Volunteer Placement Profile
Orphanage Childcare Volunteer

Good Hope Orphanage and School
Arusha, Tanzania
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Job Description

Good Hope Orphanage and School has only 2 local mamas to attend to the many needs of the children, therefore, volunteers are greatly appreciated to ease the workload of these dedicated people who work to ensure that these children have a safe and nurturing environment. A childcare volunteer would have a wide range of duties including helping with the daily operation of the facility and assisting with basic childcare chores.

The mamas are working really hard to make sure that the children are safe, well nourished, happy and receive an education; this requires a great deal of attention and with only 2 mamas to provide for their many needs, the work is non ending.

Volunteers would be very much appreciated to share in this workload, as well as provide stimulating entertainment for the children, who always enjoy meeting foreign people which helps them to expand their knowledge of the world.

Good Hope Orphanage would like to have volunteers who have knowledge in childcare work and are able to exchange with the mamas different ideas regarding childcare. However, experience in this field is not mandatory. Volunteers do need to enjoy working and caring for young children and have the stamina to do so.

Volunteer Tasks Required

Bath & Dress Children

A childcare volunteer may be asked to help with the bathing and dressing of the children at the Good Hope Orphanage. With only two mama’s to do all the work bath time can get quite chaotic.

Extra Curricular Activities

These may involve art classes, sports activities and/or music and dance. These activities, when possible, should focus not only on providing a enjoyable outlet for the children but also be aimed at teaching healthy and positive lifestyles.
Household Chores

A childcare volunteer may be asked to help in the general cleaning of the classrooms and bedrooms as well as assist in maintaining the yard and garden plus care of the chickens.

Mealtime

A childcare volunteer may be asked to assist the orphanage mama's: with help in preparing the children's meals of traditional Tanzanian food, distributing the food to the children and helping to feed the children who require assistants also to help in the clean up after the meals.
Organization Details

Good Hope Orphanage is a home for children in the Arusha area who are orphans and do not have a nuclear family to care for them. The goal of Good Hope Orphanage is to provide a loving and safe environment for children who are destitute in and around the Arusha community. The primary objective is to not only provide a home but provide each child with the skills that they will need to be independent and provide for themselves. This goal is achieved through the creation of both an orphanage and a school where the children attend to learn various lessons.

As a result of the high HIV/AIDS rate in Tanzania, many children are left without parents and proper care. Asha Mohammed, the director of Good Hope vowed to take action against the devastation caused by HIV/AIDS, and the poor health care and educational services due to the impoverished state of Tanzania's economy. Orphans come to the orphanage center when they can no longer be cared for by their sick or poor guardians or their parental guardians have passed away due to AIDS or other life threatening diseases. There are currently 15 orphans that live at Good Hope full time and also attend Good Hope's schooling services. The children's ages in the home range from 3 to 7 years old and the orphanage is co-ed. In addition to the orphans, 218 local children attend Good Hope's school and then return to their respective homes at the end of the day, the school has a total number of 9 teachers. When the children turn 12, Ally Mohammed, Asha's son and co-director of Good Hope will teach an HIV/AIDS prevention and information class to the children.

When the Organization was Founded

Good Hope Orphanage and School were started in May 2006 by the Mohammed family, who own the school and orphanage compound in Ngusero. The compound consists of an orphanage building and a school building. The school started out with one teacher, Veronica and one classroom. The school's attendants is now approximately 218 students.

How the Organization is Funded

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Good Hope Orphanage and School gets funding from different donors; they get donations from individual donors, private companies and from different projects, in order to be financially stable. Despite all the drought in the area where Good Hope is located they still try to grow vegetables for the children. Some children that go to this school pay school fees which is considered part of the donations to the organization. They have a cow for milk and chickens for eggs, for the kids which saves them a lot by not having to buy eggs and milk elsewhere.

Role of Religion Within This Organization

No religious affiliations are associated with this organization. Christianity and Islamic traditions are widely believed therefore you may find that there are co-workers or children at the orphanage that have beliefs in either Christianity or Islamic teachings.
Placement Location Information

Good Hope Orphanage and School is located in Ngusero Village outside of Arusha city. This Orphanage shares its compound with the Good Hope School, and Just Us Friends Clinic and Laboratory. There are 15 kids at the orphanage, 8 boys and 7 girls.

The building for this orphanage is very well built with lots of space for the 15 kids and their caregivers. The inside rooms are painted; red for the girls and light green for the boys. In the gathering room there is a large table and chairs where the kids eat and do their homework. There is a small room which is used as an office for the staff and official guests. There are lots of educational pictures hanging on the walls of the gathering room; a picture of a world map and numbers for the young kids to use for counting and math.

The area where this orphanage is located is approximately a 25 minute walk from Sokoine Road to the city of Arusha, or you can take a daladala into town.

City Description

The city of Arusha has an estimated population of around one million people and sits at the foot of Mount Meru. Mount Meru is the fifth highest peak in Africa; it is a few hundred meters shorter than Kilimanjaro which is the highest mountain in Africa and encompasses three volcanic cones; Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira (don't worry, they're not active!)

Arusha is surrounded by some of the most beautiful landscape on the planet. With easy access to the Arusha National Park, Serengeti, Lake Manyara and Tarangire National Park there is never a shortage of things to do!

Arusha is considered to be one of the best African cities when it comes to great weather and tourism combined.

Arusha is a busy industrial and administrative centre. Some of the main manufacture products include textiles, beverages, processed foods, plastics and electronic equipment. It is well known for the African Congress Centre and the International Tribunal for the Rwandan Genocide.
Points of Interest

The city of Arusha was settled by German colonists in the early 1900’s. Many of the historical buildings from this period have been left behind or converted, including the German Military Base Boma which is now a Natural History Museum located in the centre of the city. The city also features the Arusha Declaration Museum which displays the history of Arusha and Tanzania in general.

There are a number of markets in Arusha, located in the centre of the city. These include the Central Market of Arusha which is the biggest market in the city, as well as the Maasai Market, (curio and craft market), which is the biggest souvenir market in Tanzania.

Weather in the Area

Despite its closeness to the equator, Arusha's elevation of 1400 mm on the southern slopes of Mount Meru keeps temperatures down and alleviates humidity. Cool dry air is prevalent for the majority of the year. The temperature ranges between 13 and 30 degrees Celsius with an average of around 25 degrees.

Arusha has distinct wet and dry seasons and experiences an eastern prevailing wind from the Indian Ocean, a couple of hundred miles east. Highest average rainfall occurs in March, April and May.

Transportation From BaseCamp

From BaseCamp, take a 20 minute daladala to the Meru Post Office, getting off at the stop called "Nazz". From there walk about two minutes towards the mini bus station; at the area called Sambena take a 30 minute daladala to Ngusero. To get to Good Hope, wait until the last stop. After you get off the daladala, walk straight down the road to Good Hope Orphanage. Travel time will depend on traffic and how quickly buses fill up. It will range from 50 minutes to over an hour. Returning to BaseCamp is usually much faster than travelling to Good Hope.
Accommodation and Meals

All of our volunteers begin their stay in Tanzania at our BaseCamp Center in Ngaramtoni - Arusha. Given that this placement is less than a 1 hour and 15 minute commute from BaseCamp, volunteers working here will have the option of living with us at BaseCamp or living with a host family.

The following information outlines a brief description of life at BaseCamp and also what someone can expect living with a host family in Tanzania. Once you have completed our application, you can let our staff know if you would prefer to live with a host family. Otherwise, your application will default to having you live with us at BaseCamp.

If you have any questions about the difference between life at BaseCamp or life with a host family in Tanzania you can always give us a call or send us an email. Our contact details are listed in the footer of every page of the site.
BaseCamp Tanzania is located in the Kijenge area of Arusha. The centre is located just a few minutes from the famous Clock-Tower and many amenities such as banks, internet cafes and international calling centres. You can also find some great local markets selling everything from fresh fruit and fish, to beautiful wooden carvings and amazing East African paintings! Arusha is a comfortable place to live with many of the conveniences of home, while still allowing travellers to experience the African way of life.

BaseCamp Tanzania is set up with a number of dormitory style rooms. Pillows, sheets and blankets are provided. The house has a large covered balcony on the main floor with a spectacular view! There is also a large common room on the lower level with a small resource centre containing books, magazines, movies, games and

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Kijenge Ya Chini Mt. Meru Gas Station  
Ngaramtoni - Arusha, Tanzania

**Contact Details**

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other African publications. Outside is a beautiful lawn and garden that overlooks the city and is an ideal setting to catch up on email, review some Swahili or just enjoy a quiet afternoon. Wireless internet access is available throughout the house, making it easy to stay in touch with friends and family back home.

The meal plan at BaseCamp is a 14 day rotating schedule of a variety of traditional dishes from around the country. This allows volunteers to try a wide range of Tanzanian dishes and to gain some knowledge of the food served and meal etiquette before living with a host family. For those who stay on in BaseCamp, the 14 day schedule allows for lots of variety.

BaseCamp Tanzania is also the training and orientation centre. Each day volunteers will spend part of the day in lectures or workshops at BaseCamp and part of the day exploring the city and learning how to get around comfortably on their own.
Living with a host family in Tanzania is a fantastic way to gain a deep understanding of and appreciation for the people and customs of the country. Each home-stay will provide a bed and three meals per day for our volunteers. The majority of host families offer private rooms with only one or two volunteers living with the family.

Living with a host family can greatly enhance your performance at your placement. For one, it will have a huge influence on the speed with which you gain familiarity with the local language. This, along with your deeper understanding of cultural practices and beliefs that you are likely to gain in this environment, can go a long way to improving or strengthening your relationships with your team mates at work. Furthermore, a significant percentage of our host families are closely affiliated with the organizations with which our volunteers work. As such, even the evening meal or hanging out around the house can become valuable time during which volunteers can share their ideas and continue their support of their host organization.

All of this being said, living with a host family is not for everyone. It is very important for volunteers to honor the house rules in their host family and to be punctual. Also,
depending on how remote your placement location, host families can be very rustic. Our staff in country can give you a better idea of what exactly you can expect from a host family in any particular community. However, in general, if these things sound like they might pose a challenge for you, we strongly suggest that you look at a placement within commuting distance from BaseCamp Tanzania.
How the Program Works

Our program structure and costing is completely flexible which lets our volunteers ensure that they only pay for exactly the degree of support that they want.

Option 1 - Free Services

Some volunteers prefer to coordinate their own accommodation, meals and other support while overseas.

Anyone is welcome to use our volunteer placement search tool to help in finding a placement that is well suited to their interests. Once someone finds a placement that they wish to work with, they are welcome to make all the rest of their arrangements on their own.

As well, our team of staff overseas are often able to offer a few helpful pointers for volunteers 'doing it on their own'. Just send us an email with your questions and we will put you in touch with our team abroad. We only ask that you keep your requests fairly general, as this type of advice is exactly how our team earn their living. :)

Option 2 - Placement Support - 250 USD

Other volunteers would like assistance in selecting and confirming their placement, but they plan to manage their own accommodation and other expenses on their own.

These volunteers have the option of choosing to only have our assistance with selecting and confirming their placement. This option also includes ongoing placement support while abroad, so a volunteer would be able to ask our team for help if things at their placement were not working out.

In providing Placement Support, our team works with each volunteer through email, telephone and either Skype or Google Hangouts, to ensure that each volunteer has a clear understanding of their placement options. Our in-country staff will put together a custom list of placement options for each volunteer that they believe are the most appropriate matches with the volunteer's background, skills and interests.
Then each volunteer can work with our team both in Canada and abroad to go through each of the options and narrow-down their selection.

**Option 3 - Full Program Support**

For most volunteers who are volunteering for less than a year, they are looking for an option that includes their accommodation, meals, airport reception, country and program orientation and placement support. This is what our Program Fees are designed for.

We are proud of how over the years we have ensured that our program fees are amongst the most reasonable of any program in the world while we continue to provide exceptional volunteer support both at home and abroad.

Our Program Fees and listings of what these do and do not include are listed below:
## Program Fees Tanzania

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All program fees are listed in US Dollars.

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**This placement has a placement fee!**

In some cases, a placement will have to take on certain expenses in order to host a volunteer. For example, some medical internship placements take time away from paid medical staff to help with educational assistance. This has a cost that is compensated by a placement fee. In other cases, the organization may have to pay for additional equipment, energy consumption or other expense in order to put a volunteer to work.

In such cases, the organization charges a fee. This fee is paid directly to the organization in cash on the ground and IS NOT part of your Program Fees.
One of the reasons that we keep this fee separate is so that volunteers who do not pay us for accommodation, meals etc (Program Fees), will see that they will still have to make this payment directly to the organization upon their arrival.

The placement fee for this organization is: 25 USD / week
Inclusions & Exclusions

What is Included

- Pre-Departure support
- Placement consultation
- Airport reception & transfer
- 2 Day orientation
- Accommodation (BaseCamp or host family)
- Breakfast and dinner
- Emergency & placement support

What is Not Included

Before Departure

- International flight
- Travel medical insurance
- Visa costs where required
- Work permits where required

While Overseas

- Daily transportation to and from placement
- Transport to airport on departure
- Placement fees if required
Program Dates

Our regularly scheduled program start dates are the first Friday of each month, every month of the year. We strongly recommend beginning your program on one of these dates as this will allow you to go through our orientation alongside other international volunteers.

If you would prefer, our application will also allow you to select a custom start date for your program. Keep in mind that there is an additional fee for a custom start date which ranges from 50 to 75 USD.

| Jun 07, 2019 | Jul 05, 2019 | Aug 02, 2019 |
| Sep 06, 2019 | Oct 04, 2019 | Nov 01, 2019 |
| Dec 06, 2019 | Jan 03, 2020 | Feb 07, 2020 |
| Mar 06, 2020 | Apr 03, 2020 | May 01, 2020 |
| Jun 05, 2020 | Jul 03, 2020 | Aug 07, 2020 |
| Sep 04, 2020 | Oct 02, 2020 | Nov 06, 2020 |
| Dec 04, 2020 | Jan 01, 2021 | Feb 05, 2021 |
| Mar 05, 2021 | Apr 02, 2021 | May 07, 2021 |

**PLEASE NOTE:**

These dates are the day that volunteers should plan to arrive on the ground in country. We can accommodate arrivals in-country at any time day or night on these dates.