

## SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

### *TINY STEPS - BABY AND TODDLER DAYCARE*

Become a sponsor of a child at Tiny Steps Daycare in Arusha, Tanzania and secure a loving daycare place for your sponsored child and later a high-quality school education - the foundation for a future full of prospects.



*Tiny Steps Daycare* was founded in August 2024 and supports children in the vulnerable district of Lemara, Arusha. While the children receive quality care and support, the parents/guardians have time to work or further their education. The childcare is free of charge for the families.

In Tanzania, children are often left at home alone or under the loose supervision of neighbors due to a lack of alternative care options, or are even placed in orphanages due to financial struggles and are therefore potentially exposed to many dangers.

We want to change this and let the children discover the world through play in a safe environment - and thus strengthen the whole family!

*Children deserve a carefree and happy childhood, regardless of their social or family situation.*

## HOW OUR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM WORKS.

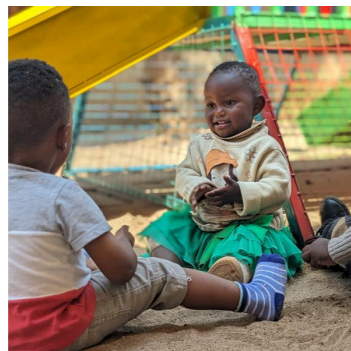
At *Tiny Steps Daycare*, children are looked after up to the age of 3 1/2 years. We accept children from the age of 6 months! After that, the children transfer to an English-speaking private school, where they are first taught in pre-school and then from class 1 - 7. Sponsors are also able to continue to support "their" children throughout secondary school and university / vocational training. The children thus receive a very good education right from the start, which means that all doors are open to them later in life and they can break the cycle of poverty.

## WHAT DOES A SPONSORSHIP COST?

*The monthly contribution for a sponsorship is 45 €*

It is also possible for two or more people to share the sponsorship of a child. The contribution finances the running costs of the daycare center such as salaries, rent, electricity, water, food and diapers, thus ensuring the care of the children.

As long as the children attend Tiny Steps Daycare, 50% of the monthly sponsorship contribution is forwarded to Tiny Steps and 50% is saved in the charity's account. When the child is ready to start pre-school, the money saved is used to pay the school fees for the first school year, as school fees in Tanzania are paid annually in advance. Once the child attends school, the monthly contribution is then used in full to cover the ongoing school fees.



## WILL I RECEIVE UPDATES ON MY SPONSORED CHILD?

Sponsors receive an update on their sponsored child by e-mail twice a year, in June and December. This consists of pictures and a short report on the child's development. Later, when the students are at school, school reports are also attached to the update.

## WHO IS BEHIND THE TINY STEPS DAYCARE?

Tiny Steps is a childcare facility that is approved by the youth welfare office in Arusha and works closely with the local village council to identify families in need. The facility is run by the non-profit NGO **Local Initiative for Family and Education (L.I.F.E.)**. L.I.F.E. is the sister organization of the volunteer organization **STEP Africa**, whose management and dedicated volunteers also support the day care centre.

**Mabawa Tanzania** is the European partner association of Tiny Steps Daycare, through which our sponsorship program is handled. Mabawa Tanzania is based in Austria.

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