



GLORIOSA EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Sponsor only - Information

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Requirements to be a sponsor

Sponsorship does not involve paying for participants, but rather ensuring that they derive the utmost spiritual benefit from the Walk. This is a commitment that should not be taken lightly and can only be fulfilled by someone who has been on a Walk to Emmaus.

Cost

The current cost of the three days is R900.00 and should be settled before the Walk starts. The payment reference is the pilgrim's name.

Why do we sponsor?

One should sponsor with the following aim – to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians, who in turn will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace and community.

Selection of suitable applicants:

This should be done prayerfully and in consultation with your Reunion Group and your pilgrim's Minister/Pastor, to determine whether now is a good time for this applicant.

Support for the Walk, before and after

You must undertake to:

- pray for the applicant prior to the Walk, during the Walk + after the Walk
- explain the Walk to the applicant and his/her spouse
- discuss the Walk with his/her family, and care for them during the Walk
- encourage the pilgrim to leave his/her cell phone and computer at home!
- arrange for transport to and from the Walk
- participate in all the activities that make the weekend a special blessing, i.e. Sponsor's Hour, Send Off, Candlelight + Closing
- Help the applicant attend follow-up activities after the Walk

Things to avoid in sponsorship

- Do not sponsor a pilgrim because you believe they will have fun!
- Do not sponsor a pilgrim to fix his/her problem(s).
- Do not sponsor if you are on team for the same weekend, because
 - You cannot fulfil your sponsorship duties fully since the pilgrim's family cannot contact you if necessary
 - You cannot effectively pray for your pilgrim
 - You cannot transport your pilgrim to and from the venue
 - You cannot attend the activities that make the weekend a special blessing
- Do not sponsor Persons undergoing severe emotional crises
- Do not sponsor Christians whose theology is notably different or incompatible with the traditional theology as represented on the Walk to Emmaus
- Do not sponsor Members of independent religious groups who will feel a need to defend the uniqueness of their beliefs throughout the Walk
- Do not sponsor just because you had a wonderful time and therefore you believe everyone will – this is not true.
- Do not tell people they simply HAVE to attend Emmaus; Emmaus is a ministry; it is not THE ministry.

Thank you for sponsoring – it is the most important job in Emmaus!

SPONSOR ONLY - CHECKLIST FOR A WALK TO EMMAUS



A pilgrim's attendance at a Walk needs to be prayerfully considered, and is dependent on you as a sponsor fulfilling your obligations.

Please read the following checklist carefully and initial next to each responsibility to indicate that this sponsorship has been approached appropriately.

This form must please be returned with the pilgrim's Application Form for the Registrar to consider the application.

Pilgrim's name: _____

1. I have prayerfully considered this pilgrim's suitability and readiness for the Walk.	
2. The pilgrim is currently committed to or involved in the church.	
3. I have approached the pilgrim's minister/pastor who indicated his/her support by signing the Application Form.	
4. I have explained the Emmaus programme and the financial implication to the pilgrim.	
5. I have taken/will take a prayer slot on the 72hour prayer schedule.	
6. I have organized and will collect Agape letters for the pilgrim. No presents, flowers, etc. please.	
7. I am aware of my commitment to my pilgrim over the Walk -	
7.1 I have arranged to take my pilgrim to the Walk and to care for his/her family during the Walk	
7.2 I will attend Sponsor's Hour, pray for my pilgrim and take part in the Send-Off	
7.3 I will attend Candlelight	
7.4 I will attend the Closing ceremony	
7.5 I will collect my pilgrim at the end of the Walk	
8. I will encourage my pilgrim to join a Reunion Group. Name of group:	
9. I will encourage my pilgrim to attend future Gatherings with me	
10. I will encourage my pilgrim to follow through on fresh hopes and new commitments	
11. I will encourage my pilgrim to serve the Emmaus community (and future Walks)	
12. I will help my pilgrim sponsor others	
13. I will continue to pray for my pilgrim	
14. Is the applicant married?Is the spouse also being sponsored?	
15. If I am chosen to be on team and my pilgrim accepts to attend that same Walk, I will arrange for someone else to take over my sponsorship duties. Alternatively, I will inform the Lay Director and Registrar who need to make sure that I work in the Support team, not the Conference team.	

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

CELL NO: _____

HOME NO: _____

WORK NO: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE: _____