

## INNOCENTS RELIEF

Please tick as applicable—

- I wish to become a Sponsor  
 I wish to make an Annual Donation  
 I wish to make a Single Donation

Amounts \$2  
and over  
tax-deductible

Name ..... Signed .....

Address .....

State ..... Postcode .....

Email .....

**Please mark preference:** A = Sponsorship; B = Donation only

Country	A	B
<i>Any country</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ India	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenya	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philippines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ Sri Lanka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tanzania	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Papua New Guinea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ Peru	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timor Lesté (East Timor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uganda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Note:** § = Handicapped children helped

**If sponsoring**, please mark preferences—

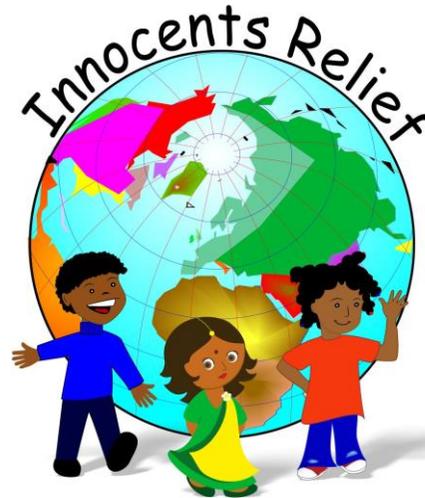
- (a)  Boy  Girl  Either  
 (b)  Any age to 18 ;  Age 11-18 years ;  Age up to 10 years

**Cost is:** Annual Membership fee of \$15.00 irrespective of the number of children sponsored, and \$160.00 annually for each child sponsored.

The total amount is tax-deductible. If you prefer to make a smaller donation, any donation of \$2 or more is tax-deductible.

**Payment:** Amount \$ ..... **Please mark:**

- Cheque/Money Order enclosed payable to: ***Innocents Relief*** OR  
 Direct Deposit to **BSB 124001 A/c No. 10110882** – include surname & initials, and *send email* to **innocentsrelief2@bigpond.com** for identification. Receipts are sent with AGM notice and/or Annual Newsletter unless otherwise requested.



# INNOCENTS RELIEF

... is a non-denominational, volunteer-staffed organisation which began in Australia in 1962 to give relief to the innocent victims of poverty.

Since 1962, over \$4 million (\$7.5 million in today's value) has been given to help educate needy children. Currently thousands of children are helped, either sponsored individually or helped through members' donations

to 34 Centres in the following developing countries - TANZANIA, STH.AFRICA, UGANDA, KENYA, INDIA, PERU, P.N.G., SRI LANKA, PHILIPPINES, CAMBODIA & TIMOR LESTE

***We believe that to change the imbalance that exists between developed countries and undeveloped countries children must be educated, given love and understanding, and provided with the opportunity to build a better world.***

*Sponsorship of a child costs \$160.00 (Australian dollars) per year, all of which goes directly to the Centre caring for the child. A \$15 per year membership fee covers administration costs and any surplus is distributed to the Centres.*

*Average administrative costs are 3.5 cents in the dollar so more than 96 cents in every dollar donated is sent to help the poor children.*

***In 2018 administration costs were only 2% of all money received***

### INNOCENTS RELIEF

For further information visit our web site: [www.innocentsrelief.com](http://www.innocentsrelief.com)

Or email us at: [innocentsrelief2@bigpond.com](mailto:innocentsrelief2@bigpond.com)

Or write to us at: P.O. Box 4096, St Lucia South, Q 4067

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. What does it cost to become a member of Innocents Relief?**

A. Annual Membership fee is \$15.00, and \$160.00 annually for each child sponsored or Centre supported. The full amount is tax-deductible, as is any donation of \$2 or more, if you prefer to donate a smaller or larger amount to a Centre or several Centres.

**Q. What is the money used for?**

A. Members' donations help pay school fees, study materials, uniforms as well as food and medicine at some Centres. Members can sponsor individual children or donate to one or more Centres to support the education of poor children there. Administration costs are taken from the \$15 annual membership. Generally only 3 or 4 cents in the dollar. The remaining money is also sent to Centres having particular urgent needs for projects including: safe cheap solar power; bores for drinking water; and transport.

**Q. How can you be sure that the money is used for the children?**

A. We are in regular contact with the "Directors" of each Centre and hear from them several times a year. The directors are required to account for money sent and to report on the children. Some children write to their sponsors if comfortable writing in English. We get to know the correspondents and are confident the money is well spent.

**Q. How long has Innocents Relief been going? Over 56 years!!**

A. Innocents Relief was established in 1962. Professor Colin Apelt O.A.M., was at the helm as President for many years, giving the organisation stability and security. Colin still drops in at the office on occasions. Our volunteers tend to remain for many years, as they see so much evidence of the value of their work. The current "staff" meet at the office every Thursday.

**Q. Are any Australian children helped?**

A. Several other organisations currently provide assistance to Australian children for education. Early in our history indigenous children were helped by Innocents Relief but this was discontinued when a Centre advised that our support was no longer needed.

**Q. How do you manage with such a small overhead?**

A. All work is done by dedicated volunteers, including our Auditor. The Parish at St. Lucia gives us an office and electricity at no charge; The Bank of Qld discounts our bank costs; Our Annual Newsletter is produced at a reduced cost by 'Spot Productions'. The ongoing expenses are stamps, stationery, bank charges, photocopier servicing and phone/internet, etc. If you would like to help, please phone (07) 38707940 on Thursdays or send an email.

## INFO ON SOME OF THE CENTRES WE HELP

**INDIA** (17 Centres) – "I am convinced that education of the young generation is the biggest development work we can do here." Some countries have free education but do not pay for teachers' wages and parents are not able to meet these expenses if there is no rain and no coolie work available. Often Centres/schools educate and give free mid-day meals to hundreds of children, 80% of whom are from very poor fisher-folk families. In India sponsorship money pays one-third the total cost of clothing, feeding and educating a primary school child. (In 1962 sponsorship of \$36 paid 100%). With sponsorship many disadvantaged children have a chance to "come up in the world" via a basic education and some are sponsored through to secondary and even tertiary studies.

**TANZANIA** - 2 Centres for Christian and Muslim students – One Primary school gives porridge to over 900 students and lunch to over 500; Other Centre provides Primary, Secondary and Technical education.

**PERU** (LIMA - 2 Centres) – At one Centre specialised walking frames were acquired with money provided by Innocents Relief for therapists to help disabled children walk correctly and straighten their spinal column. At the other Centre money donated by Innocents Relief enabled the purchase of musical instruments and sporting equipment. The provision of these articles enabled their teachers to instil a sense of accomplishment and maintain interest in ancestral culture and the folkloric music. The Centre advised that the sports equipment builds up school spirit and is used during out-of-school hours.

**KENYA** (2 Centres) – One Centre runs short-term tailoring courses for school 'drop-outs' and the street kids of Nairobi for work in nearby garment factories.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA** – 1 Centre/High School in a poor remote area at Aitape.

**CAMBODIA** – 2 Centres/Schools in very isolated and poor parts of the country.

**TIMOR LESTE** - Three schools in a very poor region in a poor country.

## COMMENTS FROM SPONSORS:

*"Innocents Relief is a personal and practical link of love between children in need and those who are privileged to help. Thank you for the wonderful work that you and the Committee of Innocents Relief continue to do."*

Sir Gerard Brennan, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Australia

*"I have supported Innocents Relief since 1962 because it enables me to light candles of hope by helping children I know as individuals. Then I am not left to the darkness of hopelessness in the face of the vast needs of the world's poor people."*

Prof. Colin Apelt, Founding President of Innocents Relief

*"Other organisations could take a leaf out of your book regarding low overhead costs and no excess of printed matter."*

Anon.

## WE DRIVE YOUR CHARITY DOLLAR FURTHER

Over the last seven years administration costs have varied between 1.6 and 3.8 cents in the dollar.