



Long Way Home

Helping the World One Youth at a Time

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Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk

The undersigned participant ("Participant"), in exchange for the opportunity to actively participate in the volunteer programs and activities of Long Way Home, Inc., an Oregon Nonprofit Corporation ("Long Way Home") dedicated to the support and development of rural youth communities in Central America, hereby agrees as follows:

1. Inherent Risks and Assumption of Such Risk. Participant acknowledges that there are inherent risks associated with international travel and rural and urban construction in general, and in particular travel to and from the specific locations which are most in need of the assistance of Long Way Home, and the construction and development of facilities to support rural youth therein. Participant hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities, including, but not limited to the following:

- a) injury associated with transportation of any type to and from the work site;
- b) injury associated with construction labor of any type;
- c) cultural differences, including language barriers, unfamiliar laws, and interpersonal communication and gender relation issues;
- d) injury associated with encounters with tamed and untamed wild animals and farm animals, including stampeding livestock and migrating wildlife;
- e) illness or injury associated with contaminated food or water, pesticide use, and disease;
- f) sub-quality medical facilities, medication, practitioners, or dangerous travel to and from medical facilities;
- g) weather and heavy work-related illness or injury such as dehydration, exhaustion, stress, heat stroke, and frostbite;
- h) illness or injury related to inclement weather and acts of God such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, flooding, and lightning; and
- i) injury, illness, or other damage to person or property resulting from the negligence, crimes, misdemeanors, and other infractions committed by third parties, including battery, kidnapping, theft, or rape.

Participant expressly assumes all risks thereof, and warrants a full and fair disclosure of Participant's current state of mental and physical health and past health conditions prior to accepting the contemplated volunteer position.

Participant has read and understood the information on the State Department website at: <http://www.state.gov/travelandbusiness> about Guatemala, including the U.S. Department of State Consular Information Sheet and the State Department Travel Warnings (if applicable). The participant has also reviewed the CDC health advisory information relating to travel abroad found at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>.

2. Release and Indemnification. To the maximum extent permitted by law, participant hereby expressly releases and indemnifies Long Way Home, its directors, officers, members, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, from and against any present or future claim, loss or liability for injury to person or property which the participant may suffer, or for which the participant may be liable to any other person, in any way and at any time arising out of or related to the Participant's activities as a volunteer for Long Way Home, resulting from any cause, including but not limited to ordinary or gross negligence. Such claims shall include, but not be limited to claims for damages, death, personal injury, or property damage, including consequential and exemplary damages. Said obligation for indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, all costs of defense, including attorney fees and expenses of counsel, any and all judgments and other amounts assessed by the Court against them or their affiliates, and any and all other expenses and costs incurred by them as a result of any such action or claim.

3. Binding Nature. This release shall be binding upon the undersigned Participant and her heirs, agents, family members, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns. This release shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

Participant attests that he or she is age 18 or older and has carefully read and freely signed this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risks Form. Participant understands and agrees that no oral or written representations can or will alter the contents of this document.

DATED this _____ day of _____ 20____

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME