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Dear Volunteer,

We would like to welcome you to ***The Chicago Dream Center***. We pray that your experience will be one that is impacting and life changing. We have attached information that will benefit you and your group prior to your visit.

Accommodation is offered on a first come first serve basis. Visitors under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult and have a waiver signed by their legal guardian. All visitors must sign ministry waivers of liability to stay with us.

We listed information pertaining to planning a trip with us, and will answer your questions regarding transportation, cost, airports, what to bring, not to bring, schedule and what you can expect. We fill up quickly and limit our overnight guests.

Final travel details need to be received along with a list of names of those coming with you at least 30 days prior to your arrival. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Once again, thank you for your interest in restoring dreams for our community.

**Sincerely,**

***Crystal Uribe***

Chicago Dream Center

Short Term Missions Director

[crystal@chicagodreamcenter.org](mailto:crystal@chicagodreamcenter.org)

## GET TO KNOW US



The Chicago Dream Center was founded by New Life Covenant Church in 2002. The CDC is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

The Chicago Dream Center is in the Humboldt Park Community and focuses on domestic outreach. We have several ministries that serve in different ways such as providing groceries to the poor, clothing, housing, spiritual counseling and more. In 2002, over 600 prostitutes were arrested in the Humboldt Park community within a nine-month period. This alarming rate led police officials to seek help from one local church. At this time Wilfredo "Choco" DeJesus, Senior Pastor of New Life Covenant, was sought out to develop a solution for those victimized by this form of trafficking. After some time, he knew that a farm would be purchased and within the year it became a safe house. This was the start of the New Life for Women program (NLFW). This program has served women 18 years old and older for those suffering from life controlling issues such as addiction and homelessness, domestic violence, and victims of trafficking.

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## Application Checklist

- Volunteer Waiver (to be filled out by every volunteer)
- Driving Information
- Copy of driver's license
- Housing Policy & Agreement Signed and Dated
- Regulations
- Payment Schedule
- Dream Center Volunteer Consent
- Copy of Group Insurance Policy (or Individual Insurance)

**The above items need to be turned in 30 days prior to your visit.**

Please scan and email the documents to:

Crystal Uribe at [crystal@chicagodreamcenter.org](mailto:crystal@chicagodreamcenter.org)

**VOLUNTEER WAIVER**

*To be filled out by every volunteer*



I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby voluntarily agree to participate in activities of the Chicago Dream Center/New Life Covenant Church by choice. I understand that participation in the program is voluntary.

I assume all risk of injury or harm associated and agree to release the Chicago Dream Center/ New Life Covenant Church and all its employees from all liability. I understand that this release covers liability, claims and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts of voluntary work. I recognized that by signing this release I am giving up the right to sue the Chicago Dream Center/New Life Covenant for injuries, damages or losses I may occur.

I have read and understand this consent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization



**DRIVING INFORMATION**

To be filled out by the adult driver who will be parking in our lots or possibly driving one of our vehicles during an outreach night.

1. Driver's license number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. State of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Type of License:  Operators  Commercial other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have any restrictions on your license? If yes explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you been involved in any motor vehicle accidents while driving in the last 5 years?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you carry liability insurance on your automobile? If yes identify insurance company here

\_\_\_\_\_

Photocopy of license provided  Yes  No

I represent that my responses are truthful and accurate. I agree to notify the Dream Center within a reasonable time of any changes in the above information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## HOUSING POLICY & AGREEMENT

Space and dorms are limited due to the number of groups throughout the year. We schedule a first come first serve, please reserve your dates promptly. When requesting space, please be mindful that space is not always available.

Dates should be reserved at least 90 days in advance and a down payment to secure your space should be submitted as well. All payments are to be made online at [chicagodreamcenter.org](http://chicagodreamcenter.org)

One set of keys will be assigned to the leader overseeing the team; you must protect your keys and not lose them. The keys are your responsibility. The Dream Center allows you to bring your personal items, but please be advised that the Dream Center does not carry insurance for your personal belongings.

If you are staying at our dorm building (1664 N California Ave) please have the Parking Permit sheet visible on your windshield. This will let our staff know and refrain from having your vehicles towed.

Dream Center dorms are equipped with a refrigerator, stove, and microwave. Linens and bedding are not included. **During your stay at the dorms, it is our policy that you keep your areas clean and throw out garbage daily. An inspection is scheduled for the dorms before check-out.**

There are no weapons permitted on campus. This includes but is not limited to guns, knives, swords, mace, brass knuckles, bats, or any item that can be considered a weapon.

No smoking/vaping, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, foul language, or pornography is allowed in rooms or anywhere on campus. Anyone caught doing so will be dismissed from the Dream Center Facility. Pets are not permitted in dorms. This includes dogs, cats, reptiles, etc.

***I have read and understand this consent:***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**COSTS** I agree to the terms of this contract. I understand that if we are responsible for payment at a rate of:

\$485.00 *per person* (Mon-Sat 6 days 5 nights)

- Housing
- 3 meals a day (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Administration & Outreach activity fees

**\*\*\*Once we receive this form, we will create an invoice with your costs and email it to you. \*\*\***

I agree to abide by the regulations and policies of the Dream Center and New Life Covenant Church. If I do not abide with the policies or regulations, I am forfeiting future use of facilities.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

**Deposit:** \$200 (non-refundable, Locks in your dates) Due ASAP.

**Payment in full:** Due 30 days prior to the team's arrival.

**All payments are to be made online at [chicagodreamcenter.org](http://chicagodreamcenter.org)**

**Click on Mission to Chicago, then click make a payment**

**Please be sure to add on notes "Church name/Organization & Mission Trip 2025."**

**There is an additional 3% convenience fee to pay with a credit card.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Leader Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Leader Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Parking Permit  
Short Term Mission



CHICAGO **DREAM CENTER**





## MINISTRY DESCRIPTION AND AVAILABILITY

**Homeless Outreach, Bridge to Life:** This team lives out the Gospel by meeting the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of homeless individuals within our community. **Available Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday Evenings.**  
**Age restriction: 14 & over only (High School students and above)**

**Women's Trafficking Outreach, Rose of Sharon:** To seek and find women in the streets that have been affected by life-controlling issues and bring them back into the fullness and understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We also inform them about the recovery program that is offered to those in need through the Chicago Dream Center, letting them know that God has opened this door where they can come and begin to dream again. **Available Friday Night. Age restriction: 16 & over only.**

**Food & Clothing Pantry, Manna for Life:** Food/Clothing pantry is available to the community residents who need groceries or clothing. Manna also provides special groceries for the holidays. **Available Saturday morning.**

**Let's Change Resale Shoppe:** This shop sells gently used clothing, shoes and accessories to the Humboldt Park community. It is a charitable 501c3 and all proceeds from this shop further our international and domestic mission initiatives. This shop was started by Army of the Kind which is our international missions' arm. **Available Monday through Friday 10 am-5pm & Saturday 11am-4pm Sunday CLOSED.**

**House of Hope for Teens:** We adopt teenagers who are truant, runaways or homeless. We become their family and help them get back on their feet. This is a very sensitive ministry, and we would need to ask the leaders permission in advance to work with them. **By appointment only. If you are interested, we will talk to the house parents to arrange a time for your group to be involved. This is an offsite drive to get to the teen home so we would need to plan ahead of time.**

**New Life Recovery:** This group meets every **Monday evening**. It is very much like a celebrated recovery program, but different in a sense that incorporates live testimonies. These evenings are very powerful and many people that we encounter in the streets attend this group.

**New Life for Women:** This is a women's residential facility where women are rescued from drug addiction, trafficking, or prostitution. **By appointment only. If you are interested, we will talk to the farm director to arrange a time for your group to be involved. This is an offsite drive to get to the "Farm" so we would need to plan ahead of time.**

**Dream Café:** Sales from our café blesses the Dream Centers mission. The café is open to the public on Sunday, but there is lots to do throughout the week to help us prepare. **Available Monday through Sunday.**



**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEER CONSENT**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Size: \_\_\_\_\_ How many adults? \_\_\_\_\_ How many youths? \_\_\_\_\_

How many males? \_\_\_\_\_ How many females? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

Ages of volunteer's:  14-18  19-24  25-35  35-45  45+ other:

**Please check all that apply:**

Ministries that your team is interested in:

- Bridge to Life  Rose of Sharon  Manna for Life  New Life Recovery  Let's Change Shoppe
- Hope House for Teens  New Life for Women  Dream Café  Sunday Love

Date & Time anticipated arriving and departing: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your group's ministry skills and how would you like to serve?

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We, \_\_\_\_\_ (organization name), release and forever discharge and hold harmless The Chicago Dream Center, New Life Covenant Church and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from our groups volunteer work with them.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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