

## ETHIOPIA'S CHILDREN

The toll that HIV/AIDS, famine, war and extreme poverty have taken on Ethiopia's children is staggering. Over 5 million have been orphaned. Sometimes the children remain with relatives or rely on their struggling communities to survive. The WHFC Child Sponsorship and Family Empowerment Program offers hope for many hundreds - and potentially thousands - of these children.

## TRANSFORMING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

The goal of our program is to support family permanence and help people lift themselves out of poverty. Ensuring that a child's most basic needs for food, clothing, health care and education are met allows surviving relatives or friends to care for these children in their own communities. Providing support so that families can launch an income-generating business enables them to begin the journey to self-sufficiency. Our program reaches children in rural villages across Ethiopia where basic services are minimal or non-existent. Many children adopted through WHFC came from these communities.



## Join Our Sponsorship Program

### SPONSOR A CHILD

Your sponsorship creates a personal connection between you and your sponsored child. You may choose a child from a specific region we work in or by gender. Upon matching you'll receive your child's profile and photo and can begin corresponding with them. You'll be able to witness the tremendous difference your sponsorship makes as you receive annual updates, letters and photos.

### GIVE THE GIFT OF SPONSORSHIP

Donating a sponsorship on behalf of another is the gift that gives twice – providing both a tribute to your friend or loved one and a brighter future to a child in need.

### BECOME AN UNDERWRITER OF THE WHFC CHILD SPONSORSHIP AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Significant funding is greatly needed to support the many children and families in need. Become an underwriter and help us lift an entire community out of poverty!

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To learn more about the WHFC Child Sponsorship and Family Empowerment Program, and view a slideshow on sponsorship, please visit:  
[whfc.org/WHFFC/sponsorship/ethiopia.htm](http://whfc.org/WHFFC/sponsorship/ethiopia.htm)

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## Child Sponsorship & Family Empowerment PROGRAM

# Ethiopia



## THE PHASES OF WHFC CHILD SPONSORSHIP AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT:

### PHASE 1 – STABILIZATION

Families in desperate poverty receive a monthly stipend for a child's basic necessities – food, shelter, clothing and access to education and health care – in order to help the family make ends meet. Social workers visit the family regularly to provide family counseling and an economist begins guiding the family to identify opportunities for future success. This phase lasts for a few weeks up to one year.

### PHASE 2 – EMPOWERMENT

Once a family is stabilized they begin saving to invest in the startup of a small business with the goal of becoming self-sufficient within three years. Economists work with them on a business plan that will provide income, such as traditional crafts, animal husbandry, and agricultural production.

### PHASE 3 – TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE

Once a family has reached financial and emotional self-reliance, they become eligible to receive grants or micro-loans to help them further strengthen their businesses and maintain their new-found independence. This phase typically lasts 6 months to two years.

*What these families achieve is not just a testament to the effectiveness of the program – it is tremendously inspiring! Their success demonstrates how this program can lift an entire family out of poverty and improve the standard of living for the whole community.*



*“ Our guiding principle is: ‘Cash transfers can raise the poor above desperate income levels but are not likely to unlock the poverty trap. To end human misery, assistance should be invested in a way that empowers the poor to be more productive by putting them on the ladder of a self-sustaining path.’ ”*

- Dr. Tsegaye Berhe, Director, WHFC Africa Programs

### HULU'S STORY

Following her husband's death, Hulu had to raise three children on her own. With the help of WHFC's Child Sponsorship and Family Empowerment Program, she began a small business making and selling Shiro (mashed chickpeas) and Berbere (pepper spice). With business thriving, she has been able to invest in small livestock to help feed her family. Now her children can go to school, and she earns an average of 500-600 Ethiopian Birr per month in a country where the average income is 3,000 Birr (about \$280) per year. Thanks to WHFC and her successful business, Hulu has something rarely seen in Ethiopia – a bankbook showing money in her account.



### YES SHE CAN!

When Letay's friends died she took in their two children. She had no income and four children of her own to support. But Letay had ideas and an enterprising spirit. With help from WHFC she bought one cow. The milk from the cow fed the children and created a source of income. Some of the money made from selling milk went to buy chickens. Soon there were also eggs to eat and sell! Before long there was another cow, a calf, a donkey and chickens of all sizes running around the yard. Today Letay is selling over 40 liters of milk each day, feeding the children, sending them to school, and hoping to open her own supermarket.



## YES, I WANT TO HELP BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY:

- I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_ children at \$420/child per year. Please send me a profile of my sponsored child(ren).
- I would like to give sponsorship(s) as a gift. \_\_\_\_ child(ren) at \$420/child per year  
Please send profile(s) of my sponsored child(ren) to:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- I would like to underwrite the sponsorship program, and help many children with a gift of:  
 \$10,000    \$5,000    \$2,500  
 \$1,000    \$500    OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*100% of your donation will go directly to the WHFC Child Sponsorship & Family Empowerment Program*

*Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law - and deeply appreciated!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check Enclosed** (payable to Wide Horizons For Children)
- Credit Card**    Visa    MasterCard
- Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to:*

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<http://whfc.org/WHFFC/SponsorshipSignup.htm>