



# 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



*Walk to*  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

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:** \_\_\_\_\_