

Orphans Africa Volunteer Packet

**HELP
A CHILD TODAY**

More than 3.1 million orphans
in Tanzania need your help



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Volunteering

Welcome to the team! We're so glad you've decided to join Orphans Africa's efforts to help the orphans in Tanzania. Currently Orphans Africa (OA) educates, houses, clothes & feeds hundreds of children every year. Costs are ongoing, and it is our policy that no child will miss a meal.

As you might imagine, caring for that many children requires a lot of resources. As our organization is based in Tacoma, Washington, it's simply not possible to physically be there in Tanzania to comfort the children, teach them, or cook their meals. But don't worry . . . we have a vast network of grassroots folks who provide all the nurturing. What OA does is raise the funds to build the dormitories and kitchens and dining halls, to provide each child with uniforms, books, and supplies. Without funds from OA, these children would still struggle.

With that in mind, we always say that the *best* way to help the orphans is to fundraise. Fundraising can not only be a fun and valuable experience, but it also becomes a learning opportunity as you communicate with others about your goals, your passion, and the mission of Orphans Africa (OA). As a fundraising volunteer, it is important for you to know more about OA, as people will ask you questions. Be prepared. Read this packet and our website thoroughly, and if you have any questions, please ask. We are happy to assist you.



Fundraising Via Social Media

- **Facebook** - Check us out at <https://www.facebook.com/OrphansAfrica/>. There are multiple ways to raise awareness and funds in Facebook, whether it's through engaging with our posts, having a birthday fundraiser, or sharing.
- **YouTube** - We have many videos on our channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/orphansafrica>. Find the one(s) that move you the most, and share these videos with your online communities.
- **X** - Our posts on <https://x.com/orphansafrica> need interaction from compassionate volunteers like you.
- **Flickr** - Check out <https://www.flickr.com/photos/orphansafrica/with/45473974575> for some great photos for you to use in your social media.
- **Blog** - <https://www.orphansafrica.org/blog> - subscribe to our blog and share! The more buzz, the better.
- **Instagram** - <https://www.instagram.com/orphansafrica/> - Share what we're doing with your Instagram community.



Mission

Dedicated to the education of orphans in Africa.

Vision

Orphans Africa envisions a world without poverty in which all persons have the freedom and opportunities to pursue happiness and maximize their potential.

Values

At Orphans Africa, we live by five Core Values:

Accountability
Integrity
Collaboration
Sustainability
Empowerment

These Core Values drive our short and long term goals and are the foundation of our mission. OA believes in development, not aid, as development at the grassroots level empowers people to rise to their own giftedness and break the cycle of poverty. Education frees people from bondage; ignorance is disabling. It is every person's right to be self-sufficient and determine their own destiny.

Non-Discrimination Policy

OA embraces diversity and supports people of all ages, ethnicities, nationalities, religions, genders, sexual orientations, or socioeconomic statuses.

Map of OA Projects

Be sure to familiarize yourself with OA projects so that you can adequately answer questions. If you don't know an answer, you can ask us.



Traditional Fundraising Ideas

Social Media aside, there are always the tried and true methods of fundraising, suitable for any age. Get creative about your fundraising. What is it you're good at? Do you want something simple, or do you want to organize a team of enthusiastic people like yourself? We've had people do bubble runs . . . birthday parties . . . collect change . . . someone even climbed Mt. Rainier! Here are some ideas we've put together to get you started:

- Write letters to the people you know; personalize them (handwrite preferably) and make them creative. Ask for a specific amount, such as \$50.00.
- Hold a dinner featuring Tanzanian cuisine
- Garage/bake sale
- Organize a community or church BBQ, pool party, music fest, or similar
- Something-a-thons: Swim, walk, dance, bike, read . . .
- Mow lawns, or rent a machine and offer to aerate all the neighbors' lawns for a donation
- Car wash
- Wash windows
- Throw a home party! (How about a coffee-tasting party or a Victorian tea party? Use your imagination!)



Awards and Ratings for Orphans Africa

GUIDESTAR

Platinum
Transparency
2024

Candid.

Once again, Orphans Africa has satisfied the requirements to renew its valued partnership with GuideStar Exchange. Receiving the GuideStar seal requires a proven commitment to transparency, including the disclosure of critical financial and government documentation. Donors or grantors wishing to see this documentation or who wish to learn more about key staff, programs, and impact, can view the Orphans Africa profile at www.guidestar.org.

GREAT NON-PROFITS



GreatNonProfits says:
"Congratulations! ORPHANS AFRICA has earned a spot on the 2024 [Top Rated List](#)! Your community has shared their inspiring stories about your work. We congratulate you on all of your accomplishments."

OTHER RESOURCES

Videos, Brochures, Slideshows . . .

- **YouTube** - We have many videos on our channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/orphansafrica>. We recommend:
 - "Aziza's Story"
 - "Say What You Will"
- **Slideshow:** Download the OA PowerPoint presentation which was included in your initial communication from OA.
- **Brochure:** Download the OA brochure (tri-fold), which

Set Up Your Personal Fundraising Website Page!

Give your fundraising efforts a boost by designing your own personal fundraising page. Whether you're running a marathon or showing a video, donors can go to your page to read more and to donate. Not only will you be credited for all your efforts, but donors can donate *directly* to OA using a credit card and more. No need for you to collect and keep track, as the webpage will do it for you! Please email us at info@orphansafrica.org for specific instructions as to how to set up this page.

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BUSINESS
BUREAU



Orphans Africa is recognized by the Better Business Bureau as an Accredited Charity. To accomplish this, OA met 20 standards for Charity Accountability. Find out more information at <https://give.org/>.