INJURY/ILLNESS GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEERS

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INJURY/ILLNESS REPORTING PROCEDURE
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4. Volunteer’s Supervisor - distributes the Witness Statement Report Form to any witnesses and collects the completed forms
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   c. Keeps a copy of all forms for their records
6. If a volunteer needs emergency medical treatment (Ex. 911, hospital visit), the volunteer’s supervisor should notify Volunteer Resources as soon as possible so we are aware of the situation.
   • Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm call Volunteer Resource 773-631-1790
   • After hours mobile phone emergency notification:
     o Kathy Wurster (Stewardship) 312-256-3299
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VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR’S INVESTIGATION REPORT FORM

This section to be completed by the volunteer’s supervisor

When did you first learn of the accident?

Could this accident have been prevented? If yes, how?

Based on your investigation, what was the cause of the accident?

What actions were taken? (Ex. First aid, 911, drive to a medical facility)

Supervisor’s signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
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VOLUNTEER INJURY/ILLNESS REPORT FORM

This section to be completed by the injured volunteer

Print name

Phone / email address

Mailing address

City, State, ZIP

Name of your supervisor

Date of injury          Time of injury

Location where injury occurred

Describe the accident *(describe, in detail, how and why the injury occurred)*

Describe the body parts injured or the nature of the injury.

Name all witnesses *(full name)*

Medical Information

Was first aid given? [ ] Yes [ ] No
Did you seek, or plan to seek, medical treatment? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, name of physician who treated you for your injury

Volunteer signature          Date

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WITNESS STATEMENT REPORT FORM

Name of Injured Volunteer

Date of Accident ____________________________ Time of Accident ____________________________

Relationship to Injured Volunteer (co-volunteer, supervisor, relative, etc) ____________________________

What were you doing at the time of the accident?

Did you observe the accident? If yes, please describe in detail what you observed.

The above statements are true and correct.

Witness Full Name ____________________________

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Address ____________________________ City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip ____________________________

Phone Number ____________________________ Email ____________________________

Volunteer/Job Title ____________________________

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