



Chalice

Chalice is a Canadian Catholic international aid charity sponsoring almost 50,000 children and elders in 13 developing countries: Bolivia, Chile, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Kenya, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Tanzania, Ukraine, and Zambia.

The St. Stephen International Charity Trust Fund supports Chalice every year with an annual donation. Chalice shared with St. Stephen how this year's donation supported Chalice's work in Ukraine.



Ihor Babyniuk Medical Expenses, Pochaiv, Ukraine - Ihor is the father of two children, Inna and Vadym. Like many adults in Ukraine right now, Ihor is unable to secure employment. The 43-year-old is a widower and has been spending his winter caring for the children at home.

In early February 2023, while Ihor was carrying firewood, he slipped and fell and fractured in his left tibia (lower leg). The surgery and resulting hospital bills left Ihor with a large medical expense. He was already struggling financially because of the work shortage, and now faces a long period of recovery that will pause his job hunt.

Olesya Vasyanovych , Braces, Ternopil, Ukraine

Olesya is 15 years old and has been blessed to have a Chalice sponsor since 2016. She lives with her mother, Olha, grandmother Myroslava, and three younger sisters.

During her check-up last year, Olesya's dentist diagnosed her with TMD, a dysfunction of the jaw joint that can cause headaches, neck and shoulder pain. Because it affects her bite and chewing, it can also lead to enamel damage and make her prone to dental cavities and chips.

Olesya needs braces to correct this dysfunction and promote better development in her teeth and jaw. As the sole breadwinner for both her elderly mother and her four children, Olha is not able to afford the cost for the braces.



Dubromyl Centre for Children Renovation



Lviv sponsor site was established in 2019 and consists of 660 children living in the city of Lviv and in villages outside the city, including Dobromyl. The Lviv site's mission is to serve people by helping them overcome poverty through education, formation of Chalice family circles, budget planning, and skills training.

The Center for Children's Creativity is the hub for Lviv site activity in Dobromyl. The Centre is old, and the building is in disrepair. It's been 35 years since the last major repairs.

Five Chalice family circles meet either monthly or quarterly. The site also uses the Centre for training sessions, local dance, theatre, and sports clubs -- all of which include sponsored children. Approximately 200 local children depend on this building to have their artistic or sports activities.

Chalice Child Sponsorship

Chalice is Canada's largest Catholic child sponsorship organization.

Sponsoring with Chalice enables parishioners to help families struggling with poverty through an organization which is faithful to the Church and obedient to her bishops. Sponsorship calls parishioners to greater holiness and participation in the mission of the Church. Founded in 1992 by Fr. Pat Cosgrove in Nova Scotia, we are now supporting almost 50,000 children and elders in 13 developing countries.

We partner with groups of lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities to run our sites. Our sponsor sites work with communities that lack the essentials, including food, medicine, and clean water. When families live in these circumstances, educating their children becomes a luxury they cannot afford. Sadly, many children drop out to join the workforce and help support their families. This continues the 'cycle of poverty.'

Your sponsorship of \$42 per month changes all that.

When you become a sponsor, you connect directly with a child and show them that their future matters. And the key to a bright future is education. Chalice sponsorship is focused on giving children all the support they need to finish school – be that secondary, post-secondary, or vocational training.

How does it work?

Sponsored children each have unique experiences of poverty, depending on their community and family circumstances. That's why our sponsorship model gives financial decision-making power to the people who know what the child needs best: their parents and guardians. Empowered with training and supported by staff, the parents get to choose how to spend or save your sponsorship funds. They know what to do: they educate their children and uplift their whole family.

Their local Chalice sponsor site also supports the families with other building-blocks for success, including nutrition, community infrastructure, skills development, healthcare, water, sustainable agriculture, and small-business development.

You will receive correspondence from your child every year, and you can write to your child at any time.

Being an informed donor

Chalice has an [A rating with Charity Intelligence](#) and ranked in the [Charity Intelligence Top 100 charities](#).

For every dollar donated, after overhead costs of fundraising and administration, Chalice commits more than 90% of its spending in support of programs.

You will get a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of your sponsorship.



Almost 50,000 sponsored children in 13 countries

Bolivia	Haiti	Paraguay
Chile	India	Peru
Guatemala	Kenya	Philippines
Ghana	Ukraine	Tanzania
		Zambia

How to sponsor today

Chalice volunteers are stationed at a table where there are information pamphlets about real, specific children who need sponsors now.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the table and discern a call to sponsorship. Our volunteers will be able to answer your questions and assist you to sponsor one of these children today.

For those joining Mass online, go to Chalice.ca and click "sponsor."