

LIABILITY RELEASE AND PHOTO/PRINT RELEASE

I, _____, hereby agree to abide by and adhere to the standards of ethical and professional conduct as set forth by Common Hope.

I further state that I am participating as a volunteer to Guatemala of my own free and voluntary will and understand the risks involved in doing so.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the volunteer program, I agree to hold harmless and release Common Hope and its officers, directors, and employees from any liability due to accident, illness, death, injury, travel by air, travel by ground transportation or acts of violence that may occur. I agree that Common Hope, its officers, directors, and employees are not in any way responsible for my welfare, well-being, safety, health, while participating as a volunteer. I acknowledge receipt of the Vision Team Resource Guide as to current travel conditions and warnings regarding travel to Guatemala.

I understand and am aware that my participation in the program may expose me to certain risks and dangers, including but not limited to, the hazards of travel by various means of conveyance; the hazards of politically unstable areas; the dangers of civil disturbances and war; the forces of nature; acts or missions of the Common Hope, their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, associates, affiliated companies, subcontractors, or cooperating agencies or organizations; and accidents or illness in places without access to medical facilities, transportation, and/or means of rapid evacuation or assistance. I am aware that my participation in as a volunteer and my use of transportation, housing and dining services, and other goods and services in connection with my participation carry a risk of serious personal injury, serious illness, death and property damage or loss. I expressly and voluntarily assume all risk of injury, illness, death and property damage or loss that may result from my participation as a volunteer in and/or my use of goods and services in connection with my participation. I accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses, including, but not limited to delays or other unforeseen causes.

I understand the Common Hope may notify the person or persons that I have listed as an emergency contact in the event that I become seriously ill or am involved in an emergency situation during the volunteer program. In the event that I am unable to make my own medical decisions, a Common Hope representative may have to make those on my behalf.

I further authorize the staff of Common Hope to obtain emergency medical treatment under the supervision of a physician and/or surgeon, should treatment be necessary. I release Common Hope from any claim whatsoever which arises on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with my activities with Common Hope.

I have reviewed Common Hope's short-term volunteer insurance (see Common Hope Vision Team Manual) and understand that it does not cover pre-existing conditions, is not intended to replace my personal medical insurance, and only provides specified coverage for the duration of the trip. I have also reviewed my own medical insurance and acknowledge that it provides sufficient medical coverage for me on this trip. I further agree that if any illness, injury or bodily harm should come to me while participating as a volunteer, that Common Hope is not financially responsible in any way for medical care, transportation or any other costs that should arise.

I further agree to conduct myself in accordance with Common Hope's policies on alcohol and general behavior, as expressed in its Vision Team Manual. I understand that Common Hope reserves the right to send me home if I fail to comply with its policies. I authorize Common Hope the right to release any photos or news about my experience through the organization.

This Release of Liability shall be effective for all orientation meetings, and for the entire duration of the trip, including passage to and from the United States of America.

Should any of the provisions of this Release, or portions thereof, be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Release shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. This Release shall be construed under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

As a Common Hope volunteer, you grant Common Hope permission to use photos, videos, and trip evaluation comments in publications, web pages, brochures and press releases in order to continue promotion of Common Hope and the Vision Team program. Please inform us by phone or email if you do not grant us permission.

VERIFY AND AGREE

Please initial below to verify that you have read the information outlined in the Vision Team Resource Guide and agree to the following statements:

1. I have read about security in Guatemala in the Vision Team Resource Guide and will abide by Common Hope's safety rules during my Vision Team Experience.
2. I have read the cancellation and payment policies and agree to the terms outlined in this document.
3. I have read the Vision Team Resource Guide and understand what is expected of me as a Common Hope Vision Team Member.