



## Volunteer Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability, 2023

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

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") is executed on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, by (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (volunteer), in favor of Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity.

I, the Volunteer, desire to work as a volunteer for Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity without compensation and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer. I understand that my activities may include but are not limited to the following: working at Habitat for Humanity offices and worksites; loading and unloading materials; traveling to and from work sites/County; consuming food available or provided; repairing, and rehabilitating residential buildings; other construction-related activities; and other in-person and/or online volunteer activities ("Activities").

I, the Volunteer, understand that my Activities may include work that may be hazardous to me, especially if I do not wear protective equipment, am exposed for extended periods of time, or have a pre-existing immune system deficiency.

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

**Release and Waiver.** I, the Volunteer, acknowledge and understand that participation in the Activities may involve certain risks, including, but not limited to, personal injury(ies), bodily injury, illness, permanent disability, property damage, loss and/or death ("Risks"). These Risks include, but are not limited to, exposure to and/or infection with COVID-19 and/or other viruses and/or bacterial infection even in ideal conditions, and despite any and all reasonable efforts made to mitigate such Risks. I further acknowledge and agree that, due to the nature of the Activities, social distancing of six feet per person will not always be possible and that my participation in the Activities may result in an elevated risk of contracting COVID-19 and/or other viruses and/or bacterial infection.

I, the Volunteer, further confirm that prior to engaging in the Activities, I may be required to complete a COVID-19 health screening questionnaire provided by one or more of the Released Parties. I agree that I will answer all questions on the questionnaire truthfully. I agree to not participate in any Activities if, at such time and to the best of my knowledge, I am a carrier of COVID-19 or infected with COVID-19. I further agree to follow all safety precautions outlined by any Released Party while volunteering.

In consideration of and in order to be allowed to participate in the Activities, I do hereby 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 my Activities with any of the Released Parties, including but not limited to Risks, whether caused wholly or in part by the simple negligence, fault or other misconduct of any of the Released Parties or of other volunteers, other than their intentional or grossly negligent conduct. In addition, the Released Parties shall have the benefit of any future liability protection for businesses as relating to the COVID-19 pandemic passed by any governmental entity to which the Released Parties are subject.

I understand and acknowledge that by signing this Release I knowingly assume the Risks associated with the Activities. I also understand that the Released Parties do 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, illness, death or property damage. Regarding any illness or virus, including COVID-19, I, the Volunteer, understand that even if I follow all guidelines for the prevention and handling of any illness or virus, including COVID-19, there is still a risk that Volunteer could contract such virus or illness.

**Consent to Transportation and Medical Treatment.** I 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, the 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 my Activities with any of the Released Parties.

**Insurance.** I 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 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 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 Habitat for applicable policies regarding such information.

**Photographic/Recording Release.** I hereby grant and convey unto the Released Parties 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 with the Released Parties, 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 expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by state 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 have carefully considered my decision, the benefits and risks involved, and hereby give my informed consent to participate in all volunteer Activities. I have read and understand this Release and Waiver of Liability, I acknowledge that 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.

**Note: Please sign on the following page and return the full document to Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity:**

- Drop off in person T-F between 9AM and Noon
- Mail to 105 Crofton Plaza #9, Palmyra, VA 22963, or,
- Place in grey Drop Box to the right of the front door of the office

# Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Waiver 2022 Building Season

**SIGNATURE OF ADULT VOLUNTEER:**

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

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

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ADULT VOLUNTEER:</b>	
Name : _____	Relationship: _____
Address: _____	
Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____	
Email: _____	

**WAIVER REVISION HISTORY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
July 2020	Habitat International - The volunteer waiver template was reviewed in July 2020 as part of a regularly scheduled legal review process. While the previous waiver template contained broad assumption of risk language, additional language was added to expressly address COVID-19 related risks. This includes requiring that all volunteers agree to comply with all COVID-19 protocols set by Habitat, as well as specific and increased release language for COVID-19 related damages. In addition to COVID-19 updates, the July 2020 version of the volunteer waiver template makes minor adjustments to the youth activities and photo release sections. Lastly, it addresses situations where only one parent or legal guardian is signing on behalf of a minor. Affiliates should continue to consult with their Boards and local counsel for state-specific issues related to volunteer waivers.
June 2021	Habitat International - The volunteer waiver was updated in June 2021 to add the concept of online engagement to the definition of possible volunteer "Activities."
February 2022	Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity removed sections of this waiver for minor volunteers and all details associated with international travel.

