2017-2018 STAR Membership Application Packet

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GENESIS WOMEN'S SHELTER & SUPPORT STAR STUDENTS TACKLE ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS

DUE DATE: JUNE 9, 2017

Please return the enclosed Application and General Liability form via email or mail to Elizabeth Corley, Genesis Community Engagement Manager:

Email: ecorley@genesisshelter.org

Mail: Genesis Women's Shelter & Support
c/o Elizabeth Corley
4411 Lemmon Avenue, Suite 201
Dallas, TX 75219

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STUDENTS TACKLE ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS

The **STAR (Students Tackle Abusive Relationships) auxiliary** at Genesis Women's Shelter & Support is a co-ed volunteer program for high school students, grades 9-12, interested in helping victims of domestic violence, educating our community, and supporting the activities and outreach at Genesis. Through participation in this program, students will learn leadership skills, how non-profit organizations work and how to develop, promote, and implement their ideas. Teen boards also expose young members to important issues facing our society such as domestic violence, and participation in community service can change the lives of both the students and the victims. It is a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours at their school.

MISSION: To build awareness of domestic violence, specifically teen dating violence and prevention.

> Dating violence isn't an argument every once in a while or a bad mood after a bad day. Dating violence (or relationship violence) is a pattern of violent behavior that someone uses against a girlfriend or boyfriend. Abuse can cause injury and even death, but it doesn't have to be physical. It can include verbal and emotional abuse--constant insults, isolation from friends and family, name calling, controlling what someone wears--and it can also include sexual abuse. It can happen to anyone, at any age, regardless of race, religion, level of education, or economic background.

Here are some things you may not know about domestic violence:

- 1 in 4 women will know domestic violence in her lifetime.
- 1 in 3 teenage girls will be physically assaulted by a boyfriend (think about that as it relates to our school community). Hitting your girlfriend or boyfriend is a crime; just like robbery or rape--it's against the law.
- Physical and sexual abuse against adolescent girls in dating relationships increases the likelihood that the girl will abuse drugs and/or alcohol, develop an eating disorder, consider and/or attempt suicide, engage in risky sexual behavior, and/or become pregnant.
- 40% of teenage girls ages 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.
- Violent relationships begin at an average age of 15.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Corley at ecorley@genesisshelter.org.

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First & Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade in 2017-2018 school year: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ Birthday: _____

Position(s) applying for:

☐ **General Member**

☐ **Board Member**:
- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice President
- ☐ Education Chair
- ☐ Membership Chair
- ☐ Special Events Chair
- ☐ Social Media Chair

Note: General members will be invited to participate in all activities. Board members will meet on a separate basis several times throughout the year and may ask general members to serve on committees and assist with various projects.

*Membership dues are **$25/year**, payable to Genesis Women's Shelter & Support. This money will be used to maintain an operating budget for the STAR auxiliary. Failure to pay the membership dues by the due date will result in your not being able to participate as a member. Scholarships are available.*

I submit that all the provided information is true and current to the best of my abilities. I understand that my participation in Genesis Women's Shelter STAR teen auxiliary includes attending a minimum of 3 community service events over the course of the 2017-2018 year to maintain active status.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Note: You only need to fill out this page if you are applying to be a <u>new member</u>.

Name: _____

Please answer each of the following questions. This is to help us get to know you better. You should be creative and concise in your response.

Please remember that we are looking for applicants who have an understanding of what STAR has to offer, as well as a willingness to learn. If you have not already done so, please visit the Genesis website to learn a bit more about our organization: www.genesisshelter.org.

1. Given that there are so many ways to be involved in your community, what makes you want to join the STAR auxiliary and what strengths do you think you would bring to the group?

2. Given that there will be members from other schools, how would you like to be welcomed to our STAR auxiliary if you join? Do you have any ideas of ways to get to know the other members throughout the year?

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GENERAL LIABILITY AND PARTICIPATION RELEASE

Applicant's First and Last Name: _____

Parent/Emergency Information

First & Last Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip:_____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Company & Occupation(s): _____

Confidentiality Agreement:
I promise that I will hold in confidence all pertinent information relating to the individual cases and clients at Genesis Women's Shelter and Support. I will not violate the confidential relationship between Genesis and its volunteers. I will not remove any written information or records without expressed permission from the CEO or designated professional staff. I accept full responsibility for maintaining the confidential and private nature of all records and information. I understand that I am personally responsible and liable for any violation of this agreement.

Photo Release:
I give my permission to use my likeness in any public relations material for the promotion of Genesis.

General Release:
I agree to, and hereby knowingly release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless, Genesis, its officials and employees, and its officers, directors, and volunteer, both jointly and severally, from all claims that might result from any accident, personal injury, illness and/or death to the undersigned, or form any damage to or loss of any property of the undersigned, whether or not such accident, personal injury, illness, death, damage, or loss arises from the sole and/or contributory negligence of any person or entity released herein.

Applicant Signature for all three items above: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature for all three items above: _____ Date: _____