

Child Sponsorship and Child Development Centers: What's the difference?

In Child Sponsorships, sponsors support one individually selected child with a monthly amount, they exchange correspondence with this child and have the opportunity to watch the progress of "their" child.



Child Development Centers are different in that they reach more children and in a broader way than individual sponsorships.

Administration costs are significantly lower and so more

of the resources can be spent directly on the children and their families, allowing for a more holistic approach. No individual children are selected so there is no letter exchange. Sponsors (donors?) receive quarterly reports on the entire CDC which will be sent to donors and will also be available on the NCMC website and newsletter. Reports include updated information about the CDC, pictures, and personal testimonies about how children, families and communities are being transformed.

The CDC program does not cancel the Sponsorship program. For individual sponsorships, please consult the sponsorship brochure.



How can I get involved?

You can support a Child Development Center by giving a regular monthly or annual donation or a one-time gift. Please refer to the inserted order form.

NCMC and the Church of the Nazarene Canada support one or more selected projects each year. For information on this year's project, please consult the brochure insert and church bulletin inserts.



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Each gift will be used as designated except where any given need has been met or when projects cannot be reasonably carried out, then the donor agrees that the designated gift may be used where it is needed most.

Don't just make a change...

Transform!

Transforming Communities through

Child Development Centers

How does it work?

Child Development Centers are based on the assumption that children have a variety of different needs and that only if all needs are addressed fairly equally can the child grow into a healthy, confident, self-sufficient adult. With a variety of programs, CDCs address the physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual needs of children. Regular school classes or homework help/tuition develop children's academic and mental skills. Physical exercise and sports, regular health checkups and health & hygiene awareness programs as well as, in some CDCs, regular nutritious meals or snacks support a healthy physical growth for the child. Special classes and activities help children understand their cultural background, develop their social skills, receive love and care from their mentors, and learn about a loving God through Bible stories, songs and drama.

This holistic care for children is then extended to their families and whole communities. Mothers attend awareness trainings in a variety of health, sanitation and nutrition issues; they receive seeds, tools and training to plant their own home gardens and/or raise livestock. Women are encouraged to form into self-help groups with savings & loans programs and are supported in the establishment of a variety of income generating activities.



What do we provide?

Funds for a CDC cover some or all of the following (depending on need, priorities, and location):



building for a ministry center (school and church) if needed



necessary furnishings



books and school supplies



school bags



school uniforms (in some CDCs)



sports and games equipment



a cup of milk or nutritious snack



OR a full nutritious meal



a cookhouse (if meals are provided)



a well for safe drinking water



a latrine for better sanitation



regular health checkups



health & hygiene awareness and, if possible, training for a local village health worker



special celebrations



seeds, tools and training for home gardens



livestock (goats, chickens etc.)

What is the result?

A typical CDC serves 75–100 children. As the program is set up to not only serve the children but, through the children, their families and neighbours, over time the CDCs transform whole communities and can affect society at the grassroots level.

To ensure local ownership of the program, the local community is closely involved in planning and decision making from the start, participates at all levels and gradually takes over the center so it continues to run after funds stop. Through savings and income generating activities, the economic stability of the community is improved so much that the program becomes sustainable. As CDCs are often located close to or in Nazarene churches, pastors and lay leaders can offer support even after NCMC leave.



When Laxmi and her sister were born, nobody rejoiced. Twins—another two hungry mouths to fill! And girls on top of that! Their father is a poor rickshaw-puller. His income hardly pays for food, let alone an education. He has four daughters and is convinced: Girls are a worthless burden! In countries where girls aren't valued and poverty strangles all hope, their future is often dark. But Christians know: Every single individual is infinitely precious to God!

One day, Laxmi's father heard the local Nazarene pastor talk about the CDC. He went and enrolled the twins. Laxmi and her sister are very happy at the CDC: They receive an education, a nutritious lunch, health care and a lot more. They sing and play, they learn rhymes and hear stories about Jesus. Now they don't feel worthless anymore!

