



# OMAHA RAPID RESPONSE

## Volunteer Application Form

Please return form to: Omaha Rapid Response, PO Box 53, Boys Town, NE 68010

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### General Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Information

1. If you are a Christian, please describe your present relationship with Jesus and what church you attend. If you are not a Christian, please state what your present religious beliefs are.
  
2. Do you have physical or psychological problems for which you are presently undergoing treatment?

3. Are you confident that you are physically and psychologically robust enough to serve in a disaster situation? (If not, you may qualify to join a team serving in the "second wave" of relief effort.)
  
4. Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is your spouse applying for a team? \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Describe your relationship with your spouse and children (if applicable).
  
6. Are they at peace with your involvement in Rapid Response?

### **Travel Experience**

1. Have you ever visited another country? \_\_\_\_\_ Name the countries & purpose of each trip.
  
2. Do you have any foreign language skills? \_\_\_\_\_ What languages and years of study?
  
3. Have you ever been on a short-term missions trip either nationally or internationally? \_\_\_\_\_  
When and where?
  
4. Have you ever led a team traveling overseas? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where and for what purpose?

### **Omaha Rapid Response**

1. Are you interested in going on an immediate disaster relief team, an ongoing humanitarian aid team, or both?
  
2. Are you interested in going to a certain country that we are presently working in? Are you interested in serving on an international, national, or local team?

3. Do you understand that you are responsible for raising your own support, for the short-term team you are a part of?
  
4. What are your giftings, talents, and professional training?
  
5. Are you prepared to raise a team of 12 people to pray for you while you are away?
  
6. Are you willing to be loyal and cooperative in all situations to your team leader?
  
7. Is there anyone currently involved in Omaha Rapid Response that you know? What is their name and the nature of your relationship; i.e., friend, relative, spouse, etc.?
  
8. Please pass on the character reference form to either your pastor, church leader, employer, manager, or someone else not related to you but in authority over you.

*Being part of a Rapid Response team is very demanding, both physically and psychologically. You need to commit to attend all the team training sessions and any other training that the team leader may deem necessary. Depending on the type of trip you commit to go on, the training will differ. To effectively minister in immediate disaster situations, a higher level of preparation is required than the training needed for humanitarian aid situations. The training you need will depend upon what your team leader requires and your previous training and experience level.*

*If you do not get a strong character reference, if during the interview and training phases we feel that you are unsuitable, either physically or psychologically, to be on a specific team, or if you are unable to raise the funds needed, we reserve the right to ask you to leave the team.*

*Please sign below if you are prepared to commit to the above requirements.*

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Signature

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Date

**RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNITY**

IN CONSIDERATION of the permission granted to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant or volunteer) by Rapid Response: Omaha's Disaster Relief Team, a private nonprofit corporation, to participate in activities conducted by Rapid Response, including relief work in disaster areas, the undersigned hereby releases Rapid Response and its related entities, agents, assigns, insurers and employees from any action, damages, claims, or demands which he or she may have for any illness or personal injuries known or unknown which have occurred or may occur as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant or volunteer) participating in any activity conducted by Rapid Response or in connection with disaster relief work sponsored by Rapid Response.

Rapid Response cannot guarantee the safety of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant or volunteer) in any activity, relief effort, or other efforts by participants or volunteers while at a disaster relief site. Rapid Response cannot anticipate all hazards and dangers which may be present for which participants or volunteers may be exposing themselves.

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant or volunteer) assumes the risk of entering into a potentially hazardous and/or dangerous situation of an unknown manner. Rapid Response makes no assurances, warranties or guaranties as to any safety for participants or volunteers.

The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify Rapid Response: Omaha's Disaster Relief Team, and its related entities, agents, assigns, insurers and employees for any costs or damages they may incur as a result of any illness or injury, and to defend them from any action brought as a result of any such injuries.

The undersigned affirms that he or she has read this document and understands its terms and that he or she executes this document voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Witness

\_\_\_\_\_

Address, City and State

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

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**To be completed by the applicant:**

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

To the applicant: You may waive your right to see this character reference with the understanding that none of the information within will be disclosed to you. Check the box below which represents your wishes. This will in no way affect the decision of the Committee. Please note: Failure to indicate a choice is the same as checking the "I do not waive" box.

I waive my right to see this character reference.

I do not waive my right to see this character reference.

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***To the Character Reference:***

This recommendation form is to be filled out by someone in authority over you. However, this person cannot be related to you. Example: pastor, leader, employer, manager. Thank you for your involvement in this important phase of the applicant's life.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title of position \_\_\_\_\_

Church or Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Your position \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
How well do you know the applicant?  Very well  Fairly well  Casually  By name/sight
  
2. How would you describe the applicant's level of involvement within the church or workplace?
  
3. Has the applicant served your congregation in any capacity? Or has the applicant served on any workplace committees/projects that go beyond their expected employee commitment? If so, please give a brief description.
  
4. What are the applicant's strengths and/or spiritual gifts, according to your observations?
  
5. What is your assessment of the applicant's weaknesses?
  
6. Are there any complex family or work factors which might affect the applicant's service on a Rapid Response team?
  
7. Do you feel that the applicant has the emotional stability that is required to serve in a disaster situation where the level of trauma might be high?

I recommend this applicant:

Highly recommend  Recommend  Recommend with reservations  Do not recommend

\*Please explain your concerns.

Comments/Concerns:

Please try to assess the following based on your knowledge of the applicant.

	<b>Uncertain or not observed</b>	<b>Weak</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<i>Spiritual maturity</i>						
<i>Emotional stability</i>						
<i>Integrity and honesty</i>						
<i>Openness to correction</i>						
<i>Self-discipline</i>						
<i>Willingness to serve</i>						
<i>Family life</i>						
<i>Ability to work with others</i>						
<i>Communication skills</i>						
<i>Courtesy</i>						
<i>Leadership skills</i>						
<i>Reliability</i>						
<i>Physical health</i>						
<i>Ability to handle stress</i>						

Comments on any of the above:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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