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I would like to become a friend of Open Arms and make a regular monthly donation of:

£10    £20    £50    Other \_\_\_\_\_

You will be included on our newsletter list. If you would prefer not receive our newsletter please tick here

I do not wish to make a regular donation - but I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Open Arms Malawi

**GIFT AID DECLARATION**

I wish that Open Arms Malawi treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations.\*

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**INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY**

Please make the payments detailed below until you receive further notice in writing. This instruction cancels any previous order in favour of the payee.

Account: Open Arms, Malawi

Branch: The Royal Bank of Scotland, Harrogate branch

Address: 7 Cambridge Crescent, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 1PH

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Payments to be made: monthly/annually\*

\*delete as appropriate

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the completed form to:  
Mrs C Summarsell, Open Arms Malawi, Spout House, Church Hill, North Rigton, Leeds LS17 0DB

**\*PLEASE NOTE:**

Completing this declaration does not affect your tax status or commit you to supporting Open Arms for a specific length of time.

If you pay tax at a higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax Open Arms will reclaim on your donations in the tax year.

If you are not a UK taxpayer your donations cannot be treated as Gift Aid donations. Tick here if you are not a UK taxpayer

Open Arms Malawi is a registered charity, number 1090655



## Why support Open Arms?

Open Arms has provided a vital service of care to Malawi's 850,000 orphans for fifteen years. We have an international reputation as a small independent non-governmental organisation where no income is spent on administration outside Malawi.

- 95 children in residence in five locations
- Over 300 children successfully returned to their communities
- Four Foster Houses currently in operation
- Up to 240 vulnerable children in Open Arms Feeding Stations / Nursery Schools daily
- 100 Malawians in full time employment

Recently Open Arms was selected to partner the Social Welfare Department of Malawi and UNICEF to help draft new legislation for child protection and justice.

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### Developing to meet the need

The model for Open Arms was conceived in the homes of two individuals in '95. In the intervening 15 years we have grown to a point where we now provide shelter, residential care and love for 95 orphaned or abandoned children.

In addition, during that period in excess of 200 children have been returned to their extended families, and their progress monitored by the Outreach Team.

To deliver these services our work force has grown to the point where we now employ almost 100 women and men.

### Where we are now

The original home in Blantyre was a large family house, but has grown to encompass five buildings on the main campus, and four on our recently constructed new home in Mangochi. To cope with the needs of those children who could not be returned to their communities, four dwelling houses in medium-density areas of the city have been purchased and have become permanent homes to 20 children whose life expectancies would have been limited otherwise.

The final part of our operation is the provision of Feeding Stations and Nursery Schools. Currently there are four of these which offer nursery education and a basic nutritious daily meal for up to 60 orphans and vulnerable children in their home communities.

### Future Expansion

In response to the unremitting numbers of orphans who enter our care we will need to purchase a new Foster House every two years. The subsequent maintenance and running costs of these houses are taking an increasing percentage of our budget. However, we feel that this non-institutional, home-based model of long-term care for an orphan child is well worth the investment.

When you become a Friend of Open Arms you will receive regular newsletters and a complementary calendar

When you become a Friend of Open Arms you can give children like Aubrey better opportunities in life

By becoming a Friend of Open Arms today you can help to improve the life chances of children like Wezi and make their success story possible for more children like them

### The On-Going Story of Sam and Eric Andarasani



They came to us at a few days old, having lost their mother in childbirth, father unknown. The late Rosemarie Bevis named them after Sam and Eric in 'Lord of the Flies'.



At two they returned to Mum's sister to live with her and four siblings. One year later their Aunt also developed HIV / AIDS and died. The boys returned to Harrogate House where they remained for a further two years.



Now at seven years old they live with three foster siblings and their foster parents in Sekwe House and attend a good local private school. They continue to do well.



Your support gives a home, education and a future to a child born without these basic opportunities.



### Aubrey's Story

Aubrey came to Open Arms at three weeks old and weighing three pounds (seen above). His premature birth resulted in a form of Cerebral Palsy. After two years he returned to his grandparents, but they and his HIV positive father found it impossible to cope.

With his health deteriorating Aubrey was returned to the permanent care of Open Arms. He was five when Rose's House was purchased as a home for him and three peers to live as a family. Aubrey is now nine (seen above in blue) and making good progress at school. He receives regular physiotherapy for his disability.



Wezi and her grandmother are assisted at their home by the Outreach Team.

The Open Arms approach to orphan care is unique in Malawi in the way that it cares for infants during their most vulnerable first two years. Subsequently the child is reunited with its family, often a grandmother or aunt, whenever possible.

Thereafter support continues in the form of regular monitoring and guidance from the Outreach Team. Open Arms also provides funding for Nursery Education and agricultural provisions for food security.

When it is not possible to return a child, our Foster Houses provide long term care.