

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Should I, _____ (applicant name) be deemed qualified as a recipient member of The Box Project. I agree to the following:

- Write or communicate with my sponsor after receiving any box or letter.
- Share information about my family and my home regularly.
- Inform my sponsor of any special needs; such as medical needs.
- Keep my sponsor and The Box Project informed of any changes within my family or household (marriages, births, deaths, divorce, etc.).
- Contact The Box Project and my sponsor immediately if I move to another address or change my phone number.
- Keep myself informed about The Box Project through the newsletter or the Web site: www.boxproject.org
- Contact The Box Project and my sponsor if my financial status changes.
- Ask my sponsor only for basic need items for my family listed on the application submitted with this agreement.
- Do not ask for money, payments of bills or luxury items (like "name brand" clothing, expensive toys, computers or play stations)

A Sponsor agrees to:

- Try to develop a personal relationship with match family
- Provide friendship, encouragement, advice and boxes of basic needs about once per month.
- Encourage educational and vocational training, with the hope of helping their family break the cycle of poverty and become self-reliant.

The Box Project agrees to:

- Strive to match your family with a sponsor-family or group who will provide friendship, encouragement, advice and boxes of basic needs about once per month.
- Provide periodic newsletter containing articles and information or resources that might benefit you.
- Provide help to resolve issues between you and your sponsor.

Consent and Release for Photography, Videotaping and Creative Works:

By submitting your photo/creative works to us or signing this agreement you are giving us permission to legally use photos/creative works of you or your child to publish in any medium whatsoever including but not limited to publications, websites, broadcast, display and exhibitions to promote philanthropy and the missions of The Box Project and The Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi. I agree that I and/or child shall have no right, title or interest in any photo/ creative works and waive any right to compensation for such use.

Important Notice:

The Box Project matches families with the intention that they will develop a long distance relationship and communicate through letters or e-mail. Phone calls or face-to-face meetings are not part of our program, and you are not required to have phone calls or in-person visits just because your sponsor requests it. Please do not call your sponsor unless they have specifically asked you to call.

The Box Project primarily uses referring agencies to enroll applicants in the program. The Box Project does not screen sponsors for criminal backgrounds or any other personal information.

The Box Project is not responsible for any relationship outside of letters, email, and boxes. The relationship is at your own risk and responsibility; The Box Project does not accept any liability if both you and your sponsor agree that you want to include telephone calls, face-to-face meetings, or visits to each other's homes. You are under no obligation to have telephone visits or meet face-to-face with your sponsor. If you ever feel that the relationship with your sponsor is inappropriate, makes you uncomfortable, or feels unsafe please notify The Box Project immediately so we can address your concerns.

I have read or had explained to me The Box Project Membership Agreement. And understand that if I do not keep to the terms of this agreement, The Box Project retains the right to terminate my membership.

I understand that if I am not matched with a sponsor family within one year from the date of this application, I will need to reapply with a local agency to remain on the list.

(Date)

(Applicant's Signature)

(Print Name)

The Box Project is a program of the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, a non-profit agency that matches families for friendship, mentoring, cultural insights, and aid for basic needs. Our sponsor families look forward to communicating with you, getting to know you and offering you aid with basic needs as best they can. However, the most important goal of our Family Match Program is to promote understanding and communication between you and your Sponsor Family. If selected, you will be expected to be in touch with your sponsor on a regular basis.