



## TOP BANANA CHILD SPONSORSHIP

We were going to call this scheme ‘Sponsor a Child’ because that is a commonly accepted phrase, but felt that it did not describe the scheme most accurately. We are here on the ground and have seen the detrimental effects of singling out particular children for sponsorship with our own eyes. Tshesebe is a poor village. People don’t have money. If you were to sponsor a particular child, the chances are that that child would be far better off than a non-orphaned or non-vulnerable child, which almost puts an orphaned / vulnerable child at an advantage. You may think that this is the right thing to do, however being on the ground we assure you that an even distribution of funds is of far greater benefit.

To use a metaphorical example, we may want 100 kids to play soccer. 60 kids have soccer kit, 40 don’t. Rather than providing full kit to 10 “sponsored” children, we want to provide basic kit for all 40. This means that orphaned and vulnerable children are not singled out and therefore stigmatised, it gives all the children the same chance – in this case, to play soccer, and encourages all children to interact as equals.

This is not only our opinion, but also that of Social Services and other professionals involved in orphan care. Stories of children wishing they were orphaned in order to benefit from an affluent sponsor are not uncommon. Our concept is to sponsor THE children, rather than a particular child.

### What do I receive from TOP Banana in exchange for sponsoring the children?

We will not send you a photo of a particular child that you are sponsoring, but will instead send updates and photos of the many children benefiting from your sponsorship.

We believe it is equally important for you to receive feedback about us as it is for us to receive your donation. We will send a quarterly newsletter along with correspondence from the children, for example, drawings or pictures from part of a current project they are working on. In addition, you will have access to our online diary, which is updated monthly.



## How much does it cost to sponsor the children at TOP Banana?

How much you donate each month is entirely up to you. There is no such thing as an 'average' child – every child has different needs. To give you some idea of how far your money can go in Botswana, here are some cost examples:

NZ\$25 per month gives a child 3 nutritious meals per day

NZ\$40 per month feeds a child AND sends a child to school – covering school fees, stationery, school uniforms, school trips, etc.

NZ\$60 per month feeds, schools AND clothes a child – paying for shoes, clothing, as well as essential items such as toiletries and bedding

## Where does my money go?

TOP Banana is a small organisation with few bureaucratic overheads. Because of this, you can be sure your money goes directly to those that need it most – our children. Your money primarily pays for the children involved in TOP Banana to be fed, in some cases clothed and schooled but in every case listened to, respected, loved and most importantly with the help of our trained carers, given a childhood and the best stepping stones to help them to become a responsible adult.

## Is it better for me to sponsor the children or just give a one off donation?

While we are extremely grateful for all donations, sponsorship is really the backbone of TOP Banana, allowing us to plan and budget each month with a clear vision for the months ahead.

## How often can I pay my sponsorship?

This is really up to you, however we would prefer you to make your contributions monthly as this helps us to plan and budget each month. We have divided months up into the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and ask that your donation be on one of these dates every month.



## How do I start sponsorship with TOP Banana?

TOP Banana is a registered New Zealand Charitable Trust and ASB Bank in Auckland looks after all our banking needs. To begin sponsoring, please complete the 2 simple steps below:

1. Firstly, you need to set up an Automatic Payment with your bank either through your online banking system or by simply printing and completing the AP form below and taking it into your bank.

**\*\*If you are setting your payments up online, our bank details are:**

**Account Name:** TOP Banana New Zealand

**Account Number:** 12 – 3209 - 0319171 – 000

**Ref to appear on our statement:** *This is made up of the first 3 letters Of your surname along with your date of birth. Eg: Susan Jones born 01 Dec 1976 would be JON011276*

2. Please then drop us an email to [infotopbanana@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:infotopbanana@yahoo.co.uk) to let us know that you are a new child sponsor. *This step is important as it ensures you receive updates and correspondence from TOP Banana*

## Can I visit the centre or send gifts?

Yes. We offer volunteer positions throughout the year. ALL of our volunteers are rigorously screened and police checked to ensure they leave only a positive imprint on the children and local community. We are happy to receive donations of gifts such as colouring pens, paper, sports equipment, musical instruments, etc. Please contact us via email if you would like more information on this.

*On behalf of the children that will benefit from your support,*

**.....THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!**



# AUTHORITY FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

## PAYER DETAILS

Name of Bank
Address

Branch
<b>Important</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a new authority

## ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name of Account
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Full Account Number
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Details to appear on my/our bank statement <b>TOP Banana</b>
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## FREQUENCY AND AMOUNT

Commencing on <small>*delete date which is not applicable</small> *01 <sup>st</sup> / *15 <sup>th</sup> _____ (month)
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<b>Monthly until further notice</b>
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\$ Amount :            \$
Amt in Words :

## PAYEE DETAILS Pay to the credit of :

<b>TOP Banana New Zealand</b>
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12 – 3209 - 0319171 - 000
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Reference to appear on TOP Banana's statement <small>(Our reference number is made up of the first three letters of your surname and your date of birth. Eg: Jones and 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1976 would be JON011276)</small>
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## CONDITIONS

1. The Bank will use reasonable care and skill to give effect to the directions given to it in this authority.
2. Where the directions given in this authority have been given by me/us for the purpose of a business, the Bank accepts those directions without any responsibility of liability for any refusal or omission to make all or any of the payments of for late payment or for any omission to follow such directions.
3. The Bank accepts no responsibility or liability for the accuracy of the information contained in the payment information fields on this authority.
4. I/We undertake to advise the Bank immediately of any information about payments shown on bank statements which is incorrect.
5. This authority is subject to any arrangement now or hereafter subsisting between myself/ourselves and the Bank in relation to my/our account.
6. The Bank may in its absolute discretion conclusively determine the order or priority of payment by it of any monies pursuant to this or any other authority or cheque which I/We may now or hereafter give to the Bank or draw on my/our account.
7. The Bank may in its absolute discretion refuse to make any one or more payments pursuant to this authority where there are insufficient funds available in my/our account.
8. This authority may be terminated or reduced by the Bank or the payee without notice to me/us in respect of the payments detailed above.
9. This authority will remain in force and effect in respect of all payments made in good faith notwithstanding my/our death or bankruptcy or any revocation of this authority until notice of my/our death or bankruptcy or other revocation is received by the Bank.
10. All current Bank and Government charges for this service in force from time to time are to be debited to my/our account.

## AUTHORISATION / SIGNATURE(S)

Please make this automatic payment as detailed by debiting my/our account. I/We understand and accept that the Bank accepts this authority only on the conditions above.

_____ Customer's signature	_____ Contact Phone No.	_____ Date	_____ Customer's signature	_____ Contact Phone No.
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## FOR BANK USE ONLY

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