

Joy for Johnny Volunteer Application

For volunteers 12 to 17 years old.

Please complete and return to:

Joy for Johnny
Dauphin Way United Methodist Church
1507 Dauphin Street
Mobile, AL 36604

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Visit www.dwumc.org/joyforjohnny for more information about *Joy for Johnny*.

Statement of Covenant

This page is to be completed by youth 12 years old and older, with a parent/legal guardian.

Dauphin Way United Methodist Church activities offer a unique setting for ministries of Christian love and care to and with children and youth. We acknowledge that a special covenant is created when parents entrust their children and youth to the care of our staff and volunteers. We hold each child and youth as a person of immeasurable worth as a child of God. With this understanding, I agree to: (initial the beginning of each statement to which you covenant)

- ___ respect each child, youth, and adult, acting in an appropriate manner with each person I come into contact;
- ___ attend training events and prepare myself in advance for all events I will work;
- ___ follow the directions of the leadership and the policies of the oversight committees;
- ___ open myself to the spiritual growth possible for me as I live through this experience;
- ___ be willing to share my unique gifts while honoring the gifts of others;
- ___ act only in ways that will offer glory and honor to God and God's gifts of community and creation;
- ___ to build self-esteem through affirmation and praise and refrain from verbal abuse, including put-downs, inappropriate jokes, sarcasm, and racial slurs;
- ___ find alternative ways to discipline, agreeing that under no circumstances will I use spanking, neck or choke holds, ear or hair pulling, or any other corporal punishment as a means of discipline;
- ___ make it my primary responsibility to minister to the needs of the children/youth with Christ as my example;
- ___ be in prayer throughout the coming weeks for each event in which I participate;
- ___ accept, respect and be responsive to the diversity of God's world.

Youth Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

As the **parent/legal guardian** of the applicant, I have read through this covenant with him/her and affirm hereby both my support of his/her application and his/her understanding of what this covenant involves.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

To the parents: For the younger youth, depending on his/her age and maturity, we ask that a parent or legal guardian also be present to volunteer. The appropriate age can be determined on a case-by-case basis with the church leadership and ministry coordinator.

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Volunteer Application and Authorization – Youth Form

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!

Date of Application: _____

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Name you go by: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

DWUMC attendee or member? _____ If yes, how long? _____

If no, current or previous church affiliation: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Fax Number: _____ Other: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

When and where can we contact you?

___ Home Phone Time _____

___ Cell Phone Time _____

___ Email

___ Postal Mail

Emergency contact name: _____

Phone number: _____

How did you hear about *Joy for Johnny*? _____

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VOLUNTEERING:

Most *Joy for Johnny* volunteers are direct caregivers for the children, but there are a few “behind-the-scenes” tasks where volunteers are of great use. Please indicate all areas with which you are willing to help (*checking these will not obligate you to any task*):

Areas of interest as a volunteer (check as many as apply):

- Direct care giving
- Room preparations and set-up for *Joy for Johnny*
- Activities helper:
 - Crafts
 - Music
 - Games/Outdoors
 - Meals
- Other: _____

OR

- I am only interested in providing one-on-one care giving at this time.

Answering the following questions (including p. 5) as comprehensively as possible helps us to match you more appropriately with the children who participate in Joy for Johnny.

I am comfortable with children who are (check as many as apply):

- Medically fragile
- Uncommunicative
- Emotionally challenged
- Hyperactive/ Attention Deficit Disorder
- Siblings
- Infants (age 2 months – 1 year)

I am uncomfortable working with children that are _____

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Education, special training or previous volunteer experience: _____

Health limitations or special considerations: _____

My strengths that I bring to children include: _____

My experience with children with special needs includes: _____

Licenses, permits, or certifications I hold: _____

Sports and hobbies that interest me: _____

Other things you should know about me: _____

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I know sign language: Yes No Some

I know CPR _____ Course Taken: _____ Date: _____

My computer skills include: _____

I, the undersigned, understand that the information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, and I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information concerning me to Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. In signing this application, I swear or affirm that the information that I have given is true and correct.

Signature of Youth Volunteer Applicant

Date

Print Name

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**PARENTAL CONSENT:**

I verify that I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (youth applicant) and I agree that he/she can volunteer with Joy for Johnny, and I affirm his/her commitment to this ministry. My name and signature are below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/legal guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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For Joy for Johnny Staff only:

Reviewed by:

_____ Date: _____