



GUIDELINES FOR HOST HOMES

Dear Host,

(Please photocopy & distribute to hosts)

Thank you so much 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. On behalf of Watoto thank you for hosting us. We look forward to meeting you!

PERFORMANCE NIGHT Your guests can be collected approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes after the concert has finished. This will give the team time to pack up their equipment and change out of their concert uniforms. It's important that the children get plenty of sleep. We know that you will want a chance to visit with them, but we ask that they get to bed at a reasonable hour. The team does not travel with any bedding so we ask that you provide them with these essentials. The children are able to share a bed or sleep with bedding on the floor if necessary.

FOLLOWING MORNING Please ensure that your guests are woken up in plenty of time to have breakfast and be back to the scheduled location at the arranged time the following day. Please check with the church or school coordinator regarding the scheduled location and arranged time.

PERSONAL CARE The adult team member ("Auntie or Uncle") will be staying with the children and will care for their personal needs such as bathing, combing hair, etc. These guardians will also care for the discipline and correction of the children, should that be necessary.

LAUNDRY It would be a blessing if you could provide laundry facilities to the team.

MEALS The children will eat anything that is set before them. Please provide breakfast and a packed lunch for the team. There are no food allergies that you need to be aware of. Please avoid giving the children candy/soda, etc.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU In the African 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. As this is their first time leaving Uganda, everything is very new and different for them. Show them love and they will love you back!

GIFTS 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 sponsorship gift policy; any physical or monetary gifts given to choir members will be pooled and fairly distributed to the children.

TV & MOVIES The children in Watoto are not used to watching TV and videos except on rare occasion. What they do watch is generally of a Christian nature. We humbly ask that you limit TV viewing to no more than 1-hour and kindly use viewer discretion.

PHONE & COMPUTER USE Watoto adults and children are not permitted to use host home telephones, computers or their Wi-Fi. We request that you not offer these services to them.

ALCOHOL & SMOKING Due to a difference in culture we would greatly appreciate it if you would refrain from drinking alcohol or smoking around the Watoto team while they are in your home.

MONDAY / DAY OFF Monday is the choir's day off. We would appreciate it if you are hosting the children on a Monday you allow them to stay in your home for the day. They do not need to be entertained and would probably prefer a quiet, restful day. If alternate arrangements need to be made please contact the team leader or concert coordinator.