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Volunteer Application

Name _____ Birthday ____/____/____

Street Address _____
Street Apt. # City/State Zip

Mailing Address _____
Street/ PO Box City/State Zip

Email Address _____

Phone #: Cell _____ - _____ - _____ Home _____ - _____ - _____

Single Married Spouse's Name _____

Children's Names and ages: _____

S.O.S. Ministries Volunteer Liability Waiver

I understand that S.O.S. Ministries has no coverage for my automobile in case of an accident or damage while volunteering for S.O.S. Ministries.

I understand that S.O.S. Ministries has no liability coverage for any of my possessions in case of an accident or damage while volunteering for S.O.S. Ministries.

I understand that S.O.S. Ministries has no workman's compensation for any injuries occurring while or resulting from volunteering for S.O.S. Ministries.

I state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this affirmation and release: that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital and that I have signed this document of my own free act and coalition. I further state and acknowledge that I have fully informed myself of the contents of this affirmation and release by reading it before I have signed it. I have read the S.O.S. Ministries Statement of Faith (on enclosed sheet) and comply with them.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

S.O.S. Involvement

Areas of interest (check all that apply):

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Teenage Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Teenage Boys | <input type="checkbox"/> On Location |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Prison Ministry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

Nursery:

The S.O.S. Nursery is in need of volunteers to help monitor nursery age children every Thursday and Friday night. Volunteers will play and provide snack for the children who are less than 5 years of age.

Children's Ministry:

We meet every Thursday night when the kids are taught a practical Bible lesson, play a game, receive a snack, and make a craft. One of the things we cherish the most about this time is the relationships that are built. These relationships transcend Thursday nights as volunteers eat lunch with the kids at their schools, hang out with them around town, and take them to Sunday services at their home churches.

On Location: During the summer time S.O.S. Children's Ministry is in need of volunteers to help out with a special six week outreach. During this outreach S.O.S. Volunteers go to "at risk" neighborhoods where they are responsible for helping out with games, crafts, snacks, and lessons.

Teenage Boy's Ministry:

We hold a Teenage Boy's Bible study every Thursday night where the young men are taught relevant Biblical truths, and how to directly apply them to their lives. At the end of this Bible study they come together for a time of fellowship, when a number of our staff, volunteers, and teenagers play basketball or football. S.O.S. Ministries also takes our youth on various activities throughout the year. They have an opportunity to go on a weekend camping trip, Astros Baseball game, Schlitterbahn Water Park, and much more. Adult male volunteers will mentor and assist Steve in leading the boys on Thursday nights.

Teenage Girl's Ministry:

We hold a Teenage Girl's Bible study every Thursday night where the ladies are taught relevant Biblical truths, and how to directly apply them to their lives. The girls are also given the opportunity to be a part of a mentoring program, where they are paired up with an adult who walks with them through one of the most crucial times in their lives. We also take our girls on many fun and exciting activities. They have an opportunity to go on a weekend camping trip, Astros Baseball game, Schlitterbahn Water Park, and much more. Adult female volunteers will mentor and assist Carmen with Thursday nights.

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Adult Ministry:

The adult ministry provides an atmosphere that makes everyone feel welcomed. We have a diverse audience both young and old, rich and poor that all come together for one purpose; to grow in Christ. We hold a weekly adult Bible study led by J.J. Ramirez every Thursday night, as well as a men's Bible study and women's Bible study on Tuesday nights. The Tuesday night Bible studies provide a more intimate setting, where relationships are built and healing occurs.

Bus Ministry:

Our Bus Ministry provides transportation for our kids to and from S.O.S. activities. We currently have two school busses as well as two vans that go out multiple times during the week. While the buses and volunteers are in the neighborhoods picking up the kids, relationships are built with the parents of our kids. We not only need drivers for these buses, but we also need monitors to sit with the kids while traveling to and from S.O.S. activities.

Prison Ministry:

S.O.S. Ministries has an active presence in both local jails and prisons. We have held crusades at some of the larger units in surrounding areas, and provide love and support to those who find themselves in such a trying situation. We get hundreds of letters from men in prison, who have heard of the ministry, on a yearly basis.

Please answer the following questions:

1. When did you become a Christian? Describe your experience.

Do you believe:

In the Virgin birth and deity of our Lord Jesus Christ? Yes No

That Jesus is God's son and the only sacrifice for sin? Yes No

In the eternal reward of the believer? (Heaven) Yes No

That Jesus arose bodily from the dead? Yes No

Medical Information

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Physician Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please list any allergies or other medical history that might be relevant:

References:

Please list three references that are not related to you:

Name:	Address:
Phone:	Relationship:
Name:	Address:
Phone:	Relationship:
Name:	Address:
Phone:	Relationship:

Ministry Experience

Local Church Affiliation: _____

Have you ever been involved in any other volunteer or paid ministry?

Yes, Please give details below.

No

Organization	Address	Phone	Key Contact	Your Role

Consent to Criminal Background Check

I have been informed that S.O.S. Ministries would like to do a criminal background check for employment/volunteer purposes. This form is strictly confidential. Thank you for your cooperation in this process and we appreciate your patience and understanding of the need for this in our society.

Name: _____
Last (Maiden) First Middle

Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Driver's License #: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Because the Ministry cares for our children, youth and adults and desires to protect them, we ask you to please answer the following questions. We understand that the following questions are personal and we will protect your privacy.

1. Is there any reason, including those that are physical or mental health related, that might keep you from effectively working with children/youth/adults that might cause potential harm?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Have you ever been charged with, indicted for, or pled guilty to a crime? (including any minor traffic violations)

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

3. Have you ever been charged with, indicted for, or pled guilty to an action prohibited by the Texas Family Code, or a similar code in any state?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

4. Have you ever been known by any other name?

Yes No

If yes, please list all other names (including maiden name): _____

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If you are being considered for a position that involves working with children/youth/adults on a one-on-one basis we ask that you inform us if you have ever been a victim of child abuse. Rather than including the information on this form, we ask that you provide the information to the Ministry Director or to the Administrator. (A brief description, including the approximate time period and the impact that it had on your life.) Your disclosure of this information will not disqualify you from service, and your confidence will be respected and is appreciated.

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by the Ministry, I hereby release any individual, children/youth/adult organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind of nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, on account of compliance or any attempt to comply, with this authorization.

I understand that the Ministry desires to protect its members and therefore give my permission for the Ministry leadership to conduct a criminal background check on me.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release and know its contents; and sign this release as my own free act. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of a material fact on my application may be justification for refusal of employment or acceptance of my service as a volunteer (collectively, the “engagement”).

In the event I am engaged, I understand that all employees/volunteers are subject to termination at the discretion of the Ministry. If, in the event I choose to voluntarily terminate my service, I am free to do so at any time, and if I choose to give notice of termination, the Ministry may either permit me to continue my service during the period or may accept my resignation immediately.

I understand that, if engaged, any misrepresentation made by me in completing this application shall be considered as sufficient cause for my dismissal without advanced notice.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Volunteer Contract

I, _____ (name of volunteer), as a volunteer of Save Our Streets Ministries, understand and agree to comply with the following statements and procedures:

1. I understand that I am a volunteer, not an employee of S.O.S. Ministries.
2. I have read and agree to uphold the S.O.S. Statement of Faith.
3. I have completed and turned in an Application to Volunteer.
4. As a Christian, I represent Christ at all times, in all places, and as a volunteer of S.O.S., I also represent the ministry as a whole, its staff, board of directors, and other volunteers.
5. Ultimately, I am responsible to God for my actions and service, and therefore will refrain from any conduct, in word, attitude, or deed, that would violate or call into question the integrity of my relationship with Christ, or that would compromise the integrity of S.O.S.
6. While serving within a specific area of ministry of S.O.S. (i.e.- Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Bus Ministry, etc.), I agree to:
 - Submit to the designated authority, director, or other persons assigned to leadership positions.
 - Meet all the attendance policies as determined by each department of ministry.
 - Follow all policies, procedures, and / or guidelines as set by S.O.S. or leadership personnel.
7. I have read the attached forms regarding how to detect and report child abuse and understand that the suspicion of child abuse and / or neglect requires immediate action. Failing to take the appropriate action bears serious legal consequences and could further compromise the safety of the individual in question. If, at any time, an attendant of S.O.S. activities under the age of 18 reports they are experiencing abuse or neglect to me, or if I have reason to suspect that they are experiencing abuse or neglect, I will immediately:
 - Notify the director of the specific area of ministry I serve under (Children's Director, Women's Director, etc.). In the event that they cannot be reached, I will notify J.J. Ramirez or Carmen Sifuentes.
 - Take further appropriate legal and personal action as determined through consultation with that previously mentioned S.O.S. staff member, including, but not limited to, contacting the local police department and CPS to report the abuse.
8. I am aware of the hazards and risks to my person and property associated with serving with S.O.S. at formal S.O.S. activities, such as, but not limited to, Thursday night activities, Friday night services, etc., and / or informal activities, such as, but not limited to, injury, disease, criminal activity, and random acts of violence.
9. S.O.S. encourages volunteers to be involved with the personal lives of those we are serving. However, because of the nature of the ministry conducted by S.O.S., it is necessary to keep extensive and accurate records of all activities.

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Additionally, we recognize that our battle is not with flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12). The staff and Board of Directors of S.O.S. not only want to aid in maintaining your physical safety, but your spiritual safety as well.

This considered, should I choose to participate in the previously described informal activities, or any activities in kind, I recognize that I am doing so at my own free will and understand that:

- A brief monthly summary (provided within each department) describing the nature of my activities should be turned in to an S.O.S. staff member during the first week of each month throughout the duration of my service.
- Should an emergency or “out of the ordinary” incident arise (whether over the phone or in person), I will immediately notify the director of the specific area of ministry I serve under before taking any action (i.e.- going to the neighborhood at night, etc.). In the event they cannot be reached, I will notify J.J. Ramirez or Carmen Sifuentez.
- These guidelines will provide legal and personal accountability for me, as well as S.O.S. as a whole. Also, contacting those in leadership within S.O.S. will aid in the provision of the spiritual support (prayer, etc.) needed to address the difficult nature of the ministry conducted by S.O.S.

I have read and understand all of the above and agree to comply with all of the aforementioned statements and procedures. I will not hold S.O.S. Ministries or any of its staff, volunteers, or Board of Directors responsible for any injuries suffered or property destroyed. I further waive my right to sue or claim damages against S.O.S. Ministries, its staff, volunteers, or Board of Directors for any reason.

Name

Date



Statement of Faith

1. We believe in one God, creator and sustainer of the universe, who eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ who is fully God and came in the flesh as fully man. He was immaculately conceived, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for the sins of the world, and raised bodily, and exalted to God's right hand where He makes intercession for His own. He will personally come again.
3. We believe that God created humankind, male and female, in His own image. However, everyone has sinned and is guilty before God. As a result, all creation suffers the consequences of the fall and is under God's judgment.
4. We believe that because of His love God sent His own son, Jesus Christ, who inaugurated His kingdom, provided atonement for sin, disarmed the powers of darkness, triumphing over them by the cross, reconciling the world to Himself. He will consummate His kingdom in righteousness, power, and glory.
5. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, who glorifies Jesus Christ, convicts of sin, and works in individuals to bring them to believe and obey Christ. The Spirit dwells in those who have trusted Christ as their Lord. We believe that all the Spirit's gifts are operative today and that it is God's desire to continually fill believers with His Holy Spirit in order to manifest His fruits and empower them for lives of holiness and fruitful service.
6. We believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired and authoritative Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
7. We believe all who repent and believe in Christ are born again to eternal life, delivered from condemnation, and as His Church are called to communicate the Gospel, proclaim the Kingdom, make disciples of all nations, and seek to be instruments of His righteousness, justice, and healing, all for the glory of God.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the eternal blessedness of believers in the presence of Christ, and the eternal separation of unbelievers from Him.