

2023 Orange Hunt Swim-A-Thon Donation Form

Orange Hunt Swim team will host its 2nd annual **Swim a Thon on July 13th**. Swimmers will swim lengths of the pool and try to achieve their goal and raise funds for Viridiane's Hope for Children's Health and Education (vhche.org). Last year we raised \$5,000 through pledges and this year we hope to double it and raise \$10,000. This is how much it will cost to pay for the drilling and construction of one clean water well for a rural village in Cameroon.

A long-time pool member (Joe Tiago) of Orange Hunt Swim Club helped establish this organization. All donations are tax deductible and should be made directly to the organization. Sponsors can pledge per lap or give a flat donation. The number of "donatable laps" will be capped at 66 (The number of laps that equal 1 mile) to ensure sponsors have a better idea of their commitment. Athletes will contact their donors after the event to let them know the donation amount.

Please complete the black areas in the form below prior to the Swim a Thon:

Swimmers Name:			
Lap Goal:			
Laps Completed (To be filled out at Swim A thon):			
Per Lap Pledges			
Sponsors Name	Sponsor's contact info (Phone or email)	Per 25 Meter Lap pledge	Total Due (To be filled out at swim a thon)
Flat Rate Pledges			
Sponsors Name	Sponsor's contact info (Phone or email)		Pledge Amount
Total amount raised by Swimmer (To be filled out at swim a thon):			

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Additional information:

- **Checks** can be made out directly to Viridiane's Hope for Children's Health and Education or one can **donate online** at [Donate – Viridiane's Hope for Children's Health and Education – VHCHE, a Virginia Non-Profit Corporation Exempt under IRC Section 501\(c\)\(3\)](#). If you choose to donate, please write "OH Swim a thon" in the notes section online or in your check. Please DO NOT accept checks made directly to the pool or the Swim Team.
- Each mile swam by a swimmer or team will be **celebrated at the Swim A Thon** with a special announcement and cheer. Swimmers may choose to swim a mile as an individual or can form a team to swim a mile together. To complete one mile a swimmer will need to swim 66 laps (25 meters); thus, a half mile will be 33 laps. Further division can be rounded up or down a lap.
- To streamline the process, we would like swimmers to **collect donations on one donation form** that has space for several donors. Swimmers can collect flat donations before, during or after the event. If a swimmer receives a pledge in the form of a per-lap donation, volunteers will tally the total amounts for each of those pledges. Simple invoices will be created by volunteers for swimmers to give to the donors who can pay via a check or donate online during or after the event. Checks made out to VHCHE can be turned into Alicia Petersen or Megan Collmus before or after the event or given to volunteers during the event.
- Swimmers can reach out to families, friends, neighbors, in person or via mail, email, phone call, or social media. Below is a **sample script** for swimmers to use or edit.

Dear _____,

My summer swim team, the Orange Hunt Sharks, is hosting its second annual Swim-A-Thon on July 13, 2023 to raise money for Viridiane's Hope for Children's Health and Education (VHCHE). This charity was founded by an Orange Hunt pool member and funds raised will help fund a community well project to bring clean water to a village in Cameroon, Africa. I'm writing to ask you to be one of my sponsors for the event! You can either make a flat donation or sponsor me per lap that I swim at the Swim-A-Thon. Please consider helping this great cause by making a pledge. My goal this year is to swim ____ laps.

VHCHE and Orange Hunt Swim Team thanks you!