

The Ark Aid Street Mission, Inc.

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Volunteer Application Form

(Please Print Clearly)

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

Circle the days you are available.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday (evening only)

When are you available? Indicate times:

Mornings: _____ Afternoons _____ Evenings _____

Please list your specific interests, talents or ways you would like to help (eg. Cleaning, driving, store, games, etc)

Employer :

Position: _____ How Long? _____

Educational Background: _____

Volunteer Experience (where & when) _____

Faith Background: The Ark is a Christian ministry. While we welcome all people, we do seek volunteers who understand and appreciate our specific Christian orientation and motivation. Your honest responses will help us place you in the best place of service.

Place of worship you attend: _____

Name of Minister/Pastor/Priest: _____

Describe your recent church involvement: _____

Do you feel you can sign the attached Statement of Faith? Yes No

Is there anything in your past that the Ark should know about that could limit your volunteer activity? (All information will be treated confidentially by the Ark staff). _____

Two references must be provided by those applying to work in a position of trust and/or leadership.

Police Check: For any position of leadership and trust, a police check must be provided at the applicant's expense. Are you willing to undergo a police check if necessary? Yes No

Please write something that says why you want to volunteer, what you hope to do and what you hope to achieve or get from your volunteer experience.

Please list any questions or comments you would like to make:

I would like to volunteer and if accepted, I will do so within the policy and guidelines of the Ark Aid Street Mission. In signing this, I acknowledge I have read, understand and accept the Volunteer Covenant, the Abuse Prevention Policy and the Violence and Harassment Policies.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Approved: Yes No

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Assigned area(s):

Comments:

The Ark Aid Street Mission Statement of Faith

The Ark Aid Street Mission is a faith based Christian mission. As such, we work explicitly work out of our Christian faith. Everyone is welcome to access our services. Volunteers should be aware that we are a Christian mission. Some things we do are so related to our faith and beliefs that it is important to us that those who are involved in delivering those services do so from our Christian faith perspective. Other things we do are not so sensitive and therefore do not require agreeing to our Statement of Faith. Please feel free to discuss any questions you may have with either the Director or Assistant Director.

We affirm our belief in the Christian faith as set forth herewith:

1. We believe the Bible, in it's entirety, to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible and authoritative rule of faith and conduct.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. His Virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe in the personal salvation of individuals through the shed blood of Jesus Christ by believing in the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and therefore confessing the Lordship of Jesus Christ over our lives.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the saved unto everlasting life and joy in the presence of God.
We believe in Christ's great commission to the church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.
8. We believe all the above must be accomplished by the spiritual fruit of love.

Please sign one of the following statements:

I have read and in good conscience agree with the above Statement of Faith.

Signature

Date

OR

I have read the above Statement of Faith and understand that the Ark Aid Street Mission is a Christian mission but I prefer not to agree with the statement at this time.

Signature

Date

**Ark Aid Street Mission
Volunteer Covenant**

I, (print) _____ willingly enter into this covenant with the Ark Aid Street Mission, Inc. (the Ark) in order to volunteer to assist the Ark in fulfilling its purposes of caring for people through the various services and programs it offers:

1. I recognize that the Ark is based on the Christian faith, have acknowledged such by signing the Statement of Faith, will act to the best of my ability consistent with the principles of that faith and will not purposely act or behave in any way to undermine the principles upon which the Ark is based.
2. I understand and will work in concert with the core values of the Ark:
 1. **SPIRITUAL:** Christ centered, love, compassion, trust, transparency
 2. **PROFESSIONALISM** inclusive, accountable, meeting needs, quality
 3. **BELONGING:** honesty, relationships, community orientated
 4. **HOLISTIC:** reality based, strength based
3. I have read, understood and will comply with the Ark's policies and procedures, including: the Abuse Prevention Policy and the Violence and Harassment Policy, the Boundaries Policy and the Accessible Customer Service Plan.
4. I will fulfill the expectations associated with the volunteer position I undertake to the best of my ability, including being punctual and informing my supervisor or the Ark office in advance of anticipated absence from my assigned duties.
5. I will dress modestly and appropriately for a work place, including not wearing shorts above the knee or open sandals and if asked by staff, I will either put on provided clothing or return home to change.
6. I will refrain from using my cell phone while working with clients.
7. I will take direction from Ark staff and my volunteer supervisor and work in harmony with the staff and other volunteers. I will take any concern I might have to my immediate supervisor or the Assistant Director or Executive Director. I will accept the guidance or resolution that is offered and if I am unable to willingly accept their direction, I will quietly withdraw from the Ark.
8. I will keep confidential any information I learn about clients, other volunteers and the Ark.
9. I understand and accept that volunteering at the Ark does not provide privileged access to Ark services, food, facilities, etc. and that I will always ask a staff person if I desire something.
10. I will make myself available to the best of my ability to attend volunteer training sessions.
11. I will treat people with respect in the same ways I expect to be treated myself, including refraining from using profane, suggestive or off-colour language.
12. I will not denigrate any religion, I will respect each person's choice of belief system and I will not judge moral choices, choosing instead to express love and acceptance to each person.
13. I will attempt to de-escalate any conflict but I not put myself in harm's way and will immediately seek help from Ark staff.
14. I understand that some of the Ark's clients and volunteers have criminal records and that while the Ark attempts to ensure safety of everyone at all times, I also understand and that accept the Ark intentionally serves such people and that I also accept responsibility for my own and others' safety and for my property by following the Ark's policies and procedures, by not going to part of the building that is not part of my duties, by minimizing the personal possessions I bring to the Ark and by taking care they are secure while here and I will hold the Ark blameless should harm or loss occur.
15. I will immediately report any harassment or violence witnessed or reported to me to senior Ark staff and assist in completing an incident report.
16. If for any reason my presence or association with the Ark becomes detrimental to the Ark, its services or reputation, or if I am asked by the Assistant Director or Executive Director I will quietly withdraw and hold the Ark and its staff and volunteers blameless.

9. _____
Signed

Accepted by Ark staff