

# VOLUNTEER RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

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

This Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability (this “Release”) is entered into and effective as of the date below by \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Volunteer”), in favor of The Global Village Project, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation (the “Organization”). The Volunteer desires to work as a volunteer for the Organization and, in such capacity, to engage in activities related to being a volunteer (the “Activities”).

In consideration of being allowed by the Organization to volunteer with respect to the Activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Volunteer hereby knowingly, intentionally, freely, voluntarily, and without duress executes this Release under the terms below:

1. Release and Waiver. The Volunteer hereby forever releases, discharges, indemnifies, holds harmless, defends, exonerates, and covenants not to sue the Organization, its members, officers, directors, staff, employees, agents, successors, and assigns (collectively, the “Released Parties”) from, against, and with respect to any and all liabilities, claims, or demands of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether at law, in equity, or otherwise, which arise or may hereafter arise directly or indirectly from the Activities.

The Volunteer understands and expressly agrees that this Release forever discharges the Released Parties from any and all liabilities or claims that the Volunteer may have against the Released Parties with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, property damage or loss that may result, directly or indirectly, from the Activities, whether or not caused by the negligence of any Released Party, and in all cases to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

The Volunteer also understands that the Organization does not and shall not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial or other assistance to the Volunteer, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury, illness, or other claim or loss.

2. Voluntary Service. The Volunteer understands and acknowledges that he or she may decline any Activity if the Volunteer feels that such Activity presents a risk to health or safety or for any other reason.

3. Medical Treatment. The Volunteer hereby forever releases, discharges, indemnifies, holds harmless, defends, exonerates, and covenants not to sue the Released Parties from any and all liabilities or claims whatsoever which arise or may hereafter arise, directly or indirectly, due to any first aid, treatment, or medical service rendered in connection with the Volunteer’s Activities on behalf of the Organization.

4. Assumption of Risk. The Volunteer understands that the Activities may include, among other things, strenuous physical activity, emotional stress, travel, and hazardous or dangerous conditions. The Volunteer shall advise the Organization of any preexisting condition that may preclude the Volunteer’s participation in any Activity. The Volunteer personally assumes all risk of injury or harm that may result, directly or indirectly, from, during, or with respect to the Activities, and forever releases, discharges, indemnifies, holds harmless, defends, exonerates, and covenants not to sue the Released Parties from all liabilities or claims for injury, illness, death, or property damage or loss resulting from or with respect to the Activities.

5. Insurance. The Volunteer understands that the Organization carries basic commercial general liability insurance that covers its volunteers, but does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for the Volunteer. The Volunteer is expected and encouraged to obtain appropriate medical or health insurance coverage.

6. Photographic Release. The Volunteer hereby grants and conveys to the Organization all right, title and interest in and to any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by the Organization in connection with the Volunteer's Activities with the Organization, including but not limited to any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

7. Other. The Volunteer expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Georgia and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations wherever found, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Georgia.

The Volunteer agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release, which shall continue to be fully enforceable. The Volunteer may not assign any rights or delegate any duties in or with respect to this Release. This Release shall bind the Volunteer and his or her successors, heirs, executors, administrators, and other personal or legal representatives.

I SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND I KNOW, UNDERSTAND, AND APPRECIATE THE RISKS THAT ARE INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITIES I WILL UNDERTAKE AS A VOLUNTEER. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM PERMANENTLY GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MY RIGHT TO SUE. I HEREBY ASSERT THAT MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES IS VOLUNTARY AND THAT I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS RELEASE WITH COUNSEL OF MY CHOOSING, AND THAT I KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY EXECUTE THIS RELEASE.

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If Volunteer is under eighteen (18) years of age:

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_