



LAFTI Hostel – Sponsorship Form

Omid International www.omid.org.uk is a charitable organisation with the aim of relieving financial hardship of the poor living in the developing countries and the UK. We are currently funding a hostel for children in India, run by LAFTI.

LAFTI (Land for Tillers), www.lafti.net; www.friendsoflafti.org, is based in Tamil Nadu State, South East India. It helps the Dalit poor (so called untouchables) through land distribution, house building and promoting literacy for farm workers and their children. Children of Dalit families generally have to work on the land to help their parents. LAFTI runs three hostels in two villages as part of its literacy campaign. Omid International is funding a fourth hostel for up to 50 children with support from sponsors in the UK & USA.

The hostel has been fully residential since May 2010. It caters for children aged between 5 & 18 years and attend the local primary and secondary schools. LAFTI staff maintain regular contact with the families to ensure that parents remain involved with their children's care. The hostel is open throughout the year to care for children whose parents are unable to look after them. Omid International aims to continue supporting the children until they complete their education.

We follow the children's progress through regular contact with the staff & twice yearly visits to the hostel. The photos of the hostel activities are on the website. The sponsors can be allocated a specific child if they so wish. They are welcome to correspond with the children or visit the hostel at anytime.

The total cost per child is just over £25.00 per month / £300.00 per year. This covers the general running of the hostel and the children's tuition and other educational resources. Payments by Standing Order reduce administrative costs and will be much appreciated.

The charity's bank account details are:

Name of Bank: Lloyds TSB
Branch: Silver Street Enfield
Sort Code: 30-99-86
Account name: Omid International – LAFTI UK
Account number: 04612418
IBAN: GB63 LOYD3099 8604 6124 18
BIC: LOYDGB21043

We hope you will support us to provide education & care for these children.

Dr K Saedi
Chair of Trustees