

WOMANKIND, INC.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

Today's Date ___/___/___ Phone Number (___) _____ Fax (___) _____ Cell Phone (___) _____

Name _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Availability: Days _____ Evenings _____

Occupation _____ Employed at _____ Full-time Part-time

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone Number (___) _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (to help us match your talents with our needs)

Education: (Please list any special talents, skills or experience that may be beneficial to Womankind. If you have a degree, please list.)

Work Experience: _____

Activities: (Please list any activities or organizations to which you belong and what your role is with them. Include past experiences that may be helpful in determining your areas of skill and interest.) _____

How did you hear about Womankind? _____

What do you see yourself doing for Womankind and/or Womankind clients? _____

What would you like to gain for yourself by volunteering at Womankind? _____

Please list three persons who are not related to you and who would provide a reference for you.

1.) Name _____	2.) Name _____	3.) Name _____
Address _____	Address _____	Address _____
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Occupation _____	Occupation _____	Occupation _____
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I have read the philosophy of Womankind and I agree to uphold and promote this philosophy when representing Womankind.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Date form received _____ Date of orientation _____ Date of training _____ Start Date _____

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The Philosophy of Womankind Inc.

The philosophy of Womankind is to respect life in all of its stages. This respect recognizes the intrinsic worth, dignity, and sanctity of every human life and includes commitment to enabling and supporting the existence of all persons to recognize their value, to achieve their fullest human potential, and to look for a meaning in their life.

We believe that the ability to recognize all life as precious and the ability to live life in all its fullness and goodness is most possible in an atmosphere in which unconditional love and acceptance is continually and dynamically evident.

We are further committed to the permanent and universal values of truth, love, caring, commitment, and responsibility.

The manifestation of these values must be an inherent part of all of our services. The transmission of these values, through our services and through the attitude and approach of service providers, contributes to individual fulfillment, as well as to fulfillment and stability of family and community life.

A person's subjective concept of self-worth is the result of how others respond to him or her. The response of Womankind to all must always convey truth, love, caring, commitment, confidentiality, and responsibility, provided in an atmosphere of openness and trust

Womankind is a caring community of people dedicated to loving and supporting the people whom we serve, as well as each other. Remaining nonjudgmental is a core value in our approach to all.

We must strive in our relationships with others to recognize and appreciate the unique gifts of each, and to encourage the use of these gifts, as well as to understand that all persons have limitations and weaknesses. We realize that failure may be the result of trying. To try again, one needs love, support, and encouragement.

Womankind's entrustment is to love, nourish, and affirm its fellow human beings in eternal verity.

Womankind's mission is to provide loving care and supportive services to the pregnant woman in need. Womankind affirms ethical values in sexuality and family life.

Concepts Regarding Family Planning and Abortion

Womankind believes that a natural response to fertility and pregnancy reflects values of love, concern, commitment, and responsibility. We further believe that a natural response to our God-given gifts enables us to choose the behavior that is most healthy and that calls us to be the most fully human. This natural response contributes to the very existence and enhancement of individual and family life.

Abortion

Abortion is not a natural response to pregnancy. It does not respect life, nor reflect values of love, commitment, concern, and responsibility. It is viewed as an act which devalues all human life.

We encourage counseling for the woman/couple who are considering an abortion. During counseling we affirm the value of both the mother/couple and the unborn child. At all times we must remember that we are dealing with people in need or in crisis. Our purpose is to be unconditionally loving and accepting of these individuals. In a positive atmosphere of love, concern, and support, the worth of every individual, including the unborn, is likely to emerge and result in a good pregnancy outcome.

Presenting the positive aspects of pregnancy rather than the negative aspects of-abortion is more appropriate to affirming and respecting life. Therefore, we utilize photos of fetal development rather than photos of aborted life.

Every individual has the right to truthful information regarding the psychological and physical risks of abortion.

If, after the medical and emotional needs of the woman are addressed, she decides to have an abortion, we can only advise her to see her own private physician for further consultation. Under no circumstances may we refer to an abortion clinic or to a physician who will perform the abortion. We may express regret over the decision, but remain nonjudgmental toward the person.

Because of the possible detrimental effects of abortion on the psychological and physical health of a woman/couple, we encourage her/them to return to Womankind for needed counseling and care.

We are committed to affirming and supporting all human life in all cases, both in attitude and practice.

Family Planning

A woman's fertility is viewed as a natural, God-given gift. Knowledge of this fertility should be available to every woman as it serves to increase self-esteem, self-respect, and responsible decision making.

For those persons with an understanding and appreciation of their fertility, Natural Family Planning is a natural and healthy response. Therefore, it is encouraged by Womankind for those couples who mutually decide to plan for or postpone a pregnancy.

Natural Family Planning fosters mutual commitment and responsibility for decisions regarding sexuality and procreation. This shared involvement enhances mutual respect as well as the respect for newly created individuals. A combination of these qualities serves to strengthen and affirm human life.

We believe that men and women have a right to accurate, information and education regarding all methods of family planning. However, artificial methods of family planning are not in accord with Womankind's philosophy of safe medical care because they pose a potential physical hazard to a woman and her baby. For these reasons, Womankind does not advocate the use of, nor dispense, birth control products.

If, after a woman/couple have been given accurate family planning information and decide to use an artificial method, they are referred to their own private physician. If the woman/couple are interested in Natural Family Planning, a referral to a certified instructor is given.

Family planning information must always be given by a qualified and designated person.

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