

**PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS
AT ST. JUDE CHURCH HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY**

St. Jude Helping Hands Food Pantry welcomes student volunteers from the 7th and 8th grade to assist with our mission “to serve others.” We encourage youth volunteers to experience both the Gospel values learned through volunteering, as well as the satisfaction received in performing service to the community.

The safety and security of all youth volunteers while on the pantry premises is a key concern. Therefore, we ask the parents/guardians of all 7th and 8th grade student volunteers to read the following guidelines before giving consent to their child’s participation as a volunteer at Helping Hands Food Pantry.

- Volunteering at the Helping Hands Food Pantry is **restricted to students in the 7th and 8th grades only.**
- All student volunteers in 7th and 8th grade **must bring this signed permission form with them to the food pantry on the day that they volunteer.** (The form will be kept on file at the food pantry. Once a form is completed, subsequent volunteering will not require a new form.)
- Student volunteering will be limited to **SATURDAY DISTRIBUTIONS ONLY.** These are the third Saturday of every month, from 11 AM to 2 PM. Please arrive in advance of the 11 AM start, and enter the food pantry from the rear gate entrance.
- All student volunteers must sign in at the Registrar’s Desk upon arrival. Then, they should report to the President of Helping Hands, or their designee, for their assignments. Student volunteers will sign out upon leaving at 2 PM.
- **Any student volunteer who must leave before the 2 PM end of distribution must personally notify the President of Helping Hands, or their designee, that they are leaving, and then sign out.**
- Student volunteers will be asked to do a variety of tasks, including, but not limited to, lifting packages of food or produce, stocking shelves with food items, assisting clients with bags, boxes and shopping carts, assisting clients with making their selections, loading clients items into their vehicles, housekeeping tasks as required, and any assignment deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the distribution by the President of Helping Hands, or their designee.

I, _____, am the _____
(Name of Parent/Guardian) (Relationship)

of _____, a student at St. Jude School in the _____ Grade.
(Name of Student)

I have read the above sections regarding student volunteers at Helping Hands Food Pantry. I understand these provisions and also understand that activities, such as volunteering, have certain risks and could result in injury to the above named child. I hereby assume all risk of injury which may be sustained by the child in connection with volunteering at St. Jude Church Helping Hands Food Pantry, 342 Longford Avenue, Elyria, Ohio. I further specifically waive, release, discharge and hold harmless the Diocese of Cleveland, St. Jude Church, St. Jude School and Helping Hands Food Pantry, and the employees, staff, officers and volunteers of the aforesaid diocese, parish, school and organization from all claims arising out of injury sustained by the child while volunteering at the food pantry.

I have read and fully understand the contents of this entire document and consent to the above named child volunteering in accordance with all the provisions contained therein.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)