



## Volunteer Application

<b>Choose Program:</b>	Administrative Office	Artemis House
DVSH Supportive Housing	Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter	Patrick Henry Family Shelter

**Contact Information**-----

First Name	Last Name	Middle Name	Suffix

Street, P.O. Box	Apt. #	City	State	Zip Code

Primary Phone	Secondary Phone	E-mail	Date of Birth

**Additional Information**-----

Occupation	Employer/School

Name of Emergency Contact	Telephone Number	Relationship

Special Skills (if applicable)

**Volunteer Experience (if applicable)**-----

Agency Name	Volunteer Work Performed	Dates

**References (non-related)**-----

Name	Telephone Number	Relationship

**Release & Waiver of Liability**  
**\*\*Please read carefully - This is a legal document that affects your legal rights.**

THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY (the "Release") is executed on the date below, by the undersigned volunteer (the "Volunteer") in favor of Shelter House, Inc., a Virginia non-profit corporation, its directors, employees, clients and agents



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(collectively “Shelter House”). The Volunteer desires to work as a volunteer for Shelter House and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer. As an inducement to Shelter House to accept Volunteer’s offer of volunteer work, the Volunteer does hereby freely execute this Release under the following terms:

**1. Waiver and Release:** The Volunteer does hereby and forever discharge and hold harmless Shelter House and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever kind of nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise, either directly or indirectly, as a result of the Volunteer’s work for Shelter House. The Volunteer understands and acknowledges that this Release discharges Shelter House from any liability or claim that the Volunteer may have against Shelter House with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death or property damage that may result from the Volunteer’s work with Shelter House, whether caused by the negligence of Shelter House or its officers, directors, employees, clients, other volunteers or agents, or otherwise. The Volunteer expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**2. Assumption of Risk:** The Volunteer understands that the work for Shelter House may include activities that are inherently dangerous to the Volunteer, including, but not limited to, construction, loading and unloading, and travel to and from the work sites. The Volunteer hereby expresses and specifically assumes the risk of injury, illness, death and property damage resulting from activities associated with the Volunteer’s work for Shelter House.

**3. Medical Treatment:** The Volunteer agrees that it is possible that an emergency situation may arise and that in the event of such emergency, the Volunteer grants permission to be given medical treatment by on-site Emergency Medical Technicians or at a local hospital.

**4. Photographic Release:** The Volunteer does hereby grant and convey unto Shelter House the right to freely reproduce and/or circulate any photographs or other recordings of the Volunteer for any lawful purpose. The Volunteer shall not be entitled to any compensation therefore, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

The Volunteer understand that Shelter House is a shelter for families and that the activities related to being a volunteer for Shelter House may involve contact with children. **The Volunteer certifies that he/she has never been convicted of a violent crime, child abuse or neglect, child pornography, child abduction, kidnapping, rape or any sexual offense, nor has the Volunteer ever been ordered by a court to receive psychiatric or psychological treatment in connection therewith.**

In Witness Whereof, the Volunteer has executive this Release, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Volunteer Name	Volunteer Signature

Witness Name	Witness Signature

### Consents

**Parent/Guardian Consent (*individuals under the age of 18*)**

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above named Volunteer (see Page 2), understand that the Volunteer is below the age of 18 years, and I hereby consent to the Volunteer’s participation in activities sponsored by Shelter House, Inc. I hereby freely agree to all of the terms and conditions of the above Release.

Name of Parent/Guardian	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date



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### **Criminal Background Check Policy**

In order to help safeguard the clients that we serve, Shelter House, Inc. conducts criminal background history checks on all volunteers 18 years of age and older. Any volunteer appointment is contingent upon the completion and review of a criminal background history check. Information obtained is confidential as provided by law, and will be used and retained only as authorized by law. If a background check reveals an arrest or criminal conviction, Shelter House will be informed and final determination regarding volunteer appointment will be made in consultation with its legal counsel.

### **Consent to a Criminal Background Check (*individuals 18 and older*)**

I hereby give my permission to Shelter House, Inc. to obtain information relating to my criminal history record. The criminal history record may include arrest and conviction data as well as plea bargains and deferred adjudications. I understand that this information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for a volunteer position at Shelter House, Inc.

I hereby and forever discharge and hold harmless Shelter House and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever kind of nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise, either directly or indirectly, as a result of the investigation of my criminal history record to become a volunteer.

Name ( <i>Printed</i> )	Signature	Date