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Your impact with Salvos Sponsorship

When you become a Salvos Sponsor, you make a commitment to help break the cycle of poverty. Your partnership with us works to create sustainable change for children, their families and communities.

Choose your sponsorship path to align with your area of passion:

Education: Create sustainable access to education for this generation and those that follow.

Water and health: Provide life-saving water, health and sanitation facilities.

Priority: Ensure vital funds get to where they are most needed.

You may prefer to partner with us on a specific child-centred project:

SIMBA Anti-trafficking (Kenya): Educate children and adults to recognise trafficking attempts.

WASH (South Africa): Provide life-saving water, health and sanitation facilities in schools in Kwa Zulu Natal.

Joyville Reintegration Program (Philippines): Enhance the wellbeing of at-risk children through education and life-skills training.

Thank you

Thank you for your support of Salvos Just Gifts during Christmas 2018. Your gifts are empowering communities to lift themselves out of poverty. For instance:

- 30 schools now have quality, secure toilets.
- 70 rural primary and high schools have clean water at school.

Did you know you can shop from the catalogue year round? Consider:

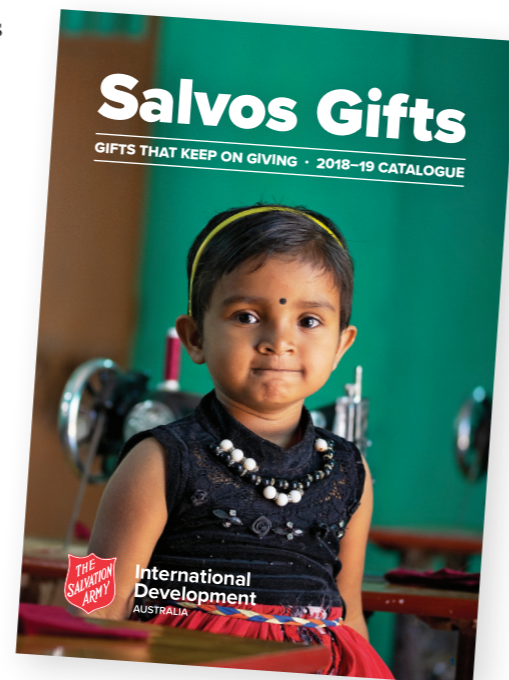
Maternal health training (\$18)
for Mother's Day – in gratitude for your mother's health.

A goat (\$54)
for Father's Day – because you're his kid.

A toilet (\$100)
for your brother's birthday – he's always loved toilet humour, hasn't he?

A water tank (\$250)
as a fundraising activity – rally one community to support another.

Visit salvosgifts.org.au to shop today.



ALICE, A MOTHER OF FIVE, IS GROWING HER INCOME THROUGH THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHICKEN PROJECTS.



Have you ever wondered how a chicken can change a life? Read on.

Hatching a plan for a hopeful future

Omelette for breakfast. Friands for morning tea. Quiche for lunch. These are the tasty benefits of fresh eggs laid by a backyard chicken in Australia. Reduce waste by tossing your dinner scraps in a bucket for the chooks and use the manure on your veggie patch. A chicken is a backyard pet that saves you money.

In Kenya, the value of a chicken is much more basic. And much more important.

Food from the eggs. Income from selling eggs, manure and chicks. Community engagement. Education for children. Hope for the future.

CHICKEN PROJECT BLOOMS

Alice, a widow, lives in Bunyore Division, Kenya, with her five children. She owns about a dozen chickens, and, until recently, allowed them to move around

freely. This exposed the chickens – and therefore her family – to diseases.

They also had no protection from theft. A stolen chicken is a stolen livelihood.

Thanks to your donations, The Salvation Army Chicken Income Generating Activities (CIGA) project teaches members how to best care for their chickens. What to feed them, how to protect them and how to keep them healthy. Alice eagerly participated in the training and improved her practices at home.

The group works together to care for a brood of shared chickens. This fosters community engagement, cooperation and mutual support. The poultry manure fertilises the crops on the group members' land and improves yield. Profits from the sale of excess manure

assist with project maintenance costs.

Alice became a committee and secretary member for CIGA. With improved care of her personal chickens – and profits from the shared birds – Alice is earning a stable income. "I hope to pay school fees for my children," she says.

As her income grows, Alice plans to diversify by keeping goats or cows. She likens raising chickens to watching flowers blossom and thrive. "I see how it can grow and the potential I can reach."

In the past two-and-a-half years, 2050 chickens have been purchased through Salvos Just Gifts to help fund livelihood projects such as the one in which Alice is involved. Thank you for your generosity.



TANZANIA.

DAR ES SALAAM, A CITY BUSTLING WITH COMMERCE, POVERTY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

 **You saved Grace's life.**

Thank you for your support of Mbagala, for when home isn't a safe haven

Tanzania is one of the world's most diverse societies – accommodating over 120 different ethnic groups and their disparate languages, cultures and religions. Its largest city, Dar es Salaam, is one of the fastest-growing cities in the world. Yet, more than two-thirds of the country's citizens live below the poverty line, and malnutrition and child mortality rates are high. Tanzania is also a human-trafficking hub.

Despite the government's efforts to curb the trade, many men, women and children are still trafficked for sex, forced agricultural labour and, Tanzania's largest human trafficking problem, involuntary domestic servitude.

At not yet 14 years old, Grace* was forced out of home when her father remarried. "Life was tough," she says. "My stepmother didn't like me." At that stage, Grace at least still had her school and her grandparents. Her grandfather was sick and vulnerable, but, she says, he "loved me so much".

However, Grace's situation quickly deteriorated. Her stepmother took her into Dar es Salaam and abandoned her at the bus terminal. There, a woman lured Grace with promises of payment for help with home chores. When no money was forthcoming after two

months of servitude, the woman took Grace to the police, lying to officers about what had happened.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

Then, an unexpected opportunity came along. Grace was referred to Mbagala Centre, run by The Salvation Army in collaboration with local partners. The centre rehabilitates victims of trafficking and contributes to the prevention of trafficking – and re-trafficking – of vulnerable Tanzanian girls.

The six-month program gave Grace healthy food, clothes and somewhere safe to sleep. Grace also received counselling to build resilience and self-esteem, attended workshops to learn important life skills and took part in income-generation training to help her build a future.

Grace says, "I was received with love and treated so well." And, to her delight, she started school again. "I am no longer a school dropout. I have improved in school performance and dream to become a midwife."

Reunited with her grandmother, whose care she hopes to undertake, Grace's future now looks very different. "This program has saved my life," she says.



WITH NEWFOUND CONFIDENCE AND TRAINING, GRACE SAYS, "I WILL NEVER BE RE-TRAFFICKED."



If you are an education sponsor, or are supporting the SIMBA Project, this story shows the difference you are making!

Children gaining confidence

What some may call an accident, others call fate or coincidence. Nancy* calls it God-driven.

For the past eight years, Nancy has been a dedicated teacher at Amani School*, Kenya – a school for children living with disabilities. This wasn't an intentional pursuit for her. She "accidentally" chose special education as her preference when completing her teacher position applications.

"I want to always be at Amani School," says Nancy. "I love my work and have a passion to see children with disabilities become stronger people."

ANOTHER GOD-DRIVEN "ACCIDENT"

Thanks to your generosity, the SIMBA project operates in parts of Kenya where trafficking is all too common. SIMBA educates vulnerable communities on how to recognise, prevent and report trafficking. This knowledge equips parents to recognise when an offer for their child's future is truly "too good to be true".

A key component of SIMBA is the Rights of Children Club. These clubs educate children on their rights, help them spot traffickers and empower them to speak to adults for their safety.

When SIMBA approached Nancy's school, she happened to be on duty at the time. She became leader of the Rights of Children Club.

"I believe this was God-driven," she says.

Nancy is passionate about the program. She loves the discussion in the groups and hearing the children's perspectives on issues.

"There is so much you can learn from them," says Nancy. "They bring interesting thoughts and ideas."

She adds: "I look forward to the wider community understanding the issue. When they know the world they live in and the issue around them, they can be aware of the risks they face and know how to tackle those risks."



NANCY IS PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING CHILDREN.

DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY

Nancy is happy with how well the SIMBA project is equipping the children to be more involved in decision-making and more confident in all areas of life.

The pupils at Amani School are equally passionate about the Rights of Children Club. "The children are not going to sleep at night because they want to share the information they have with their roommates!"

However, demand for Rights of Children Club exceeds supply. With your continued support, Nancy and other teachers can reach more children with this message of empowerment.

New bathrooms break barriers for girls

In schools with poor sanitation facilities, girls stay home during their menstrual cycles. This means one week every month – one week in four – they miss out on valuable education. You can imagine the negative impact on their learning.

Mwende was one of these girls. Then, a WASH project at her school in Makueni County, Kenya, changed everything.

"The latrines are clean and we are enjoying good health," she says. "There are enough latrines so we do not queue at all. We have got menstrual hygiene management knowledge and girls no longer stay home during their periods."

Because of you, a whole school full of girls now receives an education every week of the month.

"I know I will achieve my dreams because I am learning in a good environment," says Mwende.



CLEAN TOILETS MEAN IMPROVED HEALTH AND MORE CONSISTENT EDUCATION.



ONCE CAPTIVATED FROM A DISTANCE BY THE BEAUTY OF CLOTHING STALLS, TOO POOR TO VENTURE NEAR, MANISHA IS NOW THE PROUD DESIGNER AND BUSINESS OWNER OF A CLOTHING STORE.



 Your donations, your commitment and your passion have inspired Manisha to reach for her goals.

From school girl to teen business owner

Imagine pulling your teenage daughter out of school because you need her help at home. She loves school. She thrives there and it brings her great joy. Yet, your financial challenges mean you can't afford her fees. And you need her to contribute to the family – now.

This is Manisha's story.

Growing up in a small village near Bhubaneswar, India, she left school when she was a teenager because her parents needed her help at home. "Girls in India are expected to be good daughters, good wives and good mothers," she says. "Education is not always a priority."

Because of your commitment to education, Manisha's story does not end there.

"I was 15 when I heard the local Salvation Army opened a program here in Bhubaneswar, and it was like a dream come true," she shares. "They were teaching tailoring and embroidery to 20 women each year. My application was accepted and I only had to pay 100 rupees for enrolment."

PURSuing HER DREAM

The course also included lessons on money management, starting a small business, healthcare and gender equality, all of which equipped Manisha to bring her childhood dream of having her own shop to fruition.

"With the support of The Salvation Army I pursued my dream to open my own business and they helped me every step of the way. I applied for a government loan and I have now

opened my little shop," she shares.

"I'm so proud." And so she should be.

You can be proud of yourself, too, for helping make this happen. After all, it's rare for an 18 year old to run their own business in Australia. Your donations, your commitment, your passion have inspired Manisha to reach for her goals.

"I have been able to meet my monthly loan repayments and I'm making a small profit," she adds. "My hope is that my business will be profitable enough to support my family and me. I want to stand on my own two feet and bring about change in my community."

"All this is only possible through the skills I learned through The Salvation Army. They have empowered me to believe that women can achieve anything."



VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS IN MYANMAR ARE PROVIDING WORK SKILLS AS WELL AS IMPROVING HEALTH AND INCREASING CONFIDENCE OF STUDENTS.

Your impact in Myanmar

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." It is a well-known adage, and one that speaks to the importance of education.

In Australia, education is well understood. After all, 93 per cent of eligible students are enrolled in secondary education and 22 per cent of 15-24 year olds are enrolled in vocational education.¹

Comparatively, in Myanmar, only half (56 per cent) of the applicable age group is enrolled in secondary education. And a mere 0.06 per cent in vocational education.¹

Your support of The Salvation Army's vocational training program is helping to address these low levels of post-school training.

Students at the youth vocational training program can take classes in design, hospitality, business administration, human resources, tailoring, tourism and more.

"I took hotel and tourism training," says Zeyar Moe*. "I learned how to keep the

data of the clients, how to welcome guests and how to use the software. Now I am working."

WIDESPREAD IMPACT FROM EDUCATION

But The Salvation Army's vocational training is not just about providing skills to find employment. Students learn about caring for the environment, general health and the risks of drug-taking. The program as a whole is an opportunity for you to change the path of young people in Myanmar – and impact their communities.

Khin Ye* went through the training to learn design. He learned how to make logos and how to create T-shirts with logos. "Now I am working in this and enjoy having the opportunity to create my own ideas," he says.

"Before, I was afraid to do anything or to work. But now I have better self-confidence. I am more ready to work for my family."

As the saying goes, teach a man (or a woman) to fish and you feed their family for a lifetime. You also enable them to share their skills with the next generation. That's a wide net of impact.

Remember, for all enquiries about supporting the international work of The Salvation Army, call 02 9466 3105, visit salvationarmy.org.au/international-development or email aun.internationaldevelopment@aus.salvationarmy.org

International dates

15
MAY
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

12
JUNE
INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

15
JULY
WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY

12
AUGUST
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

8
SEPTEMBER
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

*Some details have been changed to protect the privacy of those involved.
¹ UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 2016, <http://data.uis.unesco.org/Index.aspx?queryid=144>

KENYA.



JAALI AND HIS GRANDMOTHER ARE THRILLED WITH THE GIFT OF A WATER TANK.



THOUGH UNABLE TO WALK, JAALI LOVES WORKING IN THE FARM AND CARING FOR THE GOATS.

Kenya WASH pours out fresh hope for all – thanks to you

Although Jaali* can't walk, his work ethic is strong.

"He loves to work in the farm and care for the goats," says his grandmother, Mumbi* from their home in Mwala/Yatta Cluster, Kenya.

The eldest of three children, Jaali is an orphan. Although he is in his 30s, because his lower limbs did not develop properly, he is dependent on his 78-year-old grandmother for support.

The pair struggled daily to get clean water for drinking, cooking and washing.

"We used to buy water from the Kyawango borehole. Because it is far from us, we would hire a cart to fill the drum of 200L at 100 Kenyan shillings per drum (AUD1.36)."

EASY ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

When Mumbi first came into contact with The Salvation Army, she shared

with the project officer and church pastor about Jaali and his condition. "We prayed together before they left," she says.

Almost immediately, Jaali received a 1500L water tank from The Salvation Army. Mumbi wasted no time in getting the tank installed.

"We have enjoyed having rain water as the tank has been filling up with every heavy downpour. We use at most four jerry cans of water, but once the rain stops we will have to ration our usage.

"This easy access to water has really helped Jaali. He can get water anytime when I am away."

Jaali also received a donated mobility device to help with his movement.

"We are very grateful," says Mumbi.

When asked if he, too, is happy, Jaali gives a wide smile and nods.

The need is still strong

Over the past 10 years, you have helped us provide 100,000 people in Kenya East with improved access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene. But throughout the country, women, men and children are still perishing every day from a lack of access to clean water.

Our vision is to see five counties in Kenya transformed by 2023. With your support, we can impact 120,000 people (directly and indirectly) with safe drinking water, sanitation facilities and hygiene education. Will you join us on this journey? We cannot do it without you.

For every \$1 you invest into water and sanitation, an average of \$4 is returned to the community in reduced healthcare costs¹. Your impact on the economy is important, but the transformation in people's lives is invaluable.



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