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THE ACADEMIC SERVICE LEARNING STUDENT, _____ AGREES TO:

1. Thoroughly read and complete this registration process.
2. Inform the Community Partner supervisor of the learning objectives discussed in class in order to ensure connection between service work and course outcomes.
3. Be responsible for the agreed upon service hours. Call the Community Partner ahead if you will be late or unable to attend a scheduled service shift.
4. Follow all policies of the site, including health and safety precautions, confidentiality, and criminal history checks.
 - Do not go beyond the scope of assigned responsibilities. Use your judgment and refuse risky or inappropriate requests and situations.
 - Do not work in a room alone with a child or other client, or transport a child or other client, unless screened and cleared by the site to do so. Follow all confidentiality and reporting policies at the site.
 - It is highly recommended that you carry health, accident, and auto insurance, as students are not covered under any college insurance policy. You should NOT drive agency clients in your vehicle. **To do so is at your own risk.**
5. Complete the ASLC on-line evaluation (The link can be found under your student center). You will also be reminded by e-mail to complete the on-line evaluation.
6. Ask your Community Partner supervisor to confirm your ASL hours by signing your timesheet at the end of the semester. On your instructors due date, you should turn in the timesheet to your instructor.
7. Contact the ASLC and/or your instructor if there are any problems with your ASL placement.

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The Grand Rapids Community College is a public education institution. References to College ("College") include all of the Colleges ("GRCC"), its officers, officials, employees, volunteers, students, agents, and assigns.

I will be participating as a service-learning student in connection with GRCC learning opportunities (henceforth referred to as the "Program").

In consideration of my participation in this Program, I agree as follows:

RISK OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: I understand that my participation in the College Program specified above involves risks of physical harm and injury inherent in service activities including, but not limited to, working with people, participating in sports and recreation activities, cleaning and maintenance projects, preparing and serving food, and other service activities.

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: I understand that College is not an agent of, and has no responsibility for, any third party that I may provide any Program services to. I understand that the College provides guidance and facilitates my Program activities only as a component of my service-learning experience and that accordingly, the College accepts no responsibility, in whole or in part, for loss, damage or injury to persons or property whatsoever, caused to me or others while participating in the Program. I further understand that the College is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control.

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY: I understand that the College is not responsible for any loss or damage I may suffer when I am doing Program activities and that the College cannot and does not guarantee my personal safety. In addition, I specifically acknowledge that in performing Program activities, I am doing so independently in the status of volunteer of the Program I choose, and not as an employee, or agent of the College. I further waive any and all claims which may arise for such Program activities, acknowledge that workers' compensation benefits are not provided to me in my capacity as a student, and hold the College harmless from any of my negligent acts. I further state that I am not in any way an employee of the College in any capacity. I further agree that I am solely responsible for my own equipment, supplies, personal property, and effects during the course of Program activities. In addition, I agree that if I drive or provide my own motor vehicle for transportation to, during, or from the Program site, I am responsible for my own acts and for the safety and security of my own vehicle. I accept full responsibility for the liability of myself and my passengers, and I understand that if I am a passenger in such a private vehicle, the College is not in any way responsible for the safety of such transportation and that the College's insurance does not cover any damage or injury suffered in the course of traveling in such a vehicle.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY: I understand that I may be injured and lose or damage personal property as a result of participation in the Program. Therefore, I assume all risk related to the Program activities. Knowing the risk described above, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Program, I agree to release, indemnify, and defend the College and their officials, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, sponsors, and students from and against any claim which I, the participant, my parents or legal guardian, or any other person may have for any losses, damages, or injuries arising out of or in connection with my participation in this Program.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: I have been advised to consult with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs. I state that there are no health-related reasons or problems that preclude or restrict my participation in this Program. I have obtained the required immunizations, if any. I understand that I may be required to pay up front for my medical expenses that I incur while participating in this Program. Further, I understand that I am responsible to submit any medical receipts to my insurance carrier upon my return. I recognize that the College is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. The College may (but is not obligated to) take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety. I agree to pay all expenses relating thereto and release the College from any liability for any actions. Participating in any activity is an acceptance of some risk of injury. I agree that my safety is primarily dependent upon taking care of myself. I understand that it is my responsibility to know what personal equipment is required (such as footwear, clothing, and other personal protective equipment) and provide the proper personal equipment for my participation in the Program, and to ensure that it is in good and suitable condition. I agree to ask questions to make sure that I know how to safely participate in the Program activities, and I agree to observe the rules and practices which may be employed to minimize the risk of injury while participating in the Program activities. I agree to reduce the risk of injury to myself or others by limiting my participation to reflect my personal fitness level, wearing the proper protection as dictated by the activity, not wearing anything that could pose a hazard in the performance of the activity, not ingesting or using any substance during the activity which could pose a hazard to myself or others. I agree that if I fail to act in accordance with this agreement that I may not be permitted to continue to participate in the activity.

PHOTO / VIDEO RELEASE: I hereby grant the Academic Service Learning Center (ASLC) at Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) the absolute and irrevocable right and permission, with respect to photographs and videos taken of me and/or comments made by me or in which I may be included with others, to copyright for same; to use, reuse and publish the same in whole or in part in any and all media including use on the world wide web, now or hereafter, and for any purpose whatever for illustration, promotion, art, advertising and trade, and if appropriate, to use my name and pertinent education and/or biographical facts as the ASLC of GRCC chooses. I hereby release and discharge the ASLC of GRCC from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of photographs, videos and/or comments, including without limitation any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. I am of full age and have the right to contract in my own name. I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents. This release shall be binding on me and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

SIGNATURE: I, being over the age of 18 years or in the capacity of legal guardian for the person identified above, have read the terms and conditions of participation and agree to abide by them. I have carefully read this Agreement and acknowledge that I understand it. No representation, statements, or inducements, oral or written, apart from the foregoing written statement, have been made. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan which shall be the venue for any lawsuit filed under or incident to this Agreement or to the Program. If any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, the rest of the document shall continue in full and effect.

I have read and agree to abide by the above terms and conditions: Yes No

Date _____

Please contact the Department of Experiential Learning if you have any questions at (616-234-2384). You may also e-mail us at experientiallearning@grcc.edu.