

COMMUNICATION WITH SPONSORED CHILD:

Contact your sponsored child/children:

- Write letters/cards to your child
- Send an e-mail/e-card
- Send special gifts, and
- Visit your child

You can write and send photos to your sponsored child. We request that you communicate through our DCI office in the USA or in Dhaka. Otherwise, as we have experienced in the past, a misunderstanding might arise. These families are extremely poor and sometimes they feel the sponsor is a way out of their situation and they request more financial support from the sponsor-which creates a problem for the program. Also, since the child and his/her family are very poor, it will be difficult for him/her to reply directly to your letter. We provide an easier communication system at no expense to the child and his/her family. You may send paper products like bookmarks, postcards, or stickers along with your letter. We are unable to forward other materials like plastic toys, jewelry, wood products, or metal objects.

Please note that you must include your child's ID number in all communication with us.

Please send any letters or photos to our offices in the USA or Dhaka:

Our USA Office Address:

Attention: Elizabeth Swarsky, Office Executive and Coordinator,
Distressed Children and Infants International (DCI)
5 SHIPTON COURT, CHESHIRE, CT 06410, USA
Tel# 203-376-6351, Tel# 203-272-3869, Toll Free # 1-866-516-7495
E-mail: dcid@distressedchildren.org, dcid@cox.net
Web: www.distressedchildren.org

Our Dhaka, Bangladesh Office Address:

Attention: Mr. Abdus Salam, *Country Coordinator*,
Distressed Children and Infants International (DCI)
House#67, Rd#3, Mohammadi Housing Ltd., Mohammadpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Tel# 01552460242, 01727264688, E-mail: dcibd@distressedchildren.org

Sending Gifts

If you wish to send a gift to your child, write or call to our DCI office and we will provide you the necessary instructions.

A word of caution however, our previous experience has taught us to discourage the shipment of individual packages to Bangladesh directly for the following reasons:

- The cost to mail a package overseas can exceed the value of the items shipped
- Customs or duty taxes on the package contents can sometimes be up to an additional 100% of the value
- Damage or theft sometimes occurs during shipping and/or customs
- For these same reasons, we cannot take responsibility for individual packages sent to Bangladesh or received at our USA Headquarters. Any parcels received at our US office are donated to local children's charities.

We encourage sponsors to send additional donations for extra and special needs gifts. Your child and family live in an impoverished community, so the regular benefits of sponsorship simply can't provide everything they may require. Extra gifts and special needs gifts can help address some of your sponsored child's more critical needs. Depending on the amount of your contribution and the needs of your child's family, gifts can range from toys, clothing, food material, cake, sheets, blankets, household goods- a simple gas stove, plates, glass, pots, pans, beds, clothing storage cabinets, building materials to improve homes or even seed money for income generating activity for the family. You can choose the kind of gift you want. The minimum amount for a child-specific gift is \$25.

You can send either type of gift below at any time of the year:

- (1) **Extra gifts (\$25 to \$99):** You will receive information about what your support provided and a personal thank-you from your child or a family member.
- (2) **Special Needs gifts (\$100 or more):** You will receive a personal thank-you from your child or a family member, photos and a detailed description of how your contribution was used.

Please note:

- A ten-percent handling charge is deducted to cover the added expense of transferring and delivering these extra donations.
- Any contribution under \$25 goes to our general fund and will be used to help provide assistance to sponsored children and their families.