

## SUMMARY OF UNDERSTANDING

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**FRIENDS AND FAMILY (FF) ACCEPTANCE:** Participants who apply through any partnering institution (Dancing Moose, Rowland Hall, etc.) will be accepted into the Friends and Family program by Youthlinc, the program leaders, and the partnering institution. Participants who apply through the partnering institution or school, will be reviewed and accepted jointly by Youthlinc, the program leaders, and the partnering institution. Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM PREPARATION:** Participants are responsible for following through on any Friends and Family requirements outlined in this document, participant manuals, team leadership emails, and in team meetings. Team meeting attendance is mandatory, prepares participants for international service and leadership. Participants are responsible for committee assignments associated with the international service experience, which may include activities outside of monthly meeting times. It is the responsibility of each participant to contact Team Leaders and Youthline staff with questions or concerns.

**NOT A TOURIST VACATION:** International program experiences associated with the Friends and Family Programs are not tourist vacations. Participants will encounter inconvenient, frustrating, and disquieting circumstances while traveling in low-income countries, working and living with impoverished people, and should remain positive, flexible, and cooperative.

Participants should be prepared to engage respectfully with local communities, work in environments that may be physically and emotionally demanding and adapt to unexpected circumstances. It is important to maintain cultural sensitivity and uphold the highest standards of conduct as representatives of Youthline and the Friends and Family Program. Failure to meet these expectations may result in disciplinary actions, including removal from the program.

ARRANGEMENTS: Youthline staff will arrange for all international travel needs associated with the Friends and Family program; however, some Friends and Family programs will not have international flights coordinated by Youthline. These services will be contracted with other companies or individuals and Youthline is not responsible for their performance, security, safety or participant satisfaction. Youthline does not encourage and is not responsible for arranging divergent tourist activities. If participants choose to engage in personal tourist activities outside the scope of the Friends and Family program, they do so at their own risk, and Youthline is not liable for any issues arising from those activities.

**SUPPORT:** Team leadership and Youthline staff expect participant support and a positive attitude throughout the course of the Friends and Family experience. Participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct which requires forthright conduct and consideration for others during the entire Friends and Family Program, in Utah and internationally.



# ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

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I, the undersigned, am the Participant named in this Friends and Family (F&F) application. I am familiar with the curriculum and the activities which take place in the Friends and Family Program. Youthline is a nonprofit 501c3 organization engaged in various service projects in Utah and internationally.

## **TERMS AND CONDITION**

I will participate in the Friends and Family Program. I understand and acknowledge that there are specific risks associated with the performance of program-related activities, individually and in a group, and risks associated with international travel. These risks can be related to travel hazards, terrain, weather, eating and sleeping arrangements, and other circumstances.

These risks may include but are not limited to exposure to infectious diseases, limited access to medical care, political instability, natural disasters, transportation-related hazards, and conditions that may not meet U.S. safety standards. Participation in this program constitutes acknowledgment of these inherent risks.

I freely and voluntarily participate in Friends and Family with the knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agree to assume and accept any and all risk of injury or death. I hereby certify that I have appropriate personal health insurance coverage (e.g., health and accident insurance that will be valid outside the U.S. in addition to the major medical, evacuation, repatriation of remains insurance provided by Youthline as part of my international service trip cost.

I understand that although Youthlinc purchases emergency medical/evacuation insurance for all participants that any cost incurred in-country for emergency medical care is the responsibility of the participant to pay. If Youthlinc pays any medical bill on behalf of the participant in-country, the participant will repay Youthlinc within two weeks after arrival back to the US. The insurance policy has a \$500 deductible, which is the responsibility of the participant and any amount over the deductible is subject to the claims process of the insurance company and the individual participant's existing domestic health insurance. All bills outstanding are the responsibility of the participant.

Participants are responsible for understanding their coverage limits, exclusions, and claims process. Youthlinc will provide a summary of benefits for the insurance policy. The provider for this policy is Trawick Insurance and Patriot International (SM).

If the participant is enrolled in the Friends and Family program for academic credit through a university or other institution, the participant is also responsible for understanding what insurance coverage, if any, is provided by their institution. This includes whether institutional insurance covers international travel, medical emergencies, or evacuation, and how it coordinates with the insurance provided by Youthline. Youthline does

not assume responsibility for gaps in coverage or misunderstandings about institutional policies.

## WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION

Participant hereby states that s/he/they have read and understands the documents included in this application: Summary of Understanding, Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnification Agreement, Code of Conduct, Policies and agrees to be bound thereby.

Participant further understands and agrees that during the Friends and Family Program, in Utah and internationally, s/he/they will follow all Youthlinc conduct rules and program polices and requirements, specifically agreeing to comply with all reasonable directions and instructions by the Team Leader, and Youthline staff.

Failure to comply with Youthline's conduct rules, team leader instructions, or safety guidelines may result in immediate dismissal from the program at the participant's expense. In such cases, no refunds will be provided for any portion of the program. Please refer to Refund Policy further in this form.

Participant does not have any medical conditions that would prevent participation in Friends and Family Program. Participant has adequate health and accident insurance to cover the costs of treatment in the event of any injury. Minors are required to get a signed physician release from their doctor indicating that they are able to travel safely in regards to physical and mental health.

Youthline reserves the right to request any adult participant obtain a physician release if there is concern about the participant's overall physical and/or mental health, in accordance with applicable disability laws.

Participant understands and acknowledges that Youthline is not an insurer of Participant's behavior, actions or participation in the Friends and Family Program, and that Youthline assumes no liability whatsoever for personal injuries or property damages to Participant or to third persons arising out of participation in the program activities.

Participant hereby agrees to release, waive, covenant not to sue, indemnify and hold harmless Youthlinc and all of its officers, employees and agents (collectively the "Releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by Participant or loss or damage to any property belonging to Participant arising out of or related to participation in the above named program, and excepting only such loss, damage or injury as may be caused by the sole negligence of any Releasee.

Participant agrees that Utah shall be the site of any lawsuit arising out of or related to participation in the program and that this Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah, without application of any principles of choice of law.

Participant shall pay any attorney fees or costs incurred by Youthlinc in enforcing this Agreement. If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid by a court of law, then it is agreed and intended that all the remainder shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and effect.

PARTICIPANT HAS CAREFULLY READ THESE TERMS AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THEIR CONTENT AND IS AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN PARTICIPANT AND THE RELEASEES AND SIGNS IT OF HIS OR HER OWN FREE WILL.