

Friend Ships Unlimited

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your desire to serve the Lord as a volunteer with Friend Ships. We would like to take this time to introduce you to our organization. Friend Ships Unlimited, a.k.a. Park West Children's Fund, Inc., is a nonprofit charitable corporation that operates with a staff of full-time and part-time unpaid volunteers.

Friend Ships is dedicated to fulfilling the biblical scriptures that teach us to help people in times of need and to encourage others to do likewise. The organization works through the collection, delivery and distribution of food, medical supplies, clothing and building materials and by providing medical services and disaster relief services. We provide aid to people of all races, nationalities and religions at no charge.

Every day, millions of people in underdeveloped countries are in need of food, clothing, medicine and shelter. Thousands die because they lack these necessities. In developed countries, there is often a surplus of these same commodities that are destroyed because of the lack of a method to gather and transport them. Because of our desire to help, and our compassion for the less fortunate people of the world, Friend Ships has strived to be an effective transportation line to the poor. Our primary objective has been to provide tools for missionaries and ministers in the areas where we delivered or sent cargo, so that they could spread the love of Jesus more effectively. The Lord has now moved us into another sphere of collecting and delivering commodities in times of natural disasters throughout the world.

With our fleet of ships standing by, we are able to respond immediately after a disaster strikes by delivering tons of food, clothes, building supplies, water and free medical assistance. This medical assistance is provided in our mobile medical "super clinics" and is also used to assist impoverished communities in non-disaster situations.

With the resources God has given us, and a team of volunteers, we are able to assist in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of a hurting community and to encourage and empower the local Christians. Our team of dedicated relief workers do all they can to show God's love and compassion.

To summarize, our work with the ships is three-fold. First, we take humanitarian supplies to countries in need. Second, we are active in emergency response with our ships in time of disaster and we are also equipped to respond by road, to disasters within the United States. Third, we operate medical missions to areas of extreme need.

We also have *The Village*, a base Friend Ships has established on the Island of Roatán in the Caribbean. This facility is reaching out to the local community as well as the mainland of Honduras. Currently *The Village* is being utilized as a wonderful facility where Honduran Christians can come to conferences and retreats and be refreshed. Additionally, we operate *Storehouse One*, a food ministry for the needy in locations near our United States bases.

As a potential volunteer, it is important to understand that our work involves a great deal of physical labor, however, we try to take into account your age and fitness level when placing you in a department.

Some of the most important qualities in a successful relationship with Friend Ships are a love for God, a servant's heart, flexibility, a positive and willing attitude, respect for authority and trust in God. We require spiritual and emotional maturity. After much prayer, if you believe God wants you to be a part of Friend Ships, we request that you carefully read and fill out all the required information in this packet. We will be in touch with you after we receive your application and other related paperwork.

May the Lord continue to guide and lead you in this time of searching and decision making!

In Christ,
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