CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

Although we do not want to discourage anyone from applying, we want to ensure that the conditions of participation are clear. Please take a moment to read the conditions below.

• Participants in the Group International Service program are expected to exhibit sensitivity to the host culture; observe local rules and laws; and abide by the philosophy, structure, and regulations of our host agencies.
• A primary goal of the program is learning. Participants are expected to prepare for the trip by completing the packet of readings provided by the Center for Civic Leadership and attending pre-trip orientation meetings. In addition, participants will be encouraged to keep journals and participate in group reflection while on the trip.
• The Center for Civic Leadership will assist in arranging reasonable accommodations on-site and arranging service work to be done in conjunction with the volunteer sending organization. Nevertheless, the exact nature and conditions of these accommodations and work cannot be guaranteed. Many of the conditions we expect at home (i.e. hot water, daily showers, washers/dryers, privacy, etc.) may not be available.
• The participants will be responsible for participating in all fundraising activities, including personal solicitations.
• It is the participant's responsibility to obtain a passport and any necessary visas before he/she goes. If you are an International student studying at Rice University, you are required to make an appointment with the Office of International Students and Scholars to verify any additional documentation you might need to travel abroad.
• It is the participant's responsibility to bring his/her own spending money for free-time activities, a few meals, and other personal expenses.
• It is the participant's responsibility to insure he/she is covered by a travel/health insurance plan for the duration of the program, which includes emergency medical evacuation.
• The participants are responsible for making all decisions regarding appropriate health precautions.
• Participants will not consume/use alcohol or illegal drugs, smoke, or engage in sexual activity while on the trip.
• Participants must at all times be with another member of the group. In general, activities outside the scope of the program will not be accommodated and participants should not make outside commitments.
• All participants are required to follow all safety guidelines established by the Center for Civic Leadership while on a Group International Service trip, as well as during travel to and from the site.
• In addition, following the trip, group members will be responsible for presentations and information sessions to be given to the Rice community in the fall semester.
• Once accepted into the program and the first installment of the trip fee is paid, if students drop out for any reason, they are financially obligated to completing all trip payments, since these fees go toward expenses such as the full purchase price of their plane ticket and agency fees, these are non-refundable and will cost more than the initial first payment.

I have read the program description. I understand the arrangements made for me and the responsibilities I will have.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________