

**Risk Assumption and Waiver of Liability Form**  
**Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs**  
**Whitworth University**

Thank you for your commitment to serving the community. It is our hope that this will be a rich educational experience for you, as well as a productive time for the people whom you will serve. To that end, as you enter the community in the context of a Whitworth class or program, you assume a number of responsibilities. The University, the agency for which you are working, and the people whom you serve count on you to work to the best of your ability in a professional manner. Thus, it is important for you to know the basics about four essential areas: confidentiality, professional behavior, health insurance and assumption of risk and liability.

**Confidentiality:** As you may already know, professionals in many fields are obligated to maintain confidentiality between themselves and their clients or patients. Do not use specific names in any reflection on your experience without explicit written permission. If you plan to use photography, please speak to your supervisor for permission.

**Observing Unethical or Illegal Conduct:** Although unlikely, it is possible you may witness or hear about something (e.g., child abuse) that is illegal or immoral. Because of the confidentiality rules mentioned above, decisions about what to do may be complex. The one essential rule is this: do not try to solve the problem alone. Instead, consult with the site supervisor and notify your college instructor or Service-Learning Coordinator to work out an appropriate response together.

**Health Insurance:** Whitworth requires all undergraduate students to be enrolled in a health insurance program. If, for any reason, you believe you may fall outside of these parameters, please notify the Service-Learning Coordinator immediately and take steps to procure insurance. Insurance is required for participation in Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs at Whitworth.

**Assumption of Risk—Release and Waiver of Liability:** In consideration for being allowed to enroll in Whitworth University Service-Learning and Volunteer Program courses, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with my participation in the Service-Learning and Volunteer Program for any and all harm, injury or damage that I may incur while I am enrolled as a student in the Service-Learning and Volunteer Program courses, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen.

**I understand and agree that neither Whitworth University, its employees or its partnering agencies may be held liable in any way for any occurrence in connection with my participation in the Service-Learning and Volunteer Program courses that may result in injury, death or other damages to me or my family, heirs, or assigns and further agree to hold harmless Whitworth University, its employees and its partnering agencies from any claim by me, or my family, estate, heirs, or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in Service-Learning and Volunteer Program courses.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name), have read and understand the above policies and agree to act according to these expectations. I am at least 18 years old and **ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO WORKING WITH PEOPLE, PARTICIPATING IN CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, AND TRANSPORTATION), AND RELEASE AND WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY, ITS EMPLOYEES OR ITS PARTNERING AGENCIES IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN SERVICE-LEARNING AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COURSES.** I am not an employee of Whitworth for this function, and acknowledge that workers' compensation benefits do not apply to me. Also, in the case of any medical emergency, I hereby give my permission to receive medical treatment.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If under 18 years of age, please have parent or guardian sign**