THE WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

HOSTING INFORMATION PACKET 2019

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Thank you for inviting the Watoto Children's Choir to your community, and organizing this life changing event. Please read below a few guidelines that will help make the concert at your church or organization a success.

TEAM COMPOSITION

There are 28 people all together traveling with the Watoto Children's Choir. The team is made up of 16 children, 10 Ugandan adults, along with a Watoto bus driver & truck driver.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please provide 3 moderately priced hotel rooms for the team leader and his wife, as well as 2 drivers. 8 host homes to accommodate 1 adult and 1-3 children are also needed. See enclosed **Team List & Accommodation Information** to be filled out and returned to the choir team leader.

MONDAY/DAY OFF

Monday is the choir's day off. If hosting the children for Sunday and Monday evening, we would greatly appreciate it if the host homes kept the team members at home for the day. If alternate arrangements need to be made, please contact Alexa Ostrander or the choir team leader, Paul Musaali.

MEALS

The team is grateful and will eat any type of meal provided.

- Please provide the meal at the time stated on the confirmed schedule.
- Host homes will need to provide the choir with breakfast and a bagged lunch. That would be greatly appreciated!

Please keep nutrition in mind when preparing meals. We ask that you avoid serving soft drinks, candy or food with lots of sugar. There are no food allergies that you need to be aware of.

ACTIVITY ROOM

Please supply the choir with a large room to have devotional time and prayer time prior to the concert, as well as to complete schoolwork the following morning.

DISPLAY TABLES

Please supply the team with 3 tables in the foyer. These tables will be used to promote Watoto's Sponsorship Program and merchandise sales.

VOLUNTEERS

We would greatly appreciate it if there were volunteers available to help the choir on the night of the concert. If we could have 2-3 volunteers to help at the merchandise tables for 30 minutes before and after the concert that would be much appreciated. One of the Watoto team members will meet your volunteers at the merchandise tables 30 minutes prior to the concert.

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A/V EQUIPMENT
The choir travels with their own A/V equipment. Please see **Technical Rider** and share with your technical team prior to the choir's arrival. It would be helpful to have a member of your technical team available when the choir arrives at the church to assist with set up.

BUS & TRUCK PARKING
The Watoto team travels in a 45 foot bus, along with a 28 foot box truck, that both require adequate parking space. Please keep this in mind for parking arrangements at the church, as well as at the hotel.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM
Watoto's "We Will Go" program is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. It is recommended to have the choir perform the entire program, but adjustments can be made to shorten the concert if necessary.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY
Please feel free to promote this event. You can find promotion materials at www.watotoexperience.com.
You are hosting Choir 102. This portal will have digital copies of all promotional materials you will need such as flyers, posters, press releases, etc.

Please feel free to reach out to Kelsie Nussel, (kelsie@watoto.us) for any marketing or communications related questions.

LOVE OFFERING
Following a brief overview of the ministry and appeal, we welcome the Pastor to receive a love offering to be given to the general fund of Watoto. Please have volunteers available to receive this love offering. We would appreciate it if one check is issued and made out to Watoto Child Care Ministry.

Checks can be sent to:
Watoto USA
13617 N. Florida Ave.
Tampa, FL 33613

OUR PRAYER
It is our prayer that this time with Watoto will bring you and your church or organization joy, hope and healing. We believe and have seen the results the Watoto story has had throughout the world over the past 25 years. We want everyone to hear the good news that Jesus loves them and are grateful for the opportunity to offer this worship experience to you and your community. This is why **the Watoto Children's Choir doesn't allow the sale of tickets.**

If there is anything we can do to ensure this is the best experience ever, please let us know.

Alexa Ostrander
alexa@watoto.us
813-948-4343 x1009

TECHNICAL RIDER (subject to change)

STAGE
Due to the size of the team and the nature of this concert, we are kindly requesting the stage be cleared of as much equipment, instruments, furniture, decorations and any other moveable items as possible. Watoto travels with a center screen & skirt kit, pipe & drape backdrop, musical instruments and staging that requires the use of as much clear space available (up to 24 people altogether on stage).

SOUND
The Watoto choir travels with its own audio, visual, and lighting system which is suitable for venues up to 800 people. The choir will set up this system in all venues. In venues larger than 800 people, Watoto will send a stereo xlr feed to the venue house system for additional sonic coverage.

LIGHTING
Watoto choir travels with their own lighting equipment. We may request the use of in-house lighting in addition.

SET REQUIREMENTS
In most cases, the Watoto screen will be used. The screen is a free-standing 6'H 9'W screen raised to 13'H, and rear projected. In some venues, we may request the use of in house screen and projection if the Watoto system is not conducive to the setting.

POWER REQUIREMENTS
The entire AVL system runs comfortably on 6 separate 20 amp circuits which is what we would prefer to ensure a successful experience. However, we have been able to run on as little as 4 circuits as long as there is no other equipment running on the same circuits.

LOAD IN
The bus will arrive around 5 hours before concert time to set up (with exception to Sunday morning concerts). We would love to have some help from any available volunteers with this process. It takes approximately 4 hours to set up and sound check. We request the presence of one technical personnel to help facilitation and coordination of tech set up.

LOAD OUT
After the end of the performance the team will change clothes, and immediately begin tearing down. Again, we kindly request the help of volunteers for this process. The load out takes approximately 1 hour.

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GUIDELINES FOR HOST HOMES (Please photocopy & distribute to hosts)

Dear Host,
Thank you so much for opening your home and hearts to Watoto. You hospitality is greatly appreciated! The following guidelines and suggestions will help you and the children have a wonderful time together. On behalf of Watoto, thank you for hosting us. We look forward to meeting you!

PERFORMANCE NIGHT
Your guests can be picked up approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes after the concert has finished. This will give the team time to pack up their equipment and change out of their concert uniforms. It's important that the children get plenty of sleep. We know that you will want a chance to visit with them, but we ask that they get to bed at a reasonable hour. The team does not travel with any bedding so we ask that you provide them with these essentials. The children are able to share a bed or sleep with bedding on the floor if necessary.

FOLLOWING MORNING
Please ensure that your guests are woken up in plenty of time to have breakfast and be back to the scheduled location at the arranged time the following day. Please check with the church or school coordinator regarding the scheduled location and arranged time.

PERSONAL CARE
The adult team member ("Auntie or Uncle") will be staying with the children and will care for their personal needs such as bathing, combing hair, etc. These guardians will also care for the discipline and correction of the children, should that be necessary.

LAUNDRY
It would be a blessing if you could provide laundry facilities to the team.

MEALS
The children will eat anything that is set before them. Please provide breakfast and a packed lunch for the team. There are no food allergies that you need to be aware of. Please avoid giving the children candy, soda, etc.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
In the African culture, children are taught to be very respectful of adults and therefore tend to be quiet until they get to know you. Please do not think that the children are unfriendly or ungrateful if they appear to be quiet or shy. As this is their first time leaving Uganda, everything is very new and different for them. Show them love and they will love you back.

GIFTS
We appreciate that you may want to bless the individuals staying in your home with a small gift. The Watoto Children's Choir adheres to Watoto's sponsorship gift policy; any physical or monetary gifts given to choir members will be pooled and fairly distributed to the children.

TV & MOVIES
The children in Watoto are not used to watching TV and videos except on rare occasion. What they do watch is generally of a Christian nature. We humbly ask that you limit TV viewing to no more than 1-hour and kindly use viewer discretion.

PHONE & COMPUTER USE
Watoto adults and children are not permitted to use host home telephones, computers or their Wi-Fi. We request that you not offer these services to them

ALCOHOL & SMOKING
Due to a difference in culture we would greatly appreciate it if you would refrain from drinking alcohol or smoking around the Watoto team while they are in your home.

MONDAY / DAY OFF
Monday is the choir's day off. We would appreciate it if you're hosting the children on a Monday to allow them to stay in your home for the day. They do not need to be entertained & would prefer a restful day. Let us know if other arrangments should be made.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED HOST HOME QUESTIONS

Does anyone on the team have food allergies?
There are no known allergies on the team.

What do they like to eat?
The team is grateful and will eat any type of meal provided. Please keep nutrition in mind when preparing meals. They generally love chicken, beans and rice, but also enjoy experiencing new foods and American cuisine.

Do they need to eat following the concert?
Offering a light snack or meal is welcomed, as some team members may be hungry after the concert. Feel free to ask your group.

Do they have a cooler on the bus for the bagged lunch's host homes provide?
They have a cooler that is used for drinks but not for their sack lunch.

What are appropriate sleeping arrangements?
The adult and children ideally need a separate bed. Blow up mattresses and couches to help accommodate this are welcome.

Are pets ok?
Ugandans are not used to having pets in their home. Some children might be apprehensive to be around your furry friend. Please be sensitive to this cultural difference if you find that you are hosting a child who may be a little nervous around your pet.

What time should I drop my group off at the church the next morning?
A common time is between 8:00am - 9:00am. Please be flexible as timing can vary depending on the team's schedule. The team leader will confirm a time when he calls the coordinator a week before the concert.

Do I need to entertain my group on Monday's (applicable to Sunday night hosts only)?
Monday is the choir's day off and their day to rest. If you want to plan an outing or activity with your group, please check with the team leader or your groups' adult before making plans. They usually appreciate being able to sleep in and enjoy taking this day to relax.

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TEAM LIST & ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Please fill in the below information, as well as the host home information on the following page, and give it to Paul Musaali upon arrival at your church. We ask that each host home group be given a copy of Watoto's **GUIDELINES FOR HOST HOMES** prior to the team's arrival. Groups 4 & 5 can easily be combined if needed.

Please ensure that you place the children in a safe environment and with families that you know well.

BUS & TRUCK PARKING

The Watoto team travels in a 45 foot bus along with a 28 foot box truck that require adequate parking space. Please keep this in mind for parking arrangements at the church as well as at the hotel.

HOTEL/MOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

When arranging the hotel accommodations it is helpful if the rooms are pre-paid & all reserved under the name Paul Musaali. One room is for the team leader and his wife, one room is for the bus driver and a third room is for the truck driver.

Team Leader: **Paul & Eunice (wife) Musaali**
Bus Driver: **TBD**
Truck Driver: **TBD**

Hotel/Motel Name: _____ Confirmation #: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

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VENUE NAME: _____ COORDINATIONR NAME: _____

DATE(s) HOSTING: _____ COORDINATOR PHONE #: _____

Group 1
Auntie Kevin, Gledy (10), Laura (8), Magnorah (12)

Host Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

Group 2
Auntie Mercy, Abigail (6), Jane (10)

Host Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

Group 3
Auntie Pheona, Julian (13), Desire (9), Mercy (10)

Host Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

Group 4
Uncle Charles, Jeremiah (7)

Host Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

Group 5
Uncle Edward "Eddie," Thomas (10)

Host Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

Group 6
Uncle James, Marvin (7), Samuel (10)

Host Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

Group 7
Uncle Marvin, Godfrey (12), Thomas (10)

Host Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

Group 8
Uncle William, Ivan (8), Mark (8)

Host Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

Please Note: These contact details are essential in order to enable us to keep a record of where our children are staying, and allow us to contact the appropriate hosts if needed.

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