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sarah_elton 27-02-2008, 11:33 AM **Sponsor a Child - which charity is best?**

Serious MoneySaving Fan ★★

Join Date: Oct 2004 Posts: 1,991

Not really money saving as I want to give some away. 😊 I'm looking at the various charities that do 'sponsor a child'. Does anyone know which is best, or have any tips? I'm looking at the amount of money that actually gets to the area in need (varies from 75 - 85p in each pound so far - smaller charities it seems to be more so I guess the big ones aren't run so efficiently). Also, the ones that are Christian charities, are they forcing Christianity on the kids? I know a lot of poor areas are Christian anyway, but I'm not religious myself and I don't agree with views being imposed on anyone in that way. I also know that regular donations to charities which then help lots of kids may be 'better', but it's a selfish thing of liking the idea of one individual being helped. It's easier to picture.

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moneypooh 27-02-2008, 12:49 PM #2

Fantastically Fervent MoneySaving Super Fan ★★

Join Date: Sep 2007 Posts: 2,110

Try actionaid as a start: www.actionaid.org This one does work well.

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novelli 27-02-2008, 1:24 PM #3

MoneySaving Stalwart ★★

Join Date: Dec 2005 Posts: 611

Do you specifically want it to be children in the UK or are u looking at developing countries as well?

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ahai1 27-02-2008, 3:06 PM #4

Serious MoneySaving Fan ★★

Join Date: Oct 2006 Posts: 1,516

I have heard it is not cost effective as for every child information will have to be provided plus you have to be contacted to be told what is going on which costs some money.

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GiveItBack 27-02-2008, 4:35 PM #5

Serious MoneySaving Fan ★★

Join Date: Aug 2006 Posts: 1,413

It's quite natural to want to see the help going to one person, but do consider that there are natural costs involved in keeping donors up to date with how things are going. Smaller charities sometimes need less stringent accounting and governance which keeps costs down. Statistically, the charities with the lowest costs as a percentage are the upper middle sized ones. Small ones still need to pay for things, so their costs are a big chunk of their overall spending, big giant ones spend a little more maintaining systems, keeping their donors involved and looking to long term funding. Regular donations by direct debit/deed of covenant are best, keeps the charities costs down, and gives them regular income. Gift Aid if you're eligible too.

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