

Hi,

Thank you for contacting Sanyu Babies' Home. The mission of the home is to provide Christ-like love to babies and children deprived of parental love; and reintegrating them into community through reuniting them with their families, fostering or adoption. Sanyu is a charitable organisation that almost entirely relies on the support of volunteers like yourself, and general visitors, to keep the home running successfully.

Volunteering Opportunities:

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities here, all depending on your skills base. We welcome people who are trained in the fields of medicine, social work, construction and accounting, as well as general volunteers who can help within different departments in the home. These include the Care Workers department (feeding, changing and playing with the children), the Domestic department, Nursing Station, Office & Administration and the general compound. If you don't have the experience of handling babies, don't worry, we have staff on hand to assist you.

The children follow a strict timetable – during weekdays, the mornings are spent in class and afternoons are for playtime. On weekends, both the mornings and afternoons are for playtime. Volunteers are expected to help out in either or both of these activities, working alongside the Mothers of the home. We specifically appreciate help with the midnight and 5 am feed for the babies.

Volunteer Working Hours:

There are set working shifts to which the volunteers MUST adhere to, which are as follows:

Morning shifts:

7:30 am – noon OR 9 am – 1 pm

Afternoon shift:

3 pm - 7 pm

Mixed Shift:

7:30 am - 9 am AND 5:30 pm – 7 pm

(Guesthouse volunteers: you are expected to help **at least one night a week** with the

5 am feed or mid night feed.)

We still want to ensure that Sanyu offers you as much flexibility as possible for you to travel to surrounding areas, explore the city etc. Therefore, please note that you are not expected to work morning and afternoon shifts everyday, seven days a week.

However, if you do intend to work in the morning and/or afternoon then please ensure that you strictly adhere to the above working hours for that time of the day.

Household Chores:

For every shift which you partake in, you are required to assist the Mothers' work by completing at least ONE HOUR of general chores. The work includes washing clothes, sorting shoes, cleaning the dining and sleeping areas, making beds, washing up, cleaning and assisting in the wash and bathroom areas and cleaning toys and mats. There will be a clear timetable in the guesthouse and in the home as to the time and place in which you will be most required to help assist in general chores.

Weekends:

This is the time of the week when we require the most help from volunteers, as local class visits, university students and other helpers normally only come to help during week days. We therefore would ask you to be considerate of this fact and try, where possible, to plan any day/two day trips to visit other areas, to take place on week days.

There are many safari companies in the area. AMII Tours and Travel is a reliable and affordable choice for your African safari. It is wise to book well in advance so you will be able to choose the days of your trip. Please call +256774593311 or +256 755451828 or email amandaenl@gmail.com. You can visit their blog – www.amiitours.com/blog.

Donating Items:

If you would like to donate items to the home, we are especially interested in

- baby formula milk,
- pampers,
- baby wipes,
- Milton sterilizing tablets,
- disposable gloves,
- plastic toys,
- durable books
- shoes for the toddlers.

Every gift, however big or small, will help to change the lives of the children so we thank you in advance.

Guesthouse:

The on-site guesthouse has accommodation available for volunteers. The rates below include bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast and lunch are self-service and include bread, blue band spread, eggs and tea. Spreads and fruit can be bought in the market nearby. Dinner is provided Monday through Saturday but Sunday you are on your own for dinner. There are many places around the city to go to for dinner and there is information about them in the welcome pack you will receive when you arrive.

The guesthouse gets booked far in advance so to avoid disappointment, please make your booking as soon as possible. **Most of the rooms are twin rooms so you could be required to share a room during busy periods.**

Items provided at the guesthouse:

- Mosquito nets
- Bedding
- Towels
- Iron & ironing board

Volunteers staying over 8 weeks = 45,000 Ugandan shillings per person per night.

Volunteers staying under 8 weeks = 50,000 Ugandan shillings per person per night.

Airport transfers

We can also provide transfers to and from the airport for a fee of 60,000 Ugandan shillings per person. Additional people are charged at 30,000 per person. If you require this service, please be sure to let us know your flight times.

If you need any other transport, the welcome pack you will receive, will provide you with information about Ugandan transport and the numbers of reliable taxi drivers.

Useful information

- ATM machines – you will be able to withdraw money from Barclays or Stanbic. The nearest two are a two-minute walk away.
- Appropriate clothing must be worn when working in the home, no short skirts or revealing tops. Although long skirts are appreciated in Uganda, it is more practical to wear trousers while working in the babies' home.
- It is useful to bring hand sanitizer and gloves for your own use.

Please find attached the volunteers' application form, please fill it in and return it to us as soon as possible together with a copy of your passport and a Criminal Clearance Report.