



Buffalo Dream Center
Short Term Missions
286 Lafayette Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14213

Dear Mission Team Leader,

We are excited you are interested in bringing a mission team to the Buffalo Dream Center. If you would like more information about our ministry, and what you will be doing on your mission trip, visit our website www.buffalodreamcenter.org.

This package includes some information to get you started with planning your trip. Please let us know the dates you are interested in coming as soon as possible as our schedule gets booked quickly throughout the year and we operate on a first come first serve basis.

If you want to book a week you must put down **a \$200.00 non-refundable deposit. This is due no later than one month before your team's arrival. The rest of your fees are due upon arrival. You can make your checks payable to the Buffalo Dream Center.**

Please fill out the **Missions Team Information Form** on page 12 of this package. Please send the deposit and form as soon as possible so we can plan your week appropriately. Do not worry about having the exact number of people and vehicles. Simply, give us an approximate count. We can finalized such details as the trip gets closer.

While in Buffalo your team is responsible to arrange your own accommodations or speak to the mission team coordinator about having your accommodations arranged. At this time we cannot accommodate teams at the Buffalo Dream Center. Accommodation options are on page 8 of this package.

Your team must also have your own transportation while in Buffalo. It is best if each vehicle has a GPS. The driver of each vehicle will be provided with a list of important addresses for the week.

Each team member needs to fill out an application to participate in a mission trip to the Buffalo Dream Center. If your ministry has its own application process, you may use it instead. If not, there is an application on on page 13 of this package. Whether you use your own application or our application, it is imperative that each member fills out **The Medical Release Form** and reads **Buffalo Dream Center Team Member Rules and Guidelines**. They are on pages 16-20 of this package. These forms must be handed in upon your arrival in Buffalo.

In the past the Buffalo Dream Center has left it up to each mission team to receive a love offering or collect items for the Buffalo Dream Center. However, the expenses for all the outreaches and

projects done during the week of a mission team have not been met by doing so. Therefore, we have had to implement a required donation for each team member who comes to Buffalo on a mission trip. **We now require that each team member pays \$100.00 to the Buffalo Dream Center per week.** This money goes directly to provide for all the weekly outreach expenses at the Buffalo Dream Center during the teams stay. Your deposit can be deducted from this amount.

I hope this information package gives you a good overview of what bringing a mission team to the Buffalo Dream Center looks like. If you have any questions feel free to contact me us (716)854-1001 or information@buffalodreamcenter.org

We look forward to working with you and pray that God will move in a mighty way while your team is in Buffalo. We pray that God will refresh you and give you fresh vision to take back to your church and city.

God Bless,

The Buffalo Dream Center Staff

Contact Information

Buffalo Dream Center

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Buffalo, NY 14213

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Boxes of Love

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About the Buffalo Dream Center

Pastors Eric and Michelle Johns founded and have been overseeing the Buffalo Dream Center, in Buffalo, New York, since 1993.

The Buffalo Dream Center is a church that RESTORES PEOPLE, REBUILDS DREAMS, and RECLAIMS THE WORLD.

The church has become well known as a ministry that meets the needs of inner city families, going into crime infested neighborhoods - places other churches are afraid to go.

The Bible says in Matthew 25:40 that whatever we do for the "least of these" we do for Jesus.

The ministry of the Buffalo Dream Center targets the "least of these" of the inner city, including the homeless, children, young people, prostitutes, and the elderly.

When we meet the physical needs of people, their hearts are opened to receive their spiritual need - salvation through Jesus Christ

About Buffalo

- According to the US Census Bureau in 2014 Buffalo is the fourth poorest city in America
- In 1901 Buffalo was the fastest growing city in the US now it is one of the most rapidly declining cities.
- Approximately 28.7% of the population of Buffalo lives in poverty. That is more than one in four people.
- The poverty rate amongst the children of Buffalo is higher than that of Harlem.
- The high school graduation rate in Buffalo is one of the lowest in the country at only 56%.
- Buffalo is divided into 32 neighborhoods. The lower west side of Buffalo is considered the poorest neighborhood in Buffalo. 75% of the youth ages 18 years and under live in poverty. It is considered to be the melting pot of the city with people from 70 different countries, speaking more than 40 different languages. Some of the countries represented are; Burundi, Somalia, Sudan, Burma, Iran, Nepal, Rwanda, Croatia, Thailand, Afghanistan, Iraq and the Congo.
- The West side is also the home to more than 20,000 Puerto Ricans
- In 2011 Buffalo was named the 6th most segregated city in the US.
- Buffalo has big problem with vacant houses. It ranks second worst in the nation with regards to this problem
- There are more than 14,000 refugees living in Buffalo.
- Buffalo has the third largest population of refugees in America and is the leading resettlement city for refugees in America.
- Buffalo was the winner of its "City with a Heart" contest and is said to be the nation's "friendliest city." Buffalo is also a two-time winner of the All-America City Award.

Buffalo Dream Center Ministries

The Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry is the only mobile food pantry in Western New York. It was started in July 1998. The food pantry has grown from only serving a few people each month to serving over 1,660 individuals each month through 11 delivery sites. The Joseph Project also provides non-perishable food to several other ministries and food pantries on a regular basis. In order to effectively reach those in the most need such as the elderly and single moms, the food pantry delivers groceries in low income neighborhoods and directly to client's homes.

Adopt-A-Block meets the needs of inner city neighborhoods every month. Teams of people "adopt" city blocks by building relationships with the families living in those communities. Members of the Buffalo Dream Center invade the blocks with shovels, rakes, and garbage bags. They clean the streets, mow lawns, paint over graffiti, and serve the people with acts of kindness. This ministry makes the church visible in the community. Over time, as relationships are built, people give their lives to Jesus. to Jesus Christ.

Project Prevention is a ministry which assists families who are at risk of losing their children due to the lack of furniture and other basic necessities. Project Prevention also assists low income families that resettle in Buffalo from other parts of the country and the world. Project Preventions provides some immediate needs for families and builds relationships with the family. Its goal is to help the family improve their quality of life and show them God's love. Currently Project Prevention is assisting more than two hundred families.

The Magdalene Project was started by reaching out to women caught in the life of prostitution. Each month volunteers drive down the streets of Buffalo and Niagara Falls late at night to share the love of Jesus with the women. They distribute roses, toiletries, candy, food, and Bible tracts. The Magdalene Project has now expanded to embrace several other ministries including Kidz Club, free meals, the Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry, and hotel ministry. The Magdalene Project is located in Niagara Falls. It is our goal to plant a Dream Center in Niagara Falls.

Seniors Ministry was started more than 20 years ago in one low income seniors' apartment building in Buffalo. Now it has spread to several low income apartment buildings for seniors. Weekly Bible studies, holiday events, visitations, and food delivery occur in these apartment buildings on a regular basis. Many lonely people are touched by the love of Jesus through this ministry

Kidz Club After School Program/Teen Impact

Every week children and youth from high-risk neighborhoods are provided with free transportation by bus to the Buffalo Dream Center for the Kidz Club After School Program and Teen Impact. When the children and youth arrive they enjoy a meal. After eating many activities are offered including crafts, cooking, video games, and dodge ball. During the program, the children and youth are impacted with the Gospel through a high energy program filled with music, games, and powerful illustrations. The program is attended by 75 or more inner-city children and youth.

Summer Kidz Club

Every summer since 1996 members of the Buffalo Dream Center have been running sidewalk Sunday School throughout Buffalo and in Niagara Falls. Monday through Friday all summer long

there is a Kidz Club site ministering to children. Summer Kidz Club includes lots of fun outdoor activities like sports, crafts, bubbles, face painting, sidewalk chalk and more. It also includes an action packed lesson that shares the Gospel and teaches Christian character. At the end of Kidz Club all the kids get a snack. More than 400 children attend Kidz Club every week all summer.

Warehouse

The Buffalo Dream Center has a warehouse. It is the storage place for the Joseph Project, Project Prevention, Adopt-A-Block, and Boxes of Love. It takes lots of volunteer hours to bag groceries and prepare donations to go out.

Spanish Extension Services

The Buffalo Dream Center is a multi-cultural church. Every Sunday afternoon the Buffalo Dream Center has an extension service. The service is in English and Spanish.

Street Ministry

The Buffalo Dream Center is located just one block away from the highest crime area in the city. The street is plagued with prostitutes, the homeless, pimps, and drug dealers once the sun goes down. Several times a month the Buffalo Dream Center hits the streets to distribute toiletries, snacks and share the love of Jesus.

Friends Feeding Friends

Three times each week hot meals are served downtown for those who are in need and who are homeless. There is also a time of ministry including worship, a short message, and prayer. Approximately 100 people are served each day.

Curbside Church

This is a special church that meets at 10:00am each Sunday for our homeless and street friends. The church meets in a park in downtown Buffalo regardless of the weather. The service includes worship, a message and a time of ministry. Snacks and refreshments are shared. Some weeks bags of groceries and other essentials are given away as well.

Expenses

Fee: \$100.00 per person per week

This fee offsets the cost for the ministries and work projects your team will be doing during your stay. It also helps cover the administrative expenses and extra staffing it takes to run a missions teams.

Your group is responsible for the following expenses:

- Transportation to and from Buffalo
- Transportation while in Buffalo
- All meals, snacks, and water
- Accommodations (some of the partnering churches are free to use)
- Activities during days off
- Spending money

Meal Suggestions:

Buffalo is known to have the best pizza and wings in the country. Your team may enjoy this for a meal.

Westside Bizarre is a favorite place to visit for many coming to Buffalo. It has food available from all over the world including Burmese, Thai, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Puerto Rican, and Ethiopian. One can enjoy a meal for \$10-\$12. Many mission teams plan a visit to Westside Bizarre in their budget as a fun thing to do with their team.

A \$200.00 non-refundable deposit is due 1 month before your team's arrival. The rest is due upon arrival. You can make your checks payable to the Buffalo Dream Center.

Accommodation Options

Option #1

Harvest House - The Harvest House is a ministry located in South Buffalo. It is about 15-20 minutes from the central part of the city (where you would be doing ministry). The Harvest House ministers to single moms and their children. The Harvest House is also a retreat center. They charge \$60.00/per week/per person. The Harvest House is newly renovated. There are several large meeting rooms with couches where your team can sleep. You need to bring your own sleeping bags and air mattresses. They have newly renovated bathrooms and showers. They have a game room, gym, and a large kitchen and dining area. You are responsible for your own meals. They have a website you can look at if you want more information www.harvesthouse.ws/retreats . They are often booked far in advance. If you are interested in staying at the Harvest House, you should contact them directly and book your week as soon as possible. Tell them you will be doing your missions trip at the Buffalo Dream Center. The phone number for the Harvest House is 716. 825.0929.

Option #2

The Buffalo Dream Center has a few partner churches in the suburbs of Buffalo willing to house a mission team. The cost of using their facilities is minimal or sometimes free. These churches have kitchen facilities, bathrooms with showers, and ample sleeping accommodations for a team in carpeted Sunday school rooms. You would need to bring sleeping bags and air mattresses. If you are interested in staying at one of these churches, then we will make arrangements for you and confirm when it is finalized.

Option #3

In the past some teams have opted to stay at a local hotel. We suggest you stay at a hotel with breakfast included. Your team can pack a bagged lunch and use the kitchen at the Buffalo Dream Center to prepare you dinner.

Sample Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday,
<p>10:00am-12:00pm Work Projects @ Niagara Falls</p> <p>12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (bagged)</p> <p>1:00pm-3:30pm Work Projects@ Niagara Falls</p> <p>4:00pm Dinner @ host church</p> <p>6:00pm Kidz Club @ Ferry St. in Buffalo</p>	<p>10:00am-12:30pm Work Project @ BDC</p> <p>12:30pm Lunch break</p> <p>2:00pm <i>Frederick Douglass</i> Kidz Club</p> <p>5:30pm Dinner @ BDC</p> <p>7:00pm Love Downtown (Street Ministry)</p>	<p>9:30am-3:30pm Project Prevention</p> <p>12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch break @ BDC</p> <p>4:00pm Dinner @ BDC</p> <p>6:00pm Kidz Club @ Maryland -Efner</p>	<p>10:00am-12:30pm Work Project @ BDC Outreach Center</p> <p>12:30pm Lunch break</p> <p>2:00pm BDC Outreach Center Kidz Club</p> <p>5:30pm Dinner @ BDC</p> <p>7:00pm Love Grant Street (Street Ministry)</p>	<p>10:00am-1:00pm Work Projects or Outreach@ BDC</p> <p>1:00pm Lunch Break</p> <p>3:00pm-4:30pm Food Pantry sites</p> <p>5:00pm Dinner @ BDC</p> <p>6:00pm BDC Kidz Club</p> <p>Debrief and Good-byes</p>

Things to pack

- Bible
- Note Pad / Diary or Journal /pens
- Work gloves
- Toiletries
- Water bottle
- Backpack (bag to carry daily supplies in)
- Towel / wash cloth
- Hat / Sunglasses / sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer/wet wipes
- Camera
- Jacket
- Sleepwear –you will be sharing a room
- Sleeping Bag
- Air mattress
- Clothing: casual work clothes, something nice for Sunday
- Sneakers are a must for some activities (Sandals are fine but not for everything we do)

Dress Code Guidelines

1. If Volunteer has to ask himself/herself, “Is this appropriate?” – It is probably not appropriate.
2. Shorts are acceptable. If Volunteer wears them, they should be of modest length.
3. Women’s skirts should be of modest length and not tight fitting.
4. Modest tank tops are acceptable. No crop tops, spaghetti strap tank tosp, and sleeveless shirts.
5. Volunteer should bring some clothing that he/she doesn’t mind getting ruined including an old pair of shoes.
6. No muscles shirts for ministry and outreaches.
7. Do not bring expensive jewelry or accessories.

Ministry Needs at the BDC

At the Buffalo Dream Center there are certain items we are in constant need of due to some of our ministries. Below is a list of needs. It would be greatly appreciated if your team could collect some of these things and bring them with you.

Kidz Club

Snack items – chips, individually wrapped snack foods, fruit punch mix
 Candy – no chocolate (it melts too easy), suckers, individually wrapped candy
 Carnival type prizes and trinkets
 Outdoor activity equipment – jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, skip-its,
 Sports equipment – footballs, basketballs, Frisbees, soccer balls, jump ropes, wiffle balls
 Game Consoles – Xbox, Nintendo, Playstation, controllers, games
 Craft supplies
 Playdough
 Plastic lanyard for bracelets
 Dress up clothes
 Balloons
 Super soaker water guns
 Nerf Guns

Project Prevention

Diapers –all sizes
 Wet wipes
 School supplies
 Toiletries/hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant)
 Cleaning supplies
 Paper products – toilet paper, paper towel,
 Baby clothes and supplies

Adopt-A-Block

Gloves
 Trash bags
 Lawn mowers/weed wackers

Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry

Non-perishable food items
 Plastic and paper grocery bags

Street Ministry

Travel size toiletries
 socks
 hats, gloves, scarves
 Blankets/sleeping bags
 Snacks

Overseas Missions

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
 Baby clothes
 Medical supplies
 Travel size toiletries
 Stuffed animals
 Inflatable sports balls
 Pens and pencils
 Jump ropes
 Stickers
 Beach Balls

Boxes of Love

New toy worth at least \$10
 Wrapping paper

Mission Team Information

Please fill out and return the Buffalo Dream Center as soon as possible. You can mail it to Buffalo Dream Center, 286 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo NY 14213 or email it to information@buffalodreamcenter.org

Contact Information:

Church name: _____

Church address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Mission Team Leader (s): _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Trip Information

Proposed dates of trip: _____

Approximate size of team: _____ Approximate number of leaders/chaperones on team: _____

Approximate number of vehicles coming with the team: _____

Team Information: (Check all that Apply)

- Middle School
- High School
- College
- Family
- Ladies
- Men

On the back or in and email:

- Please list any special talents, gifts, or interests that your team (or team members) has
- Please list any requests or special instructions for your team:

Sample Application Form

**Churches may use their own or this one

Buffalo Missions Trip

Buffalo Dream Center
286 Lafayette Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14213
(716) 854-1001
information@buffalodreamcenter.org
www.buffalodreamcenter.org

Personal Information

Full Name: _____
Last Name
First
Middle

Address: _____
Street Address

City State / Prov. Zip / Postal Code

Contact Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Sex: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____
Day / Month / Year

Marital Status (Circle one):

Single Married Engaged Widowed Separated Divorced Remarried

Conversion Experience & Christian Service

1. Briefly share your Christian testimony. Include the date you became a Christian and how your relationship with God has grown since that day.

2. What church activities are you currently involved in?

3. Do you attend church regularly? Yes No

If no, please explain below. If yes, please write the name and address of your church.

4. List any special skills or talents you have.

5. Have you ever gone on a mission trip before? Yes No
If yes, where have you been and how long were you away?

6. Why are you interested in participating in a short-term mission trip at the Buffalo Dream Center? (Answer in detail. If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper.)

Miscellaneous Information

Do you presently use tobacco? Yes No

Have you ever used illegal or habit-forming drugs? Yes No

Date you last used illegal or habit-forming drugs: _____
Day / Month / Year

Do you have a criminal record? Yes No

If so, attach a letter explaining. Please include all charges and sentences.

**The Buffalo Dream Center reserves the right to run a criminal background check on every perspective volunteer.

Emergency Information

Nearest relative to be notified in case of emergency:

Full Name: _____
Last Name First Middle

Address: _____
Street Address

City State / Prov. Zip / Postal Code

Contact Number: _____ Other Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Sex: Male Female Relationship to you : _____

Medical History and Information

Your general health: _____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor

Do you have any physical disabilities or mental or emotional conditions? Yes No
 If yes, please explain.

 Please list all existing medical conditions including allergies:

 If you have allergies, are they life threatening? Yes No
 If yes, please explain.

 Please list all medications you are currently taking:

 Will any problems result in hard physical labor? Yes No

Are you unusually sensitive to heat? Yes No

If any of the above questions were answered yes, please explain:

Liability Waiver and Medical Release : Fill out if ages 18 years and older

Notice: This is a binding legal document. Please read carefully and sign. Consult an attorney if you have any questions. It is a release of claims and hold harmless for future accidental injuries or death of the participant and all of his or her family members. It is also an authorization for emergency medical or dental care for the participant.

I, the undersigned, a legal adult and participant, listed below:

Adult Participant's full name

Birth date (MM/DD/YEAR)

Wish to voluntarily participate in the activity/event described below.

Dates/time frame: _____

1. I have inquired about the activity to my satisfaction and am aware of all the inherent dangers and hazards of the above activity/event and the benefits to be gained by myself, the participant, engaging in the activity/event.
2. By signing this form, I understand and agree that neither Buffalo Dream Center, hereinafter known as BDC, nor its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners may be held liable in any way for any occurrence in connection with the above activity/event which may result in illness, injury, death, or other dangers to myself, the participant, or my heirs, family members, or assigns. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of any incurred expenses as a result of illness, injury, death or other medical expenses.
3. By signing this form, I understand and agree that neither the BDC, nor its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners may be held liable in any way for any lost, stolen, or damaged property belonging to myself, the participant, or my heirs, family members, or assigns. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of incurred expenses.
4. For being allowed to participate in the above activity/event, myself, the participant and all my family members, heirs, or assigns personally assume all risks in connection with the activity. I release BDC, its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners from any injury or damage, which may befall me while engaged in the above activity/event. This release includes all risks connected with the activity/event, whether foreseen or unforeseen. I further agree to save and hold harmless BDC and the above named persons from any claim by me, or family members, estate, heirs, or assigns arising out of the participation in the above activity/event.
5. I authorize any ambulance or hospital emergency service that may be rendered necessary to myself, the participant. I understand that I, the participant, assumes responsibility for the payment

of the ambulance, doctor, dentist, or hospital fees. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of incurred expenses.

6. By signing this waiver, I understand that in the event I, the participant, is sent home or has to leave early from the activity/event listed above, I assume all expenses related to and necessary for the early departure such as but not limited to car rental, transportation expenses, gas expenses, lodging, meals, and airfare. I waive any such claim for compensation or reimbursement of such expenses.

7. Further I give my permission for any and all pictures, audio, videos, or personal testimonies to be used in part or in whole in any and all future publications printed or recorded, (audio or video), without prior notification or royalties by the Buffalo Dream Center

8. Furthermore, I state that I, the participant, am at least 18 years of age and am legally competent to sign this agreement and release; I understand the terms in this agreement and release are contractual and not a mere recital; I have fully informed myself of this agreement and release by reading it before I signed it; I have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel regarding the effect of this agreement and release, should I so desire; and I have signed this document of my own free act.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 20_____

Full legal name of Participant (must be 18 years of age or older)

Signature of Participant (must be 18 years of age or older)

Liability Waiver and Medical Release: Fill out if under the age of 18 years

Notice: This is a binding legal document. Please read carefully and sign. Consult an attorney if you have any questions. It is a release of claims and hold harmless for future accidental injuries or death of the participant and all of his or her family members. It is also an authorization for emergency medical or dental care for the participant. This document must be notarized in the event the participant is under 18 years of age.

I, the undersigned, the parent or legal guardian, of the minor listed below:

Minor's full name

Birth date (MM/DD/YEAR)

Agree to the terms of this waiver and consent for the activity described below.

Dates/time frame: _____

1. I have inquired about the activity to my satisfaction and am aware of all the inherent dangers and hazards of the above activity/event and the benefits to be gained the participant engaging in the activity/event.
2. By signing this waiver, I understand and agree that neither Buffalo Dream Center, hereinafter known as BDC, nor its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners may be held liable in any way for any occurrence in connection with the above activity/event which may result in illness, injury, death, or other dangers to the participant, heirs, family members, or assigns. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of any incurred expenses as a result of illness, injury, death or other medical expenses.
3. By signing this waiver, I understand and agree that neither the BDC, nor its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners may be held liable in any way for any lost, stolen, or damaged property belonging to the participant, heirs, family members, or assigns. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of incurred expenses.
4. For being allowed to participate in the above activity/event, the participant and all my family members, heirs, or assigns personally assume all risks in connection with the activity. I release BDC, its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners from any injury or damage, which may befall the participant while engaged in the above activity/event. This release includes all risks connected with the activity/event, whether foreseen or unforeseen. I further agree to save and hold harmless BDC and the above named persons from any claim by me, or family members, estate, heirs, or assigns arising out of the participation in the above activity/event.
5. I authorize any ambulance, hospital emergency service or dental emergency service that may be rendered necessary for the participant. I understand that I assume responsibility for the payment of the ambulance, doctor, dentist, or hospital fees incurred in treating the participant. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of incurred expenses.

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8. Furthermore, I state that I am at least 18 years of age, the legal guardian or parent of the participant, and am legally competent to sign this agreement and release; I understand the terms in this agreement and release are contractual and not a mere recital; I have fully informed myself of this agreement and release by reading it before I signed it; I have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel regarding the effect of this agreement and release, should I so desire; and I have signed this document of my own free act.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 20_____

Full legal name of parent/guardian

Signature of parent/guardian

Notorization Below:

Buffalo Dream Center Team Member Rules and Guidelines

The following rules, guidelines, and dress code were read on this _____ day of

_____, 20____, by _____ (“Volunteer”), an
 Volunteer’s Name

Individual participating in a mission trip through the Buffalo Dream Center:

1. Submission and respect by Volunteer is to be shown to leadership and staff of the Buffalo Dream Center at all times.
2. Realizing that the city or country being visited is culturally different than where Volunteer is from, Volunteer will not question or argue with the leadership and staff of the Buffalo Dream Center regarding the way they operate the various ministries.
3. Volunteer is expected to follow the same daily schedule as the leadership, staff, and other volunteers of the Buffalo Dream Center.
4. No romantic relationships will be tolerated among team members.
5. Volunteer is expected to provide his/her own spending money while on the trip. This amount should be based upon Volunteer’s own spending habits.
6. Volunteer is responsible to provide any extra snacks and special food items he/she requires.
7. Smoking on the mission trip is prohibited.
9. No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or pornography are allowed at any time or in anyone’s possession while on the missions trip.
10. Volunteer’s sleeping area is to be kept clean at all times.
11. Proper dress is required at all times. Please see “Dress Code”.

I understand that failure to comply with one or more of these policies could result in my immediate dismissal from property and/or ministry. In the event of a dismissal there will be no refunds for the remainder of the scheduled trip.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Buffalo Dream Center, and I understand that they may change from time to time due to circumstances that dictate such changes.

I agree to fully support the leadership and staff of the Buffalo Dream Center in word and conduct. I will remain positive and flexible. I understand that they are responsible for the performance, behavior and safety of each team member and have the right to request that a rebellious member or group leader be sent home at any point during the mission trip, at his or her own cost.

I have read the above information thoroughly and fully understand all aspects of this document.
I fully agree to comply with the guidelines above.

Signature _____

Date _____

Dress Code

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4. Modest tank tops are acceptable. No crop tops, spaghetti strap tank tosp, and sleeveless shirts.
5. Volunteer should bring some clothing that he/she doesn't mind getting ruined including an old pair of shoes.
6. No muscles shirts for ministry and outreaches.
7. Do not bring expensive jewelry or accessories.

Personal Recommendation: Confidential

Name of Applicant _____

Applicant: IMPORTANT! Your personal reference completes this form. Please fill out only your name. Please make sure that the person you select as a personal reference is not a relative. The pastoral reference can be your senior pastor, youth pastor, or a pastor on staff at the local church you attend.

Reference: Please complete the recommendation and send to The Buffalo Dream Center, 286 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14213 or email it to ericandmichellejohns@live.com. Do NOT return this form to the applicant. If you have any questions please call 716.854.1001.

Name _____
Last Name First Middle

Address _____
Street Address

City State / Prov. Zip / Postal Code

Contact Number: _____ Work Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Please read the following before filling out this recommendation. Serious consideration will be given to your evaluation of the applicant's character and fitness for short-term missions. We need to know as much as possible about our applicants to make fair appraisals of their qualifications, matching all applicants with the best possible ministry opportunity for them. Your responses will be held in strict confidence.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How well do you know him/her?

BY FACE/ NAME CASUALLY FAIRLY WELL VERY WELL

Which of the following best describes the applicant?

E=EXCELLENT AA=ABOVE AVERAGE A=AVERAGE P=POOR U=UNKNOWN

Adaptability____ Servanthood____ Dependability____ Spiritual Life____ Maturity____

Response to Authority____ Spiritual Influence on Peers____ Leadership Ability____

O=OFTEN S=SOMETIMES R=RARELY N=NEVER U=UNKNOWN

Procrastinates_____ Critical_____ Irritable_____ Inclined to Crushes_____

Depressed_____ Argumentative_____ Domineering_____ Rebellious_____ Punctual _____

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Yes No

Are you aware of any mental or emotional illness or instability in the applicant? Yes No
To your knowledge, has the applicant used tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs in the last year?
Yes No

Have you ever had reason to question the applicant's morals? Yes No

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Pastor's Recommendation: Confidential

Name of Applicant _____

Applicant: IMPORTANT! Your pastor completes this form. Please fill out only your name. The pastor's recommendation can be completed by your senior pastor, youth pastor, or a pastor on staff at the local church you attend.

Pastor: Please complete the recommendation, place it in an envelope, seal the envelope, and send to The Buffalo Dream Center, 286 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14213. Do NOT return this form to the applicant. If you have any questions please call 716.854.1001.

Name _____
Last Name First Middle

Address _____
Street Address

City State / Prov. Zip / Postal Code

Contact Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please read the following before filling out this recommendation. Serious consideration will be given to your evaluation of the applicant's character and fitness for short-term missions. We need to know as much as possible about our applicants to make fair appraisals of their qualifications, matching all applicants with the best possible ministry opportunity for them. Your responses will be held in strict confidence.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How well do you know him/her?

BY FACE/ NAME CASUALLY FAIRLY WELL VERY WELL

Which of the following best describes the applicant?

E=EXCELLENT AA=ABOVE AVERAGE A=AVERAGE P=POOR U=UNKNOWN

Adaptability____ Servanthood____ Dependability____ Spiritual Life____ Maturity____

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