

***Building Homes Building Hope***

**Volunteer Pledge**

**Name of Participant (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**As a volunteer, I agree to:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain from the use of alcohol (minors 21 or younger), use discretion with the use of alcohol (adults), nor will I use any illegal substances. I understand that I am placing BHBH staff and other participants at risk if I choose to use alcohol or illegal substances. I understand that it is socially acceptable for minors to drink in the Dominican culture. I also understand that there is a strong possibility that members of my host family will offer me alcohol and that I am expected to say NO to any offer of alcohol given to me.

\_\_\_\_\_ Advise BHBH staff if I have knowledge that any minor involved in the trip is drinking or using illegal substances.

\_\_\_\_\_ Remember I have come to learn, not to teach. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "How we do things".

\_\_\_\_\_ Respect the hosts' religious views.

\_\_\_\_\_ Respect the group and the team leaders and their decisions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Refrain from gossip.

\_\_\_\_\_ Be creative and supportive when things do not go as planned.

\_\_\_\_\_ Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest toward a Dominican or fellow team member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Respect curfew as determined by BHBH staff. As a courtesy to the team leaders, and for your own safety, an adult must know of your whereabouts at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ Abide by the regulations, as explained by BHBH staff. I also understand that if I do not comply with any or all of these regulations I could be asked to return to the United States or have another consequence, as decided by BHBH staff. If I am required to return to the United States before the end of the trip, my family will be responsible for any and all additional expenses.

**Signature of Minor Participant:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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

As a parent/guardian, I am supporting my child's decision to participate in this trip. By signing this pledge, I understand that if my child does not comply with any or all of these regulations as outlined by BHBH my child could be asked to return to the United States or have another consequence, as decided by BHBH. If my child is required to return to the United States, due to the breaking of this pledge, before the end of the trip, I will assume any and all additional financial expenses.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:**

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

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