

## **Assumption of Risk and Release for Guatemala 2008 - Students**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to participate in Guatemala 2008, the “Program” at Xavier University, as a student of Xavier University. I understand that this program will be conducted in a foreign country and unstable world conditions may require changes in the program schedule or might cause inconvenience or harm to me. I also understand and agree that Xavier University does not assume responsibility or liability for and has not made, does not make, and cannot make any representations whatsoever regarding my personal health and safety or that of my property.

I recognize the cultural and political climate of Guatemala is materially different from that of the United States. I further recognize that the classes, orientation, field trips, service experience, and other activities Guatemala are very different than exist in the United States. I realize that there may be inherent risks to my health or well-being involved in going to Guatemala and other countries which Xavier University can neither anticipate nor ameliorate. Such risks include but are not limited to travel to, from, and around Guatemala, unfamiliarity with local laws, culture or customs, political instability, war, insurrection, rebellion, riot, violence, terrorism, exposure to sickness or disease, allergic reaction, contaminated food or water, unfamiliar climate, and inadequate or unavailable health care facilities or assistance. I recognize that these risks may result in inconvenience, loss, injury, or damage to me, including personal injury, up to and including death, or damage or loss of my personal property.

In consideration for the permission granted to me by Xavier University to participate in this Program, and because I am voluntarily participating in this Program, I acknowledge and agree that I assume all risks associated with living and studying abroad, including all travel associated with this Program. Further, I release Xavier University from all claims, including negligence, that may arise from my participation in this Program, whether foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown, and I assume full responsibility for any injuries, damages, or losses that may arise out of my participation in this Program.

I acknowledge that this Assumption of Risk and Release shall bind me as well as my family members, heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, dependants, successors and assigns.

In this Assumption of Risk and Release, “Xavier University” means the Xavier University Corporation, all past and present members, trustees, officers, employees, agents, insurers, attorneys, and any other party associated with Xavier University, including but not limited to those Xavier University faculty members/employees accompanying me on this Program. This Assumption of Risk and Release shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of

