



Did you know.....

The cost of a child recently calculated by the government from birth to 18 for a middle income family is approximately \$160, 140 dollars. This translates into \$8896.66 a year, \$741.38 a month, \$171.08 a week, or \$24.24 a day, just over a dollar an hour.

What do you get for this cost?

Naming rights – first, middle, and last.

Giggles under the covers every night.

Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies.

A hand to hold, usually covered with jelly or chocolate.

Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what your boss said.

The chance to finger paint, carve pumpkins, play hide-and-seek, and catch lightening bugs.

To become a hero just for taking the training wheels off a bike, removing a splinter, and coaching a baseball team.

The privilege of having a front row seat at the first step, first word, first date, and first time behind the wheel.

You get to be immortal, add another branch to your family tree, and if you are lucky experience grandchildren.

You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there under God