

## Trinity's Hope Adopt-a-Rider Child and Horse Sponsorship



The Trinity's Hope rider sponsorship program was developed as a joint effort between non-profit organization HOPE Unites and Trinity Stables, of Dansville NY, and aims to help support the HIV/AIDS orphanage, Children of Zion Village, in Namibia, Africa. The orphanage is using horses to develop self-esteem and confidence in the lives of the children who live there. Trinity's Hope is about involving individuals, families, churches, 4-H or Pony Clubs into the lives of the African children, by letting them "adopt a rider" and help to support the program that has such positive affects on their lives.

Home to 55 children, most of them orphaned by AIDS, Children of Zion is a place of safety and love for children whose lives have been filled with turmoil—but most of all it is a place they call home. Children of Zion currently has fourteen horses, which the children ride, care for, and take riding lessons on, taught by HOPE Unites missionary Sarah Haver. Sarah has seen miracles happen through the horses—abandoned children, some of them former slaves or HIV positive, have learned to trust and love the gentle animals, and have gained confidence in caring for and learning to ride and control them. The children adore their horses and ride every chance they get—their joy can be seen in a smile as they go over their first jump, or heard in their laughter as they swim the horses in the Zambezi River or gallop through the bush. Horses are unparalleled in their healing and therapeutic nature—this can be seen every day at Children of Zion!

The program is desperately in need of financial assistance as the horses are extremely expensive to feed and care for. Veterinary emergencies are frequent, and the horses continue to die because of the lack of medicines and veterinary care, devastating the children. The home also has very little access to proper riding equipment—the number one wish of the kids is to have their own pair of riding boots.

To participate in Trinity's HOPE, people may donate either horse supplies or funds, either as a one-time donation or sponsor a horse and rider on a regular basis donating \$25 a month for their child. Monthly sponsors will receive a packet of information, with a DVD, pictures and a letter of information about their child. Quarterly newsletters will keep sponsors updated and semi-annual letters from the child will allow the sponsor to bond with their rider. Funds will be used for feed, veterinary care and medicines for the child's horse, necessary equipment for the child, and a new horse fund. All contributions are tax deductible and can be made online.

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 YES! I'd like to do a one-year sponsorship for a rider from Children of Zion Village!  
I'd like to sponsor a: (circle one) boy girl doesn't matter

I'd like to make a one-time donation to Trinity's Hope of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I'd like an informational DVD on Trinity's Hope and the sponsorship program!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, check out [www.TrinitysHope.com](http://www.TrinitysHope.com)!