



cbm Forgotten Child
Sponsorship
Sponsors Handbook



Sarita, no longer forgotten

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine

This little light of mine ... I'm going to let it shine. Thank you for letting your light of compassion shine, as a **cbm** Forgotten Child Sponsor. Your monthly gift will help provide children living in poverty with disabilities the life-saving medical intervention and ongoing care they need for a better life.

Children living in poverty with disability have the hardest lives of all. Their families are the poorest in the world, plus they have all the extra challenges of disability. How can parents provide the basics of life, when their child needs constant care?

Communities often see disability as a curse or punishment, so families often hide their children away in shame. No friends, no school, no future. That is no life, but with the right help through **cbm** Forgotten Child Sponsorship, you can make sure they have the same rights and opportunities as other children. Thanks to your generosity, their light can shine too.

Thank you so much



Ed Epp, Executive Director, **cbm** Canada



How cbm Forgotten Child Sponsorship works

The double disadvantage of poverty and disability is a matter of life and death. As a **cbm** Forgotten Child Sponsor, your gifts are working in the poorest countries, where up to 80% of children with a disability will die without help.

You are helping to straighten children's limbs. You are restoring sight. Deaf children hear. Children rejected because of their disability are being welcomed into school. You are helping to improve their lives forever.

cbm Forgotten Child Sponsorship works in three main ways.

Finding: children with a disability are often hidden away in dark corners or overlooked - forgotten - by governments or aid programmes. Your gifts help find them.

Life-Saving Action: most children with disabilities need urgent medical care or intensive rehabilitation. Your sponsorship saves their lives.

Continuing Care: even after a child's impairment is addressed, they aren't ready to face life alone. Your Forgotten Child Sponsorship helps break down the traditional fear of disability, so children are welcomed back into their families, schools and communities.

cbm works with local partners to create a 12-month plan for each child.



Zawadii after surgery



Zawadii before surgery

One child from the many you are helping like Zawadii

As a **cbm** Forgotten Child Sponsor, you are helping many children. Each year one child will be chosen to represent them all, like Zawadii.

Her cleft lip and palate meant her childhood was filled with heartbreaking rejection. People looked at her with horror and called her a monster. Parents warned their children not to play with Zawadii, fearing her condition might be infectious. As well as breaking her heart, Zawadii's disability sapped her strength – it is very difficult for a child with cleft palate to feed properly and therefore get the nutrients needed to fight illness.

Thanks to generosity like yours, though, Zawadii was found by **cbm**'s partners in a remote village in Tanzania. She received the surgery that her parents could never afford on their own. Her malformed mouth has become a lovely smile on a beautiful face. Zawadii will never be called a monster ever again. That is a picture of the difference you make every day, through your **cbm** Forgotten Child Sponsorship.



How to use the sponsorship magnet

Step 1.

Pull the centre section out.
Now you have 2 fridge magnets!



Step 2.

Use the outer magnet as the picture frame.
Inside your Welcome Pack, you'll find a photo of this year's representative child.

Step 3.

Use the centre magnet to give to a friend so more children can be helped.



Shine sponsor magazine



See the lifelong difference you make, every day

It is so important that you see the difference your sponsorship is making. We will keep in touch with you often, sending you regular progress reports and emails, along with special alerts of critical needs. Web links too, so you can watch video messages from the children and families who are transforming their lives with your support.

We will send you your exclusive sponsor magazine called **Shine**, full of informative and inspiring stories about the impact of **cbm** Forgotten Child Sponsorship in the lives of the world's most vulnerable and desperately disadvantaged children.

Every twelve months we will introduce you to a new child who needs your help. We will send you a beautiful photograph of this particular child, as a symbol and memento of the great work you are doing to change the lives of many, many children forever.

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More about us

cbm is the world's largest and most trusted* organization serving people living in poverty with disability. Each year we touch over 16 million lives in the world's poorest countries. In 2009 the 10 millionth person had their sight restored through a **cbm** cataract operation.

cbm has been helping the world's most vulnerable and disadvantaged people transform their own lives for over 100 years. All that time, our inspiration has been the example of Jesus, who brought healing, respect and compassion to those who were outcast because of disability.

cbm focuses on disability because it causes poverty and because it is caused by poverty. The problem of poverty cannot be solved without addressing the downward spiral of poverty and disability.

If you would like to know more, our website at www.cbmcanda.org is full of information about the work you make possible. If you have any questions, please contact us at **1 800 567 2264**. We love hearing from the wonderful sponsors who are helping make life better for children living in poverty with disability.

* recognized as a professional organization by the United Nations and the World Health Organization, and supported by the generosity of hundreds of thousands of donors worldwide.

**Helping children living in
poverty with a disability**
1 800 567 2264

Caroline, happy to be in school

