

# CHILDREN'S HOPECHEST

## Uganda FAQs

### What is a HopeChest Friend?

A HopeChest Friend is a caring person who commits to financially supporting the CarePoint and building a relationship with a child at that CarePoint. In some cases, partnership can extend past school age into vocational school or college. HopeChest Friends offer encouragement through prayer, letter writing, and relationship.

### How much does it cost to be a HopeChest Friend?

\$45 monthly, \$135 quarterly, or \$540 annually

### How does the CarePoint benefit from my support?

Your support provides many benefits that include:

- Direct assistance for emotional, environmental, educational, and medical needs.
- Letter writing between child and HopeChest Friend. This includes translation when necessary and delivery.
- Discipleship classes providing opportunities for a believer to share Christ through word and deed.

### How long does my support last?

Ideally, we ask that you commit to being a HopeChest Friend to a child as long as he or she is at the CarePoint. However, this may not be possible in all cases, so we ask for a one-year commitment as a minimum.

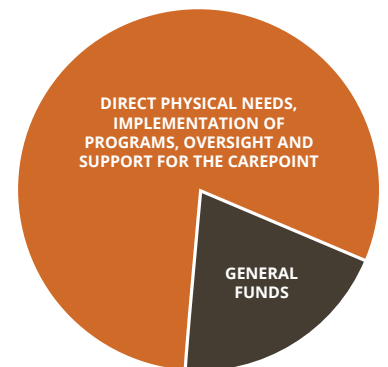
### Can I contribute by credit card or debit card?

Our preference is for payments to be made online through credit card, debit card, or Bank Account Withdrawal. Visit [hopechest.org](https://hopechest.org) and click DONATE. We also accept checks through U.S. mail.

### Where does my financial support go?

**80% to direct physical needs, implementation of programs, oversight and support for the CarePoint.** The 80% is generally allocated as 50% to direct CarePoint impact, programming and staffing for addressing physical, spiritual and general development efforts toward children, their guardians and the community; 30% is generally allocated to the direct costs for program implementation, including CarePoint oversight, impact reporting, financial accountability and CarePoint management of country operations)

**20% to general funds for overall organizational operating costs** (includes financial reporting, registration costs, strategic partnership development, fundraising and marketing costs).



## When will I discover which child at the CarePoint selected me as their HopeChest Friend?

The CarePoint launch will occur within two to three months of your community's commitment to financially support the CarePoint. Within three months you will receive a welcome packet in the mail with information about who selected you to be their HopeChest Friend.

## Are there guidelines for letter writing?

You can write your friend and read our guidelines at [hopechest.org/write](https://hopechest.org/write). Additional information about your support will be sent to you after HopeChest receives your first contribution!

## When will my HopeChest Friend age out of the program?

In Uganda, there is no specific age making a child eligible to graduate from our program; rather, the CarePoint staff assesses on a case-by-case basis when a child is ready to launch into adulthood, utilizing the skills and education they have gained through being a part of the program.

## How are HopeChest Friend funds used specifically in Uganda?

In Uganda, funds are used primarily for feeding, discipleship, medical treatment, school fees, and to allow staff to minister to the children at the CarePoint (including a cook, guard, Project Coordinator, and Project Assistant). As more children gain HopeChest Friends, funds may be used for additional programming, such as community outreaches and cultural celebrations.

## How are school fees paid at the CarePoints in Uganda?

Each Project Coordinator uses available funds to pay for a portion or the full amount of school fees each term for every child registered at their CarePoint. There are three school terms in Uganda, which are February – April; June – August; and October – December, with school holidays in January, May, and September. Often, funds are not able to cover the full amount of both primary and secondary school fees at at CarePoint, which is why the education fund at each CarePoint is critical in supplementing the cost. The CarePoint staff also work with the guardians and caregivers to help them contribute towards their child's school fees as much as possible.

## How often do the children in Uganda write letters?

Children undergo a letter-writing activity every quarter at our CarePoints in Uganda. We do not force children to write, but you may receive a letter around four times a year.



## What are the different educational opportunities for my HopeChest Friend?

After primary school, children have the opportunity to pursue secondary school or vocational training. Vocational training can include tailoring, mechanics, carpentry, hair-dressing, and others.