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## **ChildFund Suggests Using Tax Refund to Change a Childhood**

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**Richmond, Va.** – Feb.15, 2010 – Tax refunds average \$2,200. For just \$336 of that refund you can sponsor a child for a year through ChildFund International.

ChildFund will use the \$28 sponsorship contribution per month to provide a sponsored child with what he or she needs to grow healthy and thrive, whether it's an education, nourishing meals, clean water, medical care or opportunities to play, develop and learn.

Sponsors develop relationships with their child through letters and pictures. Regular updates are sent about the child's progress.

ChildFund is known for its excellent stewardship of funds and work with deprived, excluded and vulnerable children around the world.

Child sponsorship leads to sustainable communities in parts of the world hit hardest by poverty. The United Nations estimates about 2 billion people in the world live in poverty. That number is expected to grow. By the end of 2010, 89 million more people will live in poverty due to the economic crisis, according to the World Bank.

A small portion of an American's tax refund can go a long way in changing the lives of children less fortunate in one of the 31 countries where ChildFund works. "You will be investing in a child's future," said Mike Pressendo, vice president of marketing and strategic resources.

For more information on investing in children's future through child sponsorship, visit [www.ChildFund.org](http://www.ChildFund.org).

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