



Vocational Training Sponsorship Program Ethiopia

History of Youth Release

Youth Release was established in 2007. The organization was set up in response to the dire poverty that thousands of children experience, in Ethiopia. The main aim of the organization is to support local organizations in the developing world to provide services to marginalized and vulnerable youth through the provision of educational and psychosocial support programs.



Youth Release was set up in order to respond to the needs of children who have been orphaned, abandoned and marginalized due to devastating levels of poverty and social exclusion. It has been recently recorded that the estimated number of orphan and vulnerable children in Dire Dawa Ethiopia is more than 18,279. These children have little chance of living a normal childhood, too often becoming adults before their time. It is this population group of young people who are living in extreme poverty that we are reaching out too.

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Get Involved

Vocational Training Sponsorship

Sponsors will be assigned a child/ children based on the organization's priority list and the sponsor will be sent the profile of the child once the sponsor pays the annual sponsorship fee of the child to the organization. Priorities based one/or the combinations of the following situations,

- First comes first serve, who ever is on the list longer than others,
- Assessed on needs basis by social workers and project coordinator at the youth centre.
- Placed on a priority scale.
- Girls and boys given equal opportunities to attend training.

Type of Sponsors

There are different types of sponsors.

- **Individual sponsors:** these are individuals who are willing to sponsor a child/children or family.
- **Group sponsors:** Individuals can come together and sponsor child/children, or family.
- **Company sponsors:** A company can sponsor child/children or family.

Duration of Sponsorship.

The Sponsorship period is for 18 months. Sponsors will not be asked to pay beyond this time frame.

If you would like to sponsor one of these adults and support their vocational training or request more information please email us at youthrelease@gmail.com. You can also send in this form with your payment of 300e (please make cheques payable to Youth Release, with memo 'child sponsorship program') or you can make a donation of any amount towards this program.

Vocational Training sponsorship Form

____ **YES**, I would like to sponsor a child

____ Enclosed is my cheque for €300 for a full 18 months support of a child.

____ I would like additional information about Youth Release

____ No, I am unable to sponsor a child, but have enclosed €_____ as a donation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Method of Payment:

Visa _____

Cash _____

Check _____

Donation amount: _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp date: _____ cvs: _____

Signature _____

Please send this form along with payment to:

Youth Release, Dooneen, Kilmeaden, Co Waterford

Youth Center

On August 1st 2011, in partnership with local non profits and local community Youth Release opened a youth centre to facilitate programs targeted at supporting the education and psychosocial support for street children. We have taken over an old leprosy clinic that is located in Gende Tesfa community or in English the "Village of Hope". This building is in great condition, there are six big rooms that will be used for classrooms, an office, play areas, and places for the children to relax.



The area we are working in has the highest ratio of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in Dire Dawa. There are just under 4,000 registered OVC's, that doesn't include the number of street children, or migrating children. There is likely to be a greater influx of children coming from neighboring Somalia as well as rural areas where the food crisis is prevalent. We are starting small with the number of children being supported at 200 but we hope to expand our services and programs in the coming year and also help more children.



Vocational training

For many young adults in Dire Dawa, they have never had the opportunity to receive an education. This vocational training program will give these children an alternative so that they can create a better future for themselves and their families.

The youth center will offer training in a number of skills for adolescents aged 14-18 years old. The following are some of the proposed practical skill training types: wood work, metal work, hallow block and brick making, mechanic or vehicle repair, hotel and catering, tour guide, hair dressing and barber, driving licences, waste management and recycling, plumbing, secretarial science, weaving and tailoring. Once the young adults have completed training we will link them with private entrepreneurs, NGOs and Government institutions.



Adolescents who have completed one of the above training schemes will be supported in finding employment opportunities. The proposed type of skills that the youths will be receiving are those skill types that would immediately provide them with employment opportunities and improve their present living conditions and lay the basis for their future.



Stories

Anteneh is an orphan living in Dire Dawa Ethiopia. He is 17 years of age and previously lived on the street for 8 years. In order to earn some money for food, he would wash bicycles and earned less than 50c a day. This had to be enough to feed him for the day meaning that he was only able to have one small meal a day. When the youth center opened, Anteneh was selected to receive training in wood work and is now able to rent a house with his friends and is no longer sleeping on the street.



Bayush is 16 years old and lives with her mother, her father died when she was child so the families only income comes from what her mother earns as a daily labourer. To help her family have extra income, Bayush worked as a house maid. She is now training to become a hair dresser through the vocational training program, and will be able to find a good job or open her own small business.

How you can help

We have 50 young people on the program that are awaiting sponsors, and to gain invaluable skills to become self sufficient. You can help by sponsoring one of these youths for as little as 60 cents a day for 18 months.

The sponsorship program includes the provision of education, food, shelter, health care and rehabilitation of the sponsored children to the community and building life skills of the children. Youths enrolled in the sponsorship program enjoy all the services offered by the organization including counselling, life skills training, and language support at the youth centre. They will also have access to recreational and other programs offered at the YR/HCS youth centre such as drama, music groups, sports and circus groups.

The cost per child for 18 Months is as follows:

- Training costs- 45 euro
- Feeding, travel, accommodation- 242 euro
- Working Clothes and shoes- 13 euro

Total cost per child— 300 euro

There are no administration fees for the implementation of this project. Every cent of the sponsorship money goes directly to the child being sponsored. Added to this each child will have access to all activities and services offered at the youth release youth centre