



Want to Sponsor a Child?

Simply sign up on our website at www.healthtalents.org or complete the information box below and mail it to this address:

ABC Program

Health Talents International
PO Box 8303
Searcy, AR 72145

Yes, I'd like to sponsor a child! Enclosed is my first support check, made out to Health Talents in the amount of \$30 or you may also pay with a bankdraft or credit card. Please contact us for more information: bybarnht@aol.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Country: _____

I prefer:

Girl Boy

Please send me more information!

*And Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me ... for such is the kingdom of God."
Luke 18:16*

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... caring for body & soul*



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The ABC Program



*... an easy way to give
a child a helping hand*

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What is the ABC Program?

The ABC program is a special program dedicated to providing assistance to children of Christian families in Guatemala. Motivated by an awareness of the extreme poverty that so many Guatemalan families endure, Health Talents designed a plan to provide eligible children with support and relief while offering an opportunity for U.S. Christians to care for the *"least of these."*

How does ABC Work?

Working through local churches of Christ, ABC is structured in a way that makes it much more than a welfare program. Children in the program have been identified as being in need by their local church leadership, they must be school age and their families must be active, faithful members. The children receive regular medical and dental care along with milk and food items to supplement their diet and provide better nutrition.

From Maxanija to San Juan Moca on the coast, to Mactzul Quinto and Paxot Segundo in the highlands, we currently have more than thirty Guatemala churches partnering with us in ABC. The churches assist with the distribution of aid, monitor the child's progress and accept

primary responsibility for their spiritual growth.



What does the Sponsor Do?

Each sponsor provides \$30 per month in financial assistance with \$6 per month covering administrative and distribution expenses, while \$24 per month benefits the children in the program. Those benefits include food, clothing, educational expenses, medical, dental and surgical care.



The children are encouraged to write their sponsor two to three times a year to say thank you and share stories about their life. These letters, along with a translation, are forwarded to the sponsors throughout the year. In turn, we encourage sponsors to write their children and will translate those letters for the children.

About the Children

UNESCO, EFA Global Monitoring Report 2010 Report...

"In Guatemala, malnutrition rates among the indigenous children are twice the level for non-indigenous children."

"Almost half of the country's children are malnourished and in parts of rural Guatemala, where the population is largely Mayan, the figure reaches 80%."

"In Guatemala, 49% of children under age 5 suffer from moderate and severe stunting."

"A recent study in Guatemala finds that the impact of being stunted at age 6 is equivalent in its test score effects to losing four grades of schooling."



Currently, we have more than 700 children, the majority of whom are Mayan, being helped through ABC. At any given point, we have twelve to fifty awaiting a sponsor as we add children and communities throughout the year. Children in the program must be old enough to attend school, thus the age ranges from five to young adults. Many of the older students are attending vocational schools or university and our graduates are working as teachers, engineers, evangelists and many other careers. In fact, one graduate is finishing up medical school and another is in dental school. ABC, and you the sponsor, make a difference!

A Sponsor's Story

HTI Missionary Nurse Sheri K has supported her child Sandra for six years. Sheri celebrated Sandra's 15th birthday and photographed her sister's wedding. Sandra's mother was killed in a tragic accident several years ago so when Mother's Day came around Sandra invited Sheri to join her for a special Mother's Day program. Here is what Sheri has to say...*"She received a scholarship to study to be a teacher and then she taught Bible classes in the ABC Celebration. It has been wonderful to watch her mature into a young, Christian lady."*

