

St. Joseph Church - Mission of Hope
Parent/Guardian Liability Release for
Youth/Minor Volunteers



I/We, the undersigned, hereby represent that I/we am/are the _____
Mother/Father/Guardian(s)

of _____ (herein after "child"). By signing below, I/we
Name of child

acknowledge that said child is at least fourteen years of age but not older than seventeen years of age and that I/we grant permission for that child to participate in house construction, renovation, cleanup or other volunteer activities through St. Joseph Church of Strongsville, Ohio.

I acknowledge the following:

- 1) I voluntarily have chosen to permit my child to travel to the _____ (area) to perform cleanup and/or construction and/or renovation efforts at various housing sites and/or buildings. (hereinafter "volunteer effort");
- 2) I understand that this volunteer effort entails a risk of physical and/or mental and/or emotional injury and often involves hard physical labor, heavy lifting, and /or other strenuous activity, which might include climbing ladders and building framing other than on ground level;
- 3) I understand that this volunteer effort may expose my child to harmful and/or illness-causing substances, including but not limited to mold and/or mildew;
- 4) My child is in good health and physically and emotionally able to perform the foregoing volunteer effort.

I further understand that I am permitting my child in this volunteer effort at my own risk and that my child will be exposed to various injury-causing risks, including but not limited to contracting of illnesses, communicable diseases, and/or incurring physical injuries, including serious physical injuries or death. I also understand that I, on behalf of myself and my minor child, am assuming any and all risk of injury or damages of any type that my child may sustain, including but not limited to physical, mental, or financial injuries (e.g. loss of wages). I also understand that I am solely responsible for any and all costs and/or expenses that my child may incur arising out of their participation in the volunteer effort, including but not limited to any costs and/or expenses arising out of housing, meals, and/or losses from theft. I also understand that in performing services for the volunteer effort that if my child become injured, because of the conditions at the housing or work sites, my child may not have available to him or her the same level of medical care that I may be accustomed to which may subject my child to further additional risks of physical and/or emotional injury or damage and/or may increase the severity of such injury or damage.

I further understand that I am required to provide my child's health insurance and that it is not the responsibility of any other person or entity.

In consideration of my child being able to participate in the volunteer effort, which participation I acknowledge has intrinsic value and worth, I on behalf of myself, my spouse, and my minor child further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and (other entity) _____, St. Joseph and _____ Catholic Churches, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, their staff, volunteers, clergy, directors and other assigns ("Releasees") from any and all manner of actions, suits, liens, debts, damages, injuries (including but not limited to claims of bodily injury, mental anguish and/or death), economic damages (including but not limited to loss of wages and/or loss by theft), claims arising from travel or lodging and any and all other claims and demands whatsoever (hereinafter, collectively, "claims"), at law or in equity, and arising out of or under any law of the United States, or the States of Ohio and _____, arising from my child's participation in the volunteer effort, whether such claims or causes of action arise from my child's own negligence, strict liability or fault or from the negligence, strict liability or fault of Releasees or any third parties for whom the volunteer effort is performed.

I specifically acknowledge that this agreement includes a Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnity in favor of Releasees and third parties for their own negligence, strict liability or fault of any kind or nature whatever.

I/We further understand and agree that should my/our child fail to abide by the rules, policies and/or guidelines set forth in this volunteer effort, I/we will cover the cost involved with my/our child's early return home from this activity.

Print name of young volunteer

Date

Print name of parent(s) or guardian(s)

Date

Parent(s) or guardian(s) signature

Date

Street Address

Parent(s)/guardian(s) phone

City/State/Zip

Parent(s) E-Mail