

**2017 CHIMBOTE MISSION SERVICE PROJECT  
VOLUNTEER MISSION PARTNER INFORMATION, APPLICATION  
AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK & LIABILITY**

**MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED THROUGH THE CHIMBOTE FOUNDATION  
OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
CENTRO DE OBRAS SOCIALES (COS) & MATERNIDAD DE MARIA  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHIMBOTE, PERU**

**By applying to be a volunteer Mission Partner, I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print name] confirm that it is my intention to observe and assist the Chimbote mission and not be a distraction to the important mission work that is carried on there. Accordingly, I understand and accept the following expectations and responsibilities of a volunteer Mission Partner, including the assumption of risk and giving my informed consent by signing the following Release and Hold Harmless form below.**

1. **RISK:** Being accepted to participate in a Mission Service trip such as this one to/from Chimbote, Peru is of its nature replete with risk and must be undertaken only with the informed consent of the volunteer Mission Partner. By my signature on this document I understand and accept these risks, and assume all liability.
2. **MATURITY:** I accept that Mission Partners must be mature adults, or high school or college students under specific adult supervision on the entire journey and throughout the mission visit.
3. **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:** I recognize that the trip to and from, and voluntary service in a developing country in another hemisphere will be physically and emotionally demanding. Therefore I certify that I am in good physical and mental condition before the trip.
4. **EXPENSES:** As a Mission Partner I knowingly agree to cover all of my own expenses including transportation, lodging, food, and miscellaneous expenses related to my trip to and from Chimbote.
5. **MISSION ADVOCATE:** Upon returning to the United States as a Mission Partner I am willing to become a mission advocate, sharing the mission story of the half-century “bridge of love of hope” between the people of Pittsburgh and the people of Chimbote.

**RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS**

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND HEREBY, and in consideration of the opportunity to serve and work as a volunteer in the COS and MATERNIDAD DE MARIA MISSION PROGRAM in Chimbote, Peru, and with the assistance of THE CHIMBOTE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH, I, the undersigned, being an adult of sound mind and majority age, or the parent of a minor under the age of majority (18 years of age), do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Diocese of Pittsburgh, a Pennsylvania Charitable Trust; Most Reverend David A. Zubik, the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh; The Chimbote Foundation and its Trustees and Board members; the Diocese of Chimbote; COS and Maternidad de Maria and anyone associated with the above, their agents and employees, for any and all liability for personal injuries (including death), and any property damage

occasioned by or in any way connected with my participation or the participation of my child in this volunteer program.

As additional consideration for the opportunity to be a part of this mission volunteer experience, and INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND HEREBY, I, or I as parent of my minor child participating in said program, our heirs and our legal representatives, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; The Chimbote Foundation of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Diocese of Chimbote; COS and Maternidad de Maria, their successors and legal representatives, of and from ANY CLAIMS, DEMANDS, RIGHTS AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF WHATEVER KIND AND NATURE arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen personal injuries (including death) and property damage that I or my minor child may sustain as a result of, or in any way related to my child's participation in said program.

I further understand that my own personal medical insurance shall be applied to cover any injuries or illness that are sustained by me or my child while on this volunteer mission trip and I will not look to the the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; The Chimbote Foundation of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Diocese of Chimbote; or COS and Maternidad de Maria for any reimbursement.

I understand that this Release is part of a document that is provided by COS Maternidad De Maria Volunteer Program and The Chimbote Foundation of the Diocese of Pittsburgh that outlines responsibilities and provides information about this volunteer opportunity.

I understand that I AM ASSUMING THE RISK AND INCONVENIENCES OF THIS MISSION TRIP which is to/from Chimbote, Peru. I understand that I am undertaking this trip which may be more difficult and arduous than I am used to and that the same amenities of my home in the USA will not be available to me in Peru or on my journey there and back.

I understand that travel to, in and from Peru, and everyday life in that country may not be safe. I assume the risks of traveling in and to this country. I am aware or I have made myself aware of any bulletins, concerns or warnings by the United States State Department that pertain to travel by US Citizens in Peru.

I understand that I am responsible for all clearances that are required by the Diocese of Pittsburgh prior to rendering any volunteer activities or services.

I further understand that if I am a health care professional I will be responsible for my own licensing.

I further understand that in volunteering to serve as a volunteer Mission Partner I may be viewed by the staff of COS and Maternidad de Maria and by the people of Peru and Chimbote as an unofficial or even official "citizen-ambassador" from the Diocese of Pittsburgh and The Chimbote Foundation. Because of this special relationship, throughout the entire journey I will comport myself and do all in my power to represent the Diocese and the Foundation in a professional, charitable and Christ-like manner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
***My Signature: Volunteer***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Date***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Print name***

***Dates of Mission Trip***

***From*** \_\_\_\_\_

***To*** \_\_\_\_\_

**TWO ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS (Under age 18)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**1. Parent or Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**2. Chaperone Signature: (Person Responsible  
for this student in Chimbote)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print name**

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**Relationship to Student**

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**Acknowledged on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh and  
The Chimbote Foundation**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Title**