St. Joseph Habitat for Humanity
Release and Waiver of Liability for Minors

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

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the “Release”) executed on this _____ day of _____________, 20_____, a minor child (the “Volunteer”), and _____________________________________________, the parent having legal custody and/or the legal guardian of the volunteer (the “Guardian”), in favor of Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, and St. Joseph Habitat for Humanity, Inc., a Missouri nonprofit corporation, their directors, officers, employees, and agents (collectively, “Habitat”).

The Volunteer and Guardian desire that the Volunteer work as a volunteer for Habitat and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer (the “Activities”). The Volunteer and the Guardian understand that the Activities may include constructing and rehabilitating residential buildings, working in Habitat offices, and living in housing provided for volunteers of Habitat.

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

Release and Waiver. Volunteer and Guardian do hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless Habitat and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer’s Activities with Habitat.

Volunteer and Guardian understand that this Release discharges Habitat from any liability or claim that the Volunteer or guardian may have against Habitat with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Volunteer’s Activities with Habitat, whether caused by the negligence of Habitat or its officers, directors, employees, or agents or otherwise. Volunteer and Guardian also understand that Habitat does not assume any responsibility 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 or illness.

Youth Involvement on HFH Affiliate Work Sites

NOTE: Policy No. 21 of HFHI’s U.S. Affiliated Organization Policy Handbook provides restrictions for youth involvement on worksites based on safety considerations and federal child labor law requirements. In general, (a) no one under the age of 16 is allowed on a construction site while construction is ongoing and (b) no one under the age of 18 should be allowed to do any ultra-hazardous activities (which include the use of power tools or motor vehicles, demolition, roofing or working from a height of six feet or more, or excavation operations).

The policy includes that, consistent with applicable federal regulations, 14- and 15-year-old children could be permitted to participate in painting or landscaping activities, provided that no construction is taking place and that adequate precautions are taken to ensure the safety of the worksite for such activities (e.g., all holes are covered, any tools and materials that could fall and cause injury are removed from the area of work, etc.). Under no circumstances should children under the age of 14 be permitted on the worksite.

The affiliate should ensure that all children under the age of 18 have permission from a parent or guardian to participate in the activity and that the parent or guardian has signed an appropriate Release and Waiver.

Medical Treatment. Volunteer and Guardian do hereby release and forever discharge Habitat from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Volunteer’s Activities with Habitat or with the decision by any representative or agent of Habitat to exercise the power to consent to medical or dental treatment as such power may be granted and authorized in the Parental Authorization for Treatment of a Minor Child.

Assumption of Risk. The Volunteer and Guardian understand that the Activities may include work that may be hazardous to the Volunteer, including, but not limited to, construction, loading and unloading, and transportation to and from the work sites.
Volunteer and Guardian hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in the Activities and release Habitat from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities.

**Photographic Release.** Volunteer and Guardian do hereby grant and convey unto Habitat all right, title and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Habitat during the Volunteer’s Activities with Habitat, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

**Other.** Volunteer and Guardian expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Missouri, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri. Volunteer and Guardian agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Volunteer and Guardian have executed this Release as of the day and year first above written.

Minor Volunteer: ___________________ Parent/Guardian: ___________________

Address_________________________________ City_________________ State_________ Zip_______

Minor’s birth date: _______________ Phone (H): _______________ (W): __________________

School/Organization (no abbreviations please): ____________________________________________

**PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A MINOR**

I, ________________________________, am the parent or legal guardian having custody of _________________________, a minor child. As such parent or legal guardian, I hereby authorize and appoint _________________________, an adult in whose care the minor child has been entrusted, or a duly authorized agent of St. Joseph Habitat for Humanity, Inc., as my agent to act for me with respect to my aforesaid minor child, and in my name in any way I could act in person to make any and all decisions for me with respect to my minor child, concerning my minor child’s personal care, medical treatment, hospitalization and health care and to require, withhold or withdraw any type of medical treatment or procedure, including x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis of treatment which may be rendered to my minor child under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or surgeon licensed to practice in the state in which treatment is sought. My agent shall have the same access to my minor child’s medical records that I have, including the right to disclose the contents to others.

Witness _____________________________ Parent/Guardian ____________________________