponsor can communicate with the child only through the Village Director considering best interest of the child. Any communication if initiated by the child shall be reported to Village Director.
7. The sponsor is welcome to visit the child once a year and a second time with permission of the Village director. The visits shall be planned in advance so that the child is available to meet the sponsor.
8. Gifts in kind for the sponsored child are permitted in consultation with the Village Director. All gift items will have to be registered in the Gift in kind register maintained in the office.

9. Suggestions on development of the sponsored child are welcome from the sponsor and these shall be communicated to the Village Director. And such suggestions shall not be discussed with the child or with other caregivers.
10. Sponsor can decline sponsorship on receipt of the child details or any time thereafter on one month's notice.
11. The sponsor will not share personal details of the child with any one or on any media whatsoever.
12. The sponsor will not file any application to adopt the particular child known to him/her through child sponsorship.
13. A child will have more than one sponsor as the sponsorship contribution from one sponsor will not be adequate to meet expenses on the child and the organization cannot rely on one sponsor for long term care of children.
14. The village Director when he finds a sponsorship relationship not in the best interest of the child or a sponsor's activity not in the interest of the organization will report such matter to the Managing Committee and after assessment of the situation the Committee can advise the Village Director to terminate sponsorship and such termination can be without assigning any reasons for termination.

### **3. General provisions**

1. Sponsorship rules are approved by the Managing Committee of Hope Community Village for sponsorship operations.
2. Sponsorship rules are effective from 01 august 2018. However, these rules are applicable to existing sponsors as well.
3. Sponsorship rules are made available on organization's website [hopekerala.org](http://hopekerala.org) for information of prospective and current sponsors.
- 4 Sponsorship rules can be modified by the Managing Committee and such modifications if any will be made available on website.

**Signed on behalf of Hope Community Village**

