

**Youth Volunteer Disclaimer**

Over the years, hundreds of children and youth have learned about hunger and homelessness by serving in programs of Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ in Pottstown. We feel that it is very important that young people have the opportunity to serve, and want to continue to offer this important volunteer opportunity for children and youth.

Trinity has an active Safe Church Policy for all children and youth activities. This policy includes screening of volunteers as well as numerous checks and balances. **However, our outreach ministries which include the seasonal homeless shelter, the Saturday Drop-in Center, and Tuesday Community Meal program are not considered children and youth activities.** Consequently neither the volunteers nor the guests are screened to be safe working with children or youth. Furthermore, our volunteers' primary responsibility is serving the people who benefit from these programs. They do not have the time to properly supervise children and youth.

For this reason, we require that all children and youth be supervised by a parent or other appointed adult. This includes being aware when children or youth leave their parent or group to use the restroom, not leaving children alone in the youth room or nursery unsupervised, and not allowing children and youth to wander around or leave the building.

Name of child or children: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Volunteering (or range of dates) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ (initial) I understand that the program named above is **not** a children's or youth program and therefore the volunteers and guests have **not** been screened for safety working with children.

\_\_\_\_ (initial) I understand that it is not the responsibility of staff and volunteers at the above named program to supervise my child/children.

(initial one of the following)

\_\_\_\_ I will be present during the program and will supervise my child/children

OR

\_\_\_\_ I designate \_\_\_\_\_ to supervise my child/children in my absence

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date