



**Volunteer Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY  
THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS**

This Volunteer Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability (this "Release") is executed on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, ("Volunteer"), in favor of **Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte, Inc.**, Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., and any other Habitat for Humanity affiliated organization, and their respective affiliates, directors, officers, trustees, employees, sponsors, donors, volunteers and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties").

I, Volunteer, desire to work as a volunteer for one or more of the Released Parties without compensation and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer. I, Volunteer, understand that my activities may include but are not limited to the following: working at Habitat for Humanity offices and worksites; working in or for Habitat for Humanity ReStore operations; loading and unloading materials; traveling to and from work sites, towns, cities or countries; consuming food available or provided; living in housing provided for volunteers; assisting in disaster relief areas; constructing and rehabilitating residential buildings; other construction-related activities; and other volunteer activities (collectively, "Activities").

I, Volunteer, understand that the Activities may cause bodily injury or death, or may be otherwise hazardous to me, including, but not limited to, exposure to lead, asbestos, and mold, which may cause or worsen certain illnesses, especially if I do not wear protective equipment, am exposed for extended periods of time, or have a pre-existing immune system deficiency.

I, Volunteer, hereby freely, voluntarily and without duress execute this Release under the following terms:

**Release and Waiver.** In consideration of and in order to be allowed to participate in the Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, I, Volunteer, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, do hereby waive, release and forever discharge and hold harmless the Released Parties and their successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, demands, costs and damages of any kind, whether arising from tort, contract or otherwise, which I or my heirs, assigns, next of kin or legal representatives may have or which may hereinafter accrue, arise from, or are in any way related to the Activities, including but not limited to personal injury, bodily injury, death, illness, property damage or other loss, whether caused wholly or in part by the negligence or other conduct of any of the Released Parties or of other volunteers, other than their intentional misconduct. Further, I, Volunteer, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, hereby agree not to file suit against the Released Parties, its employees, or agents for claims arising from the travel to or from participation in the Activities.

I, Volunteer, understand and acknowledge that by signing this Release I knowingly assume the entire risk of injury, death, harm, damage and loss in any way related to the Activities. I also understand that the Released Parties do not assume any responsibility or liability for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability insurance in the event of injury, illness, death or property damage.

*I, Volunteer, understand and acknowledge that children under the age of 16 are not allowed on Habitat for Humanity worksites while construction is in progress. While minors between the ages of 16 and 18 may be allowed to participate in some types of construction work, I understand that using power tools, excavation, demolition, working on rooftops and similar activities are not permitted for anyone under the age of 18. I agree it is my responsibility to communicate these requirements to any of my minor children who will attend and/or participate in the Activities.*

**Consent to Medical Treatment.** I, Volunteer, consent to the use of first aid treatment and the use of generic and over the counter medications and treatments as directed by manufacturer labels, whether administered by the Released Parties or first aid personnel. In an emergency, I understand the Released Parties may try to contact the individual listed below as an emergency contact. If an emergency contact cannot be reached promptly, I hereby authorize the Released Parties to act as an agent for me to consent to any examination, testing, x-rays, medical, dental or surgical treatment for me as advised by a physician, dentist or other health care provider. This includes, but is not limited to, my assessment, evaluation, medical care and treatment, anesthesia, hospitalization, or other health care treatment or procedure as advised by a physician, dentist or other health care provider. I also authorize the Released Parties to arrange for transportation of me as deemed necessary and appropriate in their discretion. I, Volunteer, do hereby release, forever discharge and hold harmless the Released Parties from any liability, claim, demand, and action whatsoever brought by me or on my behalf which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any transportation, first aid, assessment, care, treatment, response or service rendered in connection with the Activities.

If Volunteer is less than 18 years of age, the parent(s) having legal custody and/or the legal guardian(s) of the Volunteer also hereby release, forever discharge and hold harmless the Released Parties from any liability, claim, demand and action whatsoever brought by such volunteer or on his/her behalf which arises or may hereafter arise on account of the decision by any of the Released Parties or their representatives or agents to exercise the power to transport, administer first aid, and consent to assessment, examination, x-rays, medical, dental, surgical or other such health care treatment as set forth in the Parental Authorization for Treatment of, and Travel With, a Minor Child.

**Insurance.** I, Volunteer, understand that, except as otherwise agreed to by the Released Parties in writing, the Released Parties are under no obligation to provide, carry or maintain health, medical, travel, disability or other insurance coverage for any Volunteer. Each Volunteer is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own health, medical, travel, disability or other insurance coverage.

I, Volunteer, understand that I am and remain responsible for payment of such hospital, physician, ambulance, dental, medical or other services obtained for me or my child. I agree that the Released Parties do not assume any responsibility for the payment of such fees or expenses which may be incurred. If I have health insurance, I understand my personal health insurance is my primary coverage.

**Confidentiality.** I, Volunteer, agree that in the course of my participation in the Activities, I may have access to personal and/or health care information of other persons. I agree to maintain the confidentiality of such information, to use such information only as necessary to do my job as a volunteer, and to comply with applicable Habitat policies regarding such information.

**Photographic/Recording Release.** I, Volunteer, do hereby grant and convey unto Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., all right, title and interest in any and all photographs and video/audio/electronic recordings of me, including as to my name, image and voice, made by or on behalf of any of the Released Parties during my Activities, including, but not limited to, the right to use such materials for any purpose and to any royalties, proceeds or other benefits derived from them. I understand that I will not have any ownership interest in or to such photographs, images and/or recordings, I have not been provided or promised any compensation to me, and I hereby waive any rights, privileges or claims based on any right of publicity, privacy, ownership or any other rights arising, relating to or resulting from the photographs, images and/or recordings. I understand and agree that this paragraph also applies to my minor child(ren) who are volunteering.

**Other.** I, Volunteer, expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by applicable law. I further agree that in the event any clause or provision of this Release is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining clauses or provisions of this Release, which shall continue to be enforceable. Further, a waiver of a right under this Release by a Released Party does not prevent the exercise of any other right.

I, Volunteer, have carefully considered my decision, the benefits and risks involved and hereby give my informed consent to participate in all Activities. I have read and understand this Release, any questions of mine have been answered, and I voluntarily agree to the above provisions. It is my intent to bind my heirs, next of kin, assigns and legal representative.

**SIGNATURE OF VOLUNTEER 18 YEARS OR OLDER:**

**Volunteer:**

Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C/W) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness:** Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEER OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE:**

Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C/W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_