
The Rose International Fund for Children (TRIFC) Sponsor Guidelines & FAQ's

Thank you so much for participating in this wonderful project. We hope it is as emotionally rewarding to you as it is valuable support for your sponsored child's education. In respect to the responsibility of setting up the program and providing information to the donors about their sponsored children, we think that it is very important to make sure that our program has appropriate rules and safeguards to protect both you and your sponsored child.

If you ever have any questions about the program or your child, please contact our sponsorship coordinator (see info below). John Chouinard has volunteered to be our TRIFC/ADSoN sponsorship coordinator and will send grade reports, photographs and pertinent news out to our sponsors.

Sincerely,
Robert Rose
President - TRIFC



Sponsor Coordinator:

John Chouinard / Email: John@trifc.org / Phone: (425) 941-5060

Please note ** All correspondence to & from your child will be sent through your coordinator. This assures that your letters will reach your child safely and quickly.

1. **Mail and progress reports FROM your sponsored child:**
 - a. Our goal is to send a photo, drawing, letter and/or grade report

from your child to you twice a year. If possible we will send information via email. However, if you would prefer information mailed by US Mail, please let our sponsor coordinator know.

2. **Mail from you and/or your family TO your sponsored child:**

- a. This can be a wonderful opportunity for you, your children or grandchildren to write to a child in such a far-away place who really needs your help. They will be thrilled to receive a letter especially for them! This both opens up the world for you and your own children and sends the message to your sponsored child that someone cares.
- b. We ask sponsors not to contact their student by email, or 'friend' them on Facebook. This is to protect both you and your student. After your student reaches the age of 16, we will consider allowing email or Facebook contact.
- c. Please contact John if your student contacts you without our knowledge. If they request money or gifts, or if they tell you of a problem they are having, let John know about it. We may be able to help them work through it!
- d. Encourage your own kids or grandkids to write to their new friend. However, take care to be sure they write about things that will be appropriate- like their family members and pets, favorite foods or sports, hobbies, etc. Please keep in mind that all of the sponsored Nepali children come from a very poor background so they won't have many of the 'toys' that most of our families have in our homes. Many of these students live in a residential center or dormitory, far away from their families for much of the school year. A warm letter from their sponsor can brighten their life!
- e. Include a photo or two that your project coordinator can scan and attach to the email to show your child who is in your family.
- f. Please be patient for a reply from your sponsored student.
- g. Please **do not** send money or gifts to your child. If all of the children don't receive a special gift, this can create a very sad situation for those without a sponsor. If you want to make a special contribution that could be used by the institution or buy something for all of the children, please let us know. We can arrange for something appropriate.

- h. Please be sensitive to your sponsored child's religious upbringing. We want to make sure we don't impose our culture or religious beliefs on them.
- i. Please call the sponsor coordinator if you any questions.

3. If you are interested in visiting your sponsored child in Nepal

- a. Please let us know of your interest. We don't have any specific programs for sponsors to visit their children. However, we can help you arrange accommodations, trekking and sightseeing. We will need to make arrangements with your student's home-organization. Due to the many school-related exams and various holidays, we will need to plan ahead for your visit to make sure it doesn't disrupt your child's schooling, etc. It is important to work with us to get the most out of your visit.