**Dear Volunteer,**

Thank you so much for applying with the Giving Hope Society. We are happy to have you as a

Volunteer and thank you in advance for your dedication and service.

As a volunteer you will give your time and effort to help others in many ways. You will change

many lives, but we hope that it will also be a fulfilling and life changing experience for you. We

hope that you are able to get the very most out of your experience with us.

We ask that you please follow the rules and guidelines set by the organization, as well as

directions given by the leaders and directors while on your trip. The guidelines are set with your

safety and well-being in mind. Also please feel free to ask the directors any question you might

have at any time.

Above all, we hope you enjoy your trip!

Sincerely,

**The directors of Giving Hope Society**

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Giving Hope Society

Each year, the Giving Hope Society plans a trip to Guatemala. We invite all enthusiastic young

men and women who have the desire to share their time and talents and bring joy to children

and those less fortunate in Guatemala.

**These volunteer trips have several purposes:**

1. To form a group of young people who will bring beneficial programs and solutions to

third world communities and children, youth and adults in the poorest and most

vulnerable areas of Guatemala.

2. To strengthen programs of the organization so that we may continue to serve in noble

causes which benefit families.

3. To provide each volunteer with spiritual, service-oriented experiences, through which

volunteers will gain a testimony of service for others and become better people. We hope

that in observing the situations of others less fortunate, the volunteers will gain a better

love for their own families and a better appreciation for the blessings they have in their

own homes. Most importantly, we hope that volunteers will become young men and

women with a more developed character, willing to give of themselves and to serve

others. Selfless youth and the spirit of service in each volunteer are the elements of the

organization that helps us to continue each year.

Giving Hope Society offer high-quality, safe volunteer programs at affordable costs in Guatemala. this allows you to focus on what's important-helping others. you can save thousands of dollars while volunteering abroad.

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Each year, Giving Hope Children's Society welcomes volunteers and interns abroad to Guatemala and Belize where they plan and implement sustainable development programs. Volunteers can spend anywhere from two weeks to three months in-country. Many volunteers receive internship credit for their experience abroad. The following information will answer some of your basic questions about the time commitment, program cost and safety in-country.

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**Time Commitment**

The program dates are flexible.

If you need to arrive or depart on a date other than is indicated, please contact us for approval.

**Summer Program**

This summer there will be several options as to the length of the program. Volunteers will be able to choose to serve for two four, six, eight or twelve weeks.

Stay tuned for program dates.

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**Program Fee**

​The program fee is $800 for a 2-week trip and $1000 for a 3-week trip. There is a $100 discount for returning volunteers.

The entire program cost must be paid by your checkout meeting which will happen 2-3 weeks before your departure date.

**The Program Fee Includes:**

-Housing

-Breakfast and Dinner during the week (Sunday Dinner - Friday Breakfast)

-Health Insurance (Comprehensive coverage for evacuation and medical emergencies)

-Trainings and Handbooks

-Safety and Security In-Country

-Building Partner Relations

-Giving Hope T-shirt and Other Promotional Materials

**This list is not all-inclusive**.

The program cost covers a variety of costs necessary to maintain and build the Summer Program.

The program fee does not include:

Flight

Passport

Visa

Transportation To and From Country

Immunizations

**Extra Food and Eating Out**

Why is there a program cost?

Giving Hope Children's Society is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. To accomplish the mission to fight global poverty with sustainable development programs, we train and recruit impassioned volunteers to travel to underdeveloped countries to serve as human capital for impoverished communities. Their service not only improves the lives of those they serve, but our volunteers gain a greater perspective on life and their role in the global community.

In order to fund our projects, Giving Hope Children's Society must charge a program cost to volunteers. This money can be paid on their own or through fundraising. Program costs go towards housing and food, volunteer support, volunteer training and handbooks, promotional items, projects, etc.

Volunteers and Interns are required to purchase their own flight.

These are some of the average costs of flights to each of our program locations during the summer:

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Giving Hope Society

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Special skills, talents, education or abilities:

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**KIDS** (Niños de Guatemala)

Chimaltenango, Guatemala

The mission at Niños de Guatemala is to first rescue children from the crisis of trafficking, abuse or abandonment

common in Guatemala, and then to provide a safe home for them where they will be loved and cared for. We with the

government of Guatemala to take in children found in the streets or hospitals, or those who have been taken from

abusive or neglectful homes. The orphanage locates each child’s biological family when possible, and then works to

rehabilitate the children and their respective families, equip families with the tools and knowledge to properly care for

their children, and then to reunite them when they are ready. While the children are in the orphanage they are cared

for by staff members and volunteers who selflessly give their time and effort to help meet the children’s basic needs,

advance their learning, and give them love, affection and support.

Giving Hope is currently constructing a brand new orphanage for infants and toddlers. During the volunteer trip,

volunteers will have the opportunity to assist in painting/finishing construction of the new house as well as caring for

the children once construction is completed.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Chimaltenango, Guatemala

The library is a new project under construction. This library will be open and accessible to all children of the

community. This library has two objectives:

1. Libraries are almost nonexistent in the country of Guatemala; those that are established are not completely open

and accessible and have extremely limited resources. We hope to encourage education and a love for learning and

literature among the youth of this country.

2. Another reason for having started this particular project is due to the crime rate in Guatemala. Organized crime

throughout Guatemala looks to have children work for them as they do what they are told, are unaware of the danger

or harm they are causing, have a “low cost” and are “easily replaceable”. This problem has escalated to the point that

there are more orphans, victims of violence, and abused and abandoned children than ever. We would like to give our

community a library to give the youth a refuge and a place where they can go to develop their abilities and talents, and

to be guided in a positive way. We hope that this library will serve as a way to diminish the crime in the youth of the

Chimaltenango area.

We hope that this library will help promote education and love for learning, provide wholesome entertainment, and

provide a distraction from crime to youth. We would like to implement programs in the library such as art and

painting classes, music classes, reading classes, sports and recreation programs, and computer classes.

Volunteers will be able to participate in the construction and organization of the library. Once construction is

complete, volunteers will be involved by using their time and talents to tutor and give classes to youth.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a volunteer for the Giving Hope

Society, declare that I have received advice and information about my trip as well as any safety

issues.

I acknowledge my right to obtain as much information as I require about this program or

volunteer trip and any associated risks or hazards, including information beyond that already

provided to me by the organization.

I freely and voluntarily assume the risks/hazards inherent to the volunteer trip and understand

and acknowledge that I may suffer personal and potentially serious injury due to an

unforeseeable event associated with my volunteer involvement.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instruction from the

organization’s directors and staff while volunteering in the program. I am aware that if I do not

follow the guidelines set by the Giving Hope Society that I may be putting myself in a dangerous

situation and I accept responsibility for any accidents or injuries.

I acknowledge that it is my duty to advise the board and directors of any medical or health

concerns that may affect my participation.

I authorize first aid or medical treatment to be administered if necessary.

I give permission to the Giving Hope Society to use my name and any photograph, likeness or

image taken of me during my participation in the program in any promotional materials,

publication, or via the website.

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The following are some suggestions of things you may need to bring with you. However, if there

is anything else you need or want to bring, please feel free!

\_\_ sleeping bag and foam mat

\_\_ pillow

\_\_ mosquito net

\_\_clothing for warm and cold weather (sweaters, light jacket, jeans, socks, as well as shorts and

t-shirts)

\_\_work clothing for construction and painting

\_\_Sunday outfits (if you wish to attend church)

\_\_modest bathing suit

\_\_flip flops

\_\_closed-toed shoes for construction work

\_\_camera and extra memory card and batteries

\_\_journal or notebook

\_\_toiletries

\_\_hand sanitizer

\_\_sunscreen and bug repellent

\_\_any necessary medications

\_\_passport

\_\_Christmas gift or supply for donation kits (such as clothing, soap, shampoo, blankets, etc.)

\_\_alarm clock

\_\_backpack/duffel bag for fieldtrips and activities