



Volunteer Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Are you 21 years old or older? _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Why are you interested in volunteering for Karis/The House?

How did you learn about Karis/The House?

- Church or Religious Community College/University Place of Employment
- Advertisement Newspaper Article Family/Friend Facebook
- Website Presentation about Karis/The House Other: _____

What is your highest level of education completed? _____

What experience have you had with teens or youths?

Have you had any previous experience as a volunteer? If so, what kind of organizations, and what kind of work did you do?

How much time can you volunteer for Karis? When are you available?

For how long can you be committed to volunteering for Karis?

3-6 months 6-9 months Over 9 months but less than one year

At least one year or longer

What are some of your hobbies, talents and interests? Would you be willing to share these with the youth at Karis?

What special skills do you have that would be beneficial to Karis? For instance, do you speak a foreign language, do you have professional certifications or are you specially trained in a certain area?

Do you have any medical conditions or restrictions that we should be aware of? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," please list the condition(s) or restriction(s) and how you control or avoid its occurrence.

*If you do not feel comfortable listing a medical condition(s) or restriction(s), you can speak with staff about this at a later date

Do you have any special needs we should be aware of? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," please indicate how we can accommodate you while you volunteer

*If you do not feel comfortable listing this, you can speak with staff about this at a later date

What kind of volunteer experiences are you looking for? If you have more than one, please prioritize them. Please read Program Description for more information about each program.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THAT APPLY TO ALL PROGRAMS

- _____ Become a mentor
- _____ Assist in administrative tasks
- _____ Assist in fundraising/grant writing activities
- _____ Help with errands
- _____ Assist in facility cleaning, repair, remodeling, landscape, or maintenance
- _____ Become a host home or respite care home
- _____ Engage in recreational or educational activities with teens/youth
- _____ Assist youth in employment services
- _____ Become a “House Parent” to any of our residential programs
- _____ Cook meals for any of the facilities
- _____ Assist with a one-time project (describe the project: _____)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for THE HOUSE

- _____ Filling shifts at the House (4-hour shifts during the day time, between 7 am and 10:15 pm. Require 20 hours of training a year. Commit to at least one shift a wk.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for ZOE HOUSE

- _____ Provide respite care for young single mothers by taking care of their children
- _____ Adopt a family: invite a young mother and her child/ren to your home, engage in activities with them...etc.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for THE STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

- _____ Staff the Professional Services Center (drop-in center for homeless youth ages between 13 and 24)—assist with assessments, provide gateway services, hang out with youth, keep them safe ...etc.
- _____ Participate or help facilitate Peer Outreach and Development groups (PODs): art POD, Recovery POD, Mom’s POD, GSA POD, NOW POD (exploration of Spirituality and religion), and any other PODs you would like to help design.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for THE OTHER HOUSE

- _____ Be a House Parent

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for ASSET HOUSE

- _____ Be a House Parent

Background Check

To ensure the safety of our teens/youth and to comply with state regulations, a federal and state background check will be completed based on copies of your fingerprints and information you provide to the Mesa County Sheriff's Department on your fingerprint cards.

Have you ever been convicted of the following:

Child abuse, as specified in Section 18-6-401, C.R.S.

A crime of violence, as defined in Section 18-1.3-406, C.R.S.

Any felony offenses involving unlawful sexual behavior, as defined in Section 16-22-102(9), C.R.S.

Any felony, the underlying factual basis of which has been found by the court on the record to include an act of domestic violence, as defined in Section 18-6- 800.3, C.R.S.

Any felony involving physical assault, battery, or a drug-related/alcohol-related offense within the five years preceding the date of application for a license or certificate;

Has shown a pattern of misdemeanor convictions within the ten (10) years

immediately preceding submission of the application. "Pattern of misdemeanor" shall include consideration of Section 26-6-108(2), C.R.S., regarding suspension, revocation and denial of a license, and shall be defined as: Three (3) or more convictions of 3rd degree assault as described in Section 18-3-204, C.R.S., and/or any misdemeanor, the underlying factual basis of which has been found by any court on the record to include an act of domestic violence as defined in Section 18-6- 800.3, C.R.S.; or, Five (5) misdemeanor convictions of any type, with at least two (2) convictions of 3rd degree assault as described in Section 18-3-204, C.R.S., and/or any misdemeanor, the underlying factual basis of which has been found by any court on the record to include an act of domestic violence as defined in Section 18-6-800.3, C.R.S.; or, Seven (7) misdemeanor convictions of any type.

Any offense in any other state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements listed above.

Mandatory Reporting

Volunteers and staff of Karis are “mandatory reporters” of child abuse or neglect. This means any case of suspected child abuse or neglect must be reported to county authorities by volunteers or staff of The House. 19-3-304. Persons required to report child abuse or neglect. Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect shall immediately upon receiving such information report or cause a report to be made of such fact to the county department or local law enforcement agency. Child abuse is defined as follows: 19-1-103. Abuse or Child Abuse or Neglect Child abuse or neglect is defined as an act or omission in one of the following categories that threatens the health or welfare of a child:

- Any case in which a child exhibits evidence of skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, failure to thrive, burns, fracture of any bone, subdural hematoma, soft tissue swelling, or death and either such condition or death is not justifiably explained; the history given concerning such condition is at variance with the degree or type of such condition or death; or the circumstances indicate that such condition may not be the product of an accidental occurrence.
- Any case in which a child is subjected to sexual assault or molestation, sexual exploitation, or prostitution;
- Any case in which a child is a child in need of services because the child’s parents, legal guardian, or custodian fails to take the same actions to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision that a prudent parent would take.
- Any case in which a child is subjected to emotional abuse. As used in this subparagraph, ‘emotional abuse’ means an identifiable and substantial impairment of the child’s intellectual or psychological functioning or development or a substantial risk of impairment of the child’s intellectual or psychological functioning or development. By signing this application you agree to be a mandatory reporter of child abuse and/or neglect.

References and Résumé

Please attach your résumé and list two references who can attest to your character and ability to work with others (especially youth). You can select your references from a variety of sources to include academic, employment or volunteer experiences.

1. Reference Name: _____

Reference Phone Number: _____

Reference Email Address: _____

2. Reference Name: _____

Reference Phone Number: _____

Reference Email Address: _____

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal. Any applicant who knowingly or willfully makes a false statement of any material fact or thing in the application is guilty of perjury in the second degree as defined in Section 18-8-503, C.R.S., and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished accordingly.

Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Thank you!

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender identification, sexual preference, age, or disability.

Please send you application to: P.O. Box 2837, Grand Junction, CO 81502

You can also return it to one of Karis staff or email it to karisvolunteers@gmail.com

If you have questions, please call 970.234.1818 or email karisvolunteers@gmail.com