



Watoto

Children's Choir Presents

BETTER DAYS

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HOST HOME INFORMATION

MALES:

Group 1 | Uncle Arthur; Child

Host Name:

Address

Phone:

Email:

Group 2 | Uncle Martin; Child

Host Name:

Address

Phone:

Email:

Group 3 | Uncle Emmanuel; Child

Host Name:

Address

Phone:

Email:

Group 4 | Uncle Byron (Cheese sensitivity); Child

Host Name:

Address

Phone:

Email:

Group 5 | Uncle Jonathan; Child

Host Name:

Address

Phone:

Email:

Group 6 | Uncle John; Child, Child

Host Name:

Address

Phone:

Email:

FEMALES

Group 7 | Auntie Jonivah; Child, Child

Host Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Group 8 | Auntie Elizabeth (Fish allergy); Child, Child

Host Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Group 9 | Auntie Pauline; Child, Child

Host Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Group 10 | Auntie Carolyn; Child

Host Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please note: These contact details enable us to know where our children are staying, and allow us to contact the appropriate hosts, for example, in the event of an emergency.

GUIDELINES FOR HOST HOMES

Thank you for opening your home and hearts to Watoto. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated! The following guidelines and suggestions will help you and the children have a wonderful time together.

PERFORMANCE NIGHT	Your guests can be picked up approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes after the concert has ended. (For example, if the concert ends by 8:15pm, the children and their adult chaperone should be ready to leave with their hosts by 9:30pm.) This gives the team time to pack up their equipment and change out of their concert uniforms. This may take a little longer at the beginning of the tour as the team gets used to the new procedures. It is important that the children get plenty of sleep. We know that you will want a chance to get to know the children and their Uncle/Auntie, but we ask that they get to bed at a reasonable hour.
SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS	We ask that the adult and child/ren have separate sleeping places (<i>same room is permitted, same floor of the home is preferred</i>). Adults and children cannot share beds, however two same-gender children may share a bed. You can use an inflatable mattress and couches/pull out couches to help with this arrangement. If a home is hosting more than one group, we ask that adults do not share beds. The team does not travel with their own bedding, therefore we thank you for providing these items to your group. The bus will carry a <i>limited</i> number of air mattresses and sleeping bags, available to support these accommodations upon request.
FOLLOWING MORNING	Please ensure that your guests have sufficient time for breakfast and travel to the scheduled location at the arranged time the following day. The arranged time will be confirmed by the Choir Team Leader , approximately 7 days before the choir's visit, therefore please check with your Host Home Coordinator for updates. Dropoff times are usually between 8:00am and 9:30am. Sunday mornings are often earlier due to Sunday morning concerts.
PERSONAL CARE	Watoto adults (Auntie/Uncle) stay with the children and will care for their personal needs, such as bathing, combing hair, etc. The team does not travel with their own towels or washcloths; please provide these items to your group. Their chaperones will also care for the discipline and correction of the children, should that be necessary.
GETTING TO KNOW YOU	In the Ugandan culture, children are taught to be very respectful of adults and, therefore, tend to be quiet until they get to know you. Please do not think that the children are unfriendly or ungrateful if they appear to be quiet or shy. This is their first time leaving Uganda, so everything is very new and different for them. Please show them love and they will love you back!
PETS	Ugandans are not used to having pets in their home. Some children may be apprehensive to be around your furry friend! Please be sensitive to this cultural difference if you find that you are hosting a child who may be a little nervous around your pet.

GIFTS & DONATIONS

We appreciate that you may want to bless the individuals staying in your home with a small gift. The Watoto Children's Choir adheres to Watoto's Gift Policy. They serve as a team: any physical or monetary gifts offered to choir members **will** be set aside for them, pooled and fairly distributed amongst the children. This helps to ensure that all our children are blessed with a gift on special occasions.

We appreciate that you may wish to donate clothes, toys, stationery, books, snack or bulk food products and other miscellaneous items to the choir. **Unfortunately, we are unable to accept general donations due to limited space on the bus.** *On occasion*, exceptions may be made. Please communicate with the Team Leader or the Watoto adult in your host home group to determine the current needs of the choir before donating goods.

MEALS

The group is thankful to be hosted by you and will appreciate any food that is prepared for them. There are minimal diet restrictions amongst the choir members: **one adult has a fish allergy, and another a cheese sensitivity** (further noted on the accommodations list). **The team is grateful to be hosted by your community and will eat any type of meal provided.** We invite you to share the foods of your culture or of Canadian culture to better support the experience of the children as they travel. If this is uncomfortable for you, or if you deeply prefer to provide traditional African dishes, perhaps try an internet search on "traditional Ugandan foods".

Please provide a light late-night snack, breakfast and a bagged lunch for each member of your group. Bagged lunches are not necessary for Saturday night hosts, as the Sunday morning church will provide lunch for the choir on Sunday.

Some meal ideas are:

Evening snack: milk, hot chocolate, toast, grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, fruit, crackers and dips, dinner leftovers, frozen items that can be heated in the oven

Breakfast: eggs (fried, scrambled, poached, hard boiled), beans, rice, cooked meats, cereal, pancakes, yogurt, fruits, waffles

Bagged lunch: Rice dish with protein, fruit, sandwiches with peanut butter/jam/honey, plain or savoury croissants. Any type of packaged snack products (bars, puddings, jellies, chips, etc.), muffins, cookies, juice boxes.

Drinks: Water, juice, iced tea, milk, hot chocolate, coffee and tea (for the adults)

Please avoid candy and soft drinks

TV & MOVIES

The children of Watoto are not used to watching TV and videos, except on rare occasions. What they do watch is generally of a Christian nature. We ask that you defer to the Watoto adult, and limit TV viewing to no more than 1 hour.

PHONE & COMPUTER USE

Watoto adults and children are not permitted to use host home telephones, cell phones, computers and tablet devices. We request that you **not** offer these services to them.

LAUNDRY

It would be a blessing if you could provide laundry facilities to the team. Please operate these machines for them or provide clear instructions on how to operate a washing machine and dryer; many Ugandans are not familiar with these machines.

ALCOHOL & SMOKING

Due to cultural differences, we would greatly appreciate it if you would refrain from drinking alcohol or using tobacco, marijuana or vaping products around the Watoto team while they are in your home.

TRANSPORT

You will be required to transport your group to and from the venue. We ask that children do not sit in the front passenger seat. For children under 36kgs (80lbs) in weight and less than 145cm (4ft, 9in) tall, a booster seat will be provided to you. We ask that the booster seat be used when transporting the child(ren).

**MONDAY/DAY
OFF**

(Applicable only
to Sunday night
host homes)

Monday is the choir's day off. Generally, they would prefer to have a quiet, restful day in your home. They usually appreciate being able to sleep in and enjoy taking a day to relax. Depending on your comfort level, it is perfectly acceptable for the groups to be left unaccompanied during the day - they will simply rest and need not be entertained.

If you would like to plan an afternoon activity or outing, please confirm this with your Uncle/Auntie when you meet them.

ON BEHALF OF WATOTO, THANK YOU FOR HOSTING US.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

FEEDBACK FORM FOR HOST HOMES

(Please provide a copy of this form to each host home.)

Dear Host Family,

We want to thank you for your hospitality and your willingness to host members of the Watoto Children's Choir in your home. We would love to hear feedback about your time with the choir. After completing the below questions, please give this information to the Watoto Children's Choir Team Leader, **Aloysious Komakech** ; alternatively, please send it to choir@watoto.ca.

Thank you again for your generosity towards the choir. We trust you had a great hosting experience!

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Host Church:

Names of individuals hosted (if known):

Were your expectations of hosting the choir met, according to the Host Home Guidelines you received prior to the team's arrival? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please comment:

Were you able to interact with the children and adult leaders comfortably? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please comment:

Did you find there was enough time to spend with the members you hosted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Overall, did you enjoy the experience of hosting the Watoto Children's Choir and would you offer to host them again in future? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please comment:

Do you have any additional comments about your experience hosting the Watoto Children's choir?

