



OneChild®

“ ...and if you spend yourselves
in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs
of the oppressed,
then your light will rise
in the darkness,
and your night will
become like the noonday.

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Isaiah 58

OneChild®
Hope in hard places.



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HOPE IN ACTION PLANNING CHECKLIST

**We've outlined step-by-step
instructions from start
to finish to help you host
a life-changing event!**

☐ START WITH PRAYER.

First, commit your event or service to God. Pray that He prepares hearts and matches children with the right sponsors. Be encouraged by Proverbs 16:3: “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.”

☐ INVOLVE YOUR PASTOR OR LEADERSHIP TEAM.

Together, choose a date that works best for your church or organization. If you're hosting at a church, ask your pastor to share a few inspirational words to encourage people to impact the life of one child through sponsorship. *Pro tip: If you'd like help communicating OneChild's vision to your pastor, you can find a PowerPoint presentation at OneChild.org/resources that's easy to share!*

☐ HELP US HELP YOU HOST A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT.

Let us know your event date and church size by emailing us at events@onechild.org so we can send you helpful materials including child packets and volunteer resources and return sponsorship instructions. These materials will arrive 6-9 days prior to your event.

☐ PREPARE YOUR PRESENTATION.

Your story is powerful! Audiences will be inspired as they hear why you're passionate about child sponsorship and speaking up for vulnerable children around the world. *Check out “Your Presentation Guide” at onechild.org/resources for ideas. You can also watch a sample presentation at onechild.org/resources for inspiration!*

☐ SELECT A VIDEO.

Visit onechild.org/resources to choose a compelling video to share during your presentation.

☐ ENGAGE CHURCH STAFF FOR SUCCESS.

Ask the staff to help with three things:

1. Showing the video and supplying A/V support.
2. Locating a long table that you can use.
3. Making copies of the bulletin insert and distributing them the day of the event. These documents and other valuable resources can be found at onechild.org/resources.

☐ INVITE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP.

It's a great idea to have a few volunteers who will help run the sponsorship table with you. Be sure to share the handouts “Volunteering at the Child Sponsorship Table” and “Learn About OneChild's Life-changing Ministry” with them so they'll be prepared.

☐ PROMOTE YOUR EVENT.

A few weeks before your big day, hang up a OneChild poster in a highly visible area. You will find the poster, along with other helpful resources like flyers and a sermon outline, at onechild.org/resources. Be sure to spread the word about your event. Word of mouth, emails and social media go a long way. This is a life-changing event, so make sure people know it's coming!

☐ SET UP THE SPONSORSHIP TABLE.

We recommend that you set up the table the day before your event. Choose a high-traffic area (like the entrance to the main sanctuary) but also a location with room for people to gather without blocking entrances and causing congestion. This is where you'll display the child packets and help people sponsor children.

☐ ENJOY YOUR EVENT!

Your big day is finally here! Here's a quick checklist of things to bring to the event:

- ☐ If you have them, photos and letters from your sponsored child to share
- ☐ The audio/video equipment that you'll need to play the video
- ☐ Child packets to display
- ☐ Plenty of pens for people to use when they sponsor children

Simply share your presentation, manage the Child Sponsorship Table, and see how God moves!

☐ RETURN MATERIALS TO ONECHILD.

Please return any materials and sponsorship forms within two days of the event. Instructions are in your Resource Kit and online at onechild.org/resources.

☐ CELEBRATE!

You did it! Next week, let people know how many children were sponsored — and celebrate how many lives were changed.

We're here to support you!

Be sure to explore helpful materials and compelling videos at onechild.org/resources. Questions? Please call 800.864.0200 or email events@onechild.org.

