



STUDENT VOLUNTEER PLEDGE

We are so excited that you want to join the Pause team to help provide a fun, safe and welcoming night for children with special needs. As a young adult, you have a magnetic draw kids respond to which many other adults do not possess. Your energy, enthusiasm and passion for life are some of the many reasons why we consider you to be a vital part of our volunteer team. As we work together to create the most engaging night for kids, please take a look at the guidelines below before committing to your volunteer role. Over the course of our experience thus far, we have found that abiding by these principles allows a fun and safe evening both for the volunteer and child you are potentially buddied with.

- I commit to attending the events in which I register, with the understanding that illness or emergencies happen.
 - I will contact the Pause Director at (513) 887-5506 (office) or (513) 885-7786 (cell) at least 48 hours in advance, when possible.
 - If I do not cancel prior or “no-show” the event I register for, I will not be permitted to volunteer at the next 2 events.
 - I understand that 2 “no – shows” or cancellations within less than 48 hours’ notice will result in termination from the program.
- I commit to being “fully present” at the event. This commitment includes:
 - Keeping my cell phone on silent or vibrate and using my phone **only in case of emergency.**
 - Keeping my child as my number one focus and center of my attention during the event.
 - Keeping side bar conversations with other friends who may be volunteers at a minimum so as to not compromise the safety of the child(ren) I am responsible for.
 - Staying with my child for the entire event, never leaving them unless they are under the care of another volunteer for personal reasons such as using the restroom or needing to make/receive an emergency phone call.
- While capturing photo images with your child may be a fun activity, it is **NOT PERMITTED** due to safety guidelines. We have a single volunteer dedicated to this role for each event. Once pictures are uploaded to our Facebook page, you may share them as desired.
- I commit to utilizing the Pause Leadership Team as often as possible for questions or concerns about my child or the event.
- I also understand it is appropriate and encouraged to ask for a break when I need one!
- I commit to attending the **HUDDLE before the Pause event start 30 minutes prior** to the Parent’s Night Out beginning. I commit to staying for the duration of the Pause event and assisting with clean up as necessary.
- I commit to providing feedback to the Pause Director about my experience for fine tuning and to allow for the best experience possible.

We truly could not do this without you. You are such an asset to the success of this program. Thank you for your heart of service. We can’t wait to get to know you more!

Please sign here, indicating you understand and will adhere to the above principles and guidelines.

Signature _____ Date _____

Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____