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Care Plan Advisor

Bolingo Village

Located in Democratic Republic of Congo, Bolingo Village is the signature project of Global Orphan Foundation. By employing widowed women as licensed foster moms and building families with orphaned children, we are leveling the playing field for orphaned children in Congo and affording them the emotional, physical, and spiritual care that they need to thrive. Our sustainable children's care village goes beyond meeting basic needs by providing access to education, a clinic for consistent medical care, a farm for balanced nutrition, clean running water, a loving foster family, and space to run, play and be kids. In short, Bolingo Village is a community that allows for a robust and abundant childhood with a bright future.

Responsibilities

Bolingo Village is growing – when we opened with 15 kids, it was easy for me to mentally track each child, their history, medical needs, emotional needs, and behaviors. Our rock-star foster moms handle their day-to-day care beautifully, but there are things that we want to be checking in on for each child that they don't consider culturally. With over 60 children, it's time to bring in volunteers to help keep track of each family. That's why we need you! GOF is looking for a small group of volunteers to serve as care plan advisors. These volunteers will partner with one house to help keep track of the eight children and their individual needs.

What this looks like:

- One onboarding call to review the children you're assigned (their history, educational level, favorite things, medical status, personality, typical behavior, etc.), the foster mother, and answer any questions.
- Three review calls over the year. These calls will be with our US Director, Village Manager, Foster Mom, Nurse, Tutor, Pastor, and/or Trauma Counselor. In these calls, we will review each child in detail, discuss age-appropriate topics, and develop (if needed) a specific follow-up plan for actions between calls.
 - Examples:
 - If discussing an 11-year-old girl: has she been prepared for menstruation? How should that happen, and which BV staff will handle that conversation? When can we expect confirmation?
 - If discussing a child nearing the end of primary school what is their aptitude and drive
 to continue and complete secondary school? Would vocational training be a better
 option? What vocation have they indicated an interest in?
 - If discussing a 4-year-old: What kindergarten evaluation questions can they answer?
 - If discussing a child with acute trauma when they arrived how are they progressing, and what indicators of healing have been observed?
- Follow-up reports on progress between meetings will be forwarded to you as they come in.
- Additional communications, thoughts, or questions will be at your discretion.



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Requirements:

- A love for children and creating the best opportunity for each individual child.
- An agreement to respect each child's privacy and keep identifiable information about children you're assigned and their stories private.
- Understanding of, or willingness to learn and respect, cultural differences.

Next Steps:

If this sounds like a volunteer position you're interested in, please reach out via email at info@globalorphan.org.