



Back2Back Ministries Safeguarding Policy  
**Appendix 7 - Safeguarding  
Covenant for Sponsors**

Back2Back is committed to safeguarding the well-being of every child and family we serve globally. We seek to create an environment where the sponsorship relationship is transparent and healthy for children, families and sponsors. We do this by putting into practice preventative safeguarding strategies which reduce the risk of harm to all parties and model healthy adult-child interactions. Supervision, visibility and accountability are key factors in protecting everyone involved in the sponsorship program.

Back2Back desires meaningful relationships between sponsors and children in a way that is safe and secure for everyone. Social media, with its constantly-evolving platforms, presents opportunities but also great risks. Those who desire to bring harm to others can gain access to children through social media connections, increasing a child's vulnerability to exploitation or harm online. An identifiable image of a child increases exposure and can reveal their location to those seeking to bring harm. Social media connections also risk compromising a sponsor's privacy.

For these reasons, we ask that all sponsors and their families abide by the following safeguarding practices in order to reduce the risk of harm to children, families and sponsors. Any violation of these policies could result in the termination of sponsorship through Back2Back Ministries.

***Safeguarding Covenant for Sponsors***

As a child or family sponsor through Back2Back Ministries, dedicated to safeguarding vulnerable children and families from harm, exploitation, and abuse, I will:

- only communicate with the child or family I sponsor through letter-writing facilitated by Back2Back.
- decline any requests from the child or family I sponsor to communicate with them via social media, telephone, or online.
- notify Back2Back at [sponsorship@back2back.org](mailto:sponsorship@back2back.org) of any communication from the child or family I sponsor via social media or technology.
- not post identifiable photos or videos of the child or family I sponsor on any social media platform.

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(Sponsor name)

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(date)

If you are interested in resources to learn more about how to prevent online harm and exploitation, please reach out to [sponsorship@back2back.org](mailto:sponsorship@back2back.org).