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Welcome & Preparedness Packet
for

Field Missions Team Members
Hope for Haiti Children's Center, Inc.
Ouanaminthe, Haiti

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About Danita's Children, Hope for Haiti Children's Center, Inc.

Danita's Children is a non-profit organization with the intent of rescuing and caring for orphaned children, meeting their needs spiritually, physically, academically, emotionally. Founded by Danita Estrella in January 1999, the organization began with a small house and fourteen children in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. Currently Danita's Children has 75 orphans living in three homes. A school provides an education to nearly 600 children and 17,000 meals are fed each month through the feeding program. A church and congregation of more than 500 Haitians provides a place of spiritual hope, and a medical center for children is being built.

Currently, according to UNICEF and the US Agency for International Development, there are 148 Million orphans globally. Every day 5,760 more children become orphans. There are 300,000 child slaves in Haiti and an additional 490,000 orphans. The median age in Haiti is 18 years, meaning that 50% of the population is children, and roughly 8% of those children are without parents. Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere and second globally. Danita's Children exists to answer the need for orphan rescue and care in Haiti and around the world.

Danita's Children is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization with its headquarters located in Orlando, Florida. The organization is governed by a seven-member board of directors, and is managed by a CEO, an Executive Director and a fifty-four-member staff.

Our Mission

We love and care for orphans.

Our Vision

We rescue, love and care for orphans, meeting their needs spiritually, physically, academically and emotionally preparing them for a brighter future.

Our Governing Values

- We alleviate the suffering of children.
- We restore and demonstrate dignity and respect for orphaned and impoverished children.
- We follow the biblical directive and standards to love and care for orphans.
- We prevent the exploitation of the vulnerable, abandoned, neglected, rejected and suffering child.
- We develop and maintain an approach to rescuing and caring for orphaned children, that meets their needs spiritually, physically, academically and emotionally.

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MISSION TEAM APPLICATION PROCESS/CHECKLIST

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Danita's Children's family. Your involvement makes it possible to achieve our mission to rescue, love and care for orphans. We're excited for you!

Please carefully read through this packet. It contains very important information and required forms for your missions trip. Return all completed documentation to *Danita's Children, PO Box 608148, Orlando, Florida 32860.* A \$50.00 non-refundable processing fee is required to reserve your place on the team and to process your application.

I understand that I am responsible for the following: (Please initial each box and return this form with all required documentation.)

- Application:** Please complete and send. You must sign pages 12 and 13 of the application.
- Processing Fee:** A \$50.00 application and processing fee is required with your application.
- Letter of Recommendation:** For your first *Danita's Children, Hope for Haiti Children's Center* mission trip, a letter of recommendation is required, from your pastor and/or teacher, your employer or someone who knows you well other than a family member.
- Liability Release Form:** To be notarized and mailed with the Application. An updated Liability Release is required for each visit.
- Photo:** A recent photo is required for your first *Danita's Children* missions trip.
- Passport:** Required. **Please submit copied page** showing your photo.
- Team Expenses:** A breakdown of your trip costs are on page 5. All fees are due at least two weeks prior to your visit. Airfare costs are additional.
- Pocket Money:** \$100 - \$150 spending money for souvenirs, etc. (optional)
- Round trip Airfare Expenses**
- Proof of Medical Insurance with Emergency Air Evacuation Coverage:** Approximately \$3 to \$10 a day. Please visit insuremytrip.com or imglobal.com to purchase insurance.

Your name printed

Address

City State Zip Code

Email Address Phone

X
Your Signature Date

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Welcome!

We're so excited you have chosen to serve on a mission team for Danita's Children at the Hope for Haiti Children's Center in Ouaminthe, Haiti! You are an important part of our ministry and work in Haiti and around the world. Your involvement makes it possible for us to carry out the mission to rescue, love and care for orphans. We have designed this Welcome/Preparedness Packet to give you some answers to many questions that you may have, to make you aware of certain policies and procedures and to encourage you in your ministry at Hope for Haiti Children's Center.

Please read through each section carefully. All of the information is very important. If you have any other questions or inquiries please contact us.

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1. AIRPORTS , HOTELS, and TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Airports and Border Information:

The airport that we recommend you fly into is Santiago, Dominican Republic. The airport code is STI. The distance from Santiago to the Haitian/Dajabon border is 2.5 hours. Danita's Children (DC), Hope for Haiti Children's Center is located in Ouanaminthe (pronounced 'wanna mint') near the border town of Dajabon in the Dominican Republic in the Northeast portion of the country of Haiti. The border opens everyday at 9:00 a.m. and closes everyday at 5:00 p.m. The only exception is on Sundays when it closes at 3:00 p.m.

Hotels/Lodging in the Dominican Republic and Haiti:

Upon arriving in Santiago, DC mission teams stay at a local hotel in Santiago the first night. Your DC Field Mission Team Coordinator will make the arrangements for your hotel stay. Most flights arrive in the afternoon, which makes it impossible to clear customs and make it to the Haitian border the same day. The name of the hotel in Santiago is Hodelpa Centro Plaza and the rooms are \$75.00 USD per room. Breakfast is included. It is a continental breakfast with breads, juices, cheeses, meats, and omelets. Also, there is a great seafood restaurant on the same street as the hotel.

In Haiti: You will stay in the Danita's Children's Mission Team Home in Haiti. The accommodations are VERY basic, but we have electricity and running water. Some rooms have double beds. If you are traveling with a spouse and/or would like a double bed, please be sure to request this on your application.

Lodging and food is \$35 per day you are in Haiti. (Use the Travel Cost Calculator included in this packet to figure your total expenses.)

Travel Days Information:

Two (2) days of your trip will be travel days. You will be spending the first night in the Dominican Republic. When departing, you will need to leave the day before your flight leaves and stay in the hotel in Santiago the night before. You will not be able to leave Haiti the same day as your flight departure. This is necessary because of distance and the hours the borders open and close.

2. GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

When you first arrive at the airport in Santiago, there will be someone from Danita's Children to greet you with transportation already arranged. The methods of transportation will be a taxi or bus, depending on the number of people in the team. The cost for your taxi and/or transportation will be included in your team's expenses.

3. PERSONAL DOCUMENTS and MONEY

Personal Documents:

When traveling to Haiti you MUST have a passport; you are not required to obtain a VISA. It is advisable to have your **immunization record** in your possession when traveling to Haiti. **BEFORE you leave the United States please make three copies of your passport and immunization records. Leave one copy at home and carry one copy with you in your luggage.**

4. IMMUNIZATIONS, MEDICINE, and MEDICAL ATTENTION

Immunizations:

Danita's Children recommends that all mission's team members and visitors have all their immunizations up to date. **It is at your discretion to obtain Malaria medication for your trip, but it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** You should have an up-to-date tetanus shot.

Important! DANITA'S CHILDREN RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VISIT THE U.S. CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL WEBSITE www.cdc.gov for the most current recommendations for malaria prevention and other immunizations for visitors to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. It is at your own risk should you choose not to follow these recommendations.

Medicine:

Please be sure that you have enough of your personal medication(s) or prescription(s) for the duration of your mission trip.

Medical Attention:

If, while you are staying in Haiti you should require medical attention, there are hospitals in the Dominican Republic. These hospitals are well-run and we have many connections with several doctors at various hospitals and clinics should there be a medical emergency. You will be responsible for all financial expenses involved in your medical care and treatment should it be required. *(Please see information on Travel and Medical Insurance in section 10 of this document.)*

5. Money, Expenses, Fees and Customs Forms (please use the attached Fee Schedule and Travel Cost Calculator to calculate your travel expenses.)

The total of your fees must be received by Danita's Children no less than two weeks prior to your travel dates. Please send check or money order to our offices. If you would like to use credit card, please call our US Offices and speak with our bookkeeper Roxi: 407 805 9532.

Custom Forms: While on the airplane, and before you arrive at immigration at the Santiago airport, you will be asked to fill out a form. There is a section that asks you to put your address in the Dominican Republic. In the name section, please write "Hodelpa Centro Plaza". In the address section, please write "Calle Mella #54, esquina El Sol/Santiago, DR".

2008-2009 Border fees total \$56.00 per person. This includes the entry and exit fees for the Haitian and Dominican side. **Please see the breakdown of the fees below.**

Border Fees expense breakdown:

Entry fee at airport in DR: \$10.00
Exit fee to go into Haiti: \$25.00
Entry fee at Haitian border: \$1.00
Exit fee from Haiti: \$10.00
Entry fee into DR: \$10.00
Total Border Fees: \$56.00 US

Other Expenses:

Meals in Santiago on your travel days: Restaurants near the hotel, averaging \$25 USD per day.

Additional Team Expenses: \$100.00 USD per person. This amount covers costs for the team's activities while in Haiti which includes the expenses of taxi's, fuel, medical supplies, the hiring of extra personnel such as cooks and drivers, and the many preparations that must take place before your team arrives and during your visit. This also includes any gratuities.

Application Processing Fee required: \$50.00 non-refundable processing fee is required with your application, which is applied to cover processing expenses.

Lodging and Meals while in Haiti: Each team member must contribute \$35 per day in Haiti. This covers your lodging and food while in Haiti.

Other Expenses Breakdown:

Hotel in Santiago on travel days: \$75.00 per day (two days)
Lodging and Meals in Haiti: \$35.00 per day (for example, five days in Haiti: \$175.00 USD)
Meals on travel days: averaging \$25 USD per day, (two travel days typically)
Team Expenses: \$100.00
Application Processing Fee: \$50.00

Spending Money (optional):

If you would like to bring United States Currency (USD); small bills (10's & 20's) are suggested as they are easiest to exchange. It is very easy to access an ATM machine that will allow you to take out more money as you need. The money is exchanged in Pesos only. If you would like to buy any souvenirs you will use Pesos or Gourdes (Haitian currency) for these items.

PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED FEE SCHEDULE and TRAVEL COST CALCULATOR TO CALCULATE YOUR EXPENSES FOR YOUR TRIP.

6. PACKING LIST and PROPER CLOTHING ATTIRE:

Dress, Tattoos, Piercings, and Other Issues...

Haiti is a very conservative country as it pertains to dress and customs. Respect needs to be presented while visiting. The children at the orphanage like to imitate the visitors, so please be respectful and mindful of this as well.

About Clothing Notes for Visitors...

Men

Church: Church attire needs to be dress pants or khaki pants, and a button down shirt or a polo shirt with closed-toe shoes. Shorts or flip-flops are not appropriate attire for church. No jeans.

Casual/Work: shorts, pants, jeans, t shirts, etc. Please do not wear white tank tops with out a shirt over top. T-shirts or polo-shirts are most appropriate for everyday.

Women

Church: Church attire needs to either be a knee-length skirt or dress that is NOT sleeveless. Flip flops are not appropriate for church. Please wear dress shoes for church. No jeans.

Casual/Work: Bermuda shorts (to the top of the knee), Capri pants, or knee length skirts and dresses are appropriate. Cap sleeve, short sleeve, and ¾ sleeve shirts are preferred. No tank tops. Please make sure no cleavage can be seen. Strapless, spaghetti straps, tight or revealing clothing is not acceptable wear in Haiti. Please wear tank-tops under low cut shirts.

Things to consider:

- ✓ Please be sure that any messages on T-Shirts or clothing are appropriate for Haiti and children.
- ✓ Body piercings and tattoos are not accepted as well in Haiti as they are in the United States. Earrings are fine, but please take out or cover other body piercings as well as tattoos. Jewelry is acceptable, but please keep it modest. If you wear earrings, please just bring a small pair (studs, etc.).
- ✓ Please do not bring or consume any alcohol or tobacco on your visit to the Dominican Republic or Haiti while on your mission trip.
- ✓ Please use only appropriate language and music on your visit. Not sure? Ask your DC Field Coordinator.

Packing List:

- Active Wear appropriate for hot weather & outdoor activity with kids
- Underclothing
- Sleep Clothes
- Sunglasses, Shades & Hat to protect against sun
- Tennis Shoes
- Flip Flops for shower
- Church clothes and shoes
- Shoes appropriate for walking
- Sunscreen & Aloe (Beware of sunburn!)
- Bible & Journal (Pen/Pencil)
- Toiletries [toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, shave gear, comb/brush, etc.]
- Bug spray with DEET
- Small first aid kit
- Kaopectate (or anti-diarrheal medication)
- Towel & Washcloth
- Bed sheets for sleeping
- Flashlight & Batteries
- Fanny Pack or Small Bag [to carry your money and personal documents]
- Hand Sanitizer
- Water Bottle (we have clean water at the compound to re-fill your water bottles)
- Watch
- Camera
- Alarm Clock
- Personal Medication [Don't forget your anti-malarial meds!]
- Travel Pillow/Ear Plugs/Sleep Mask (optional)
- If you want to pack snacks, take only items that won't melt or spoil. Protein or granola-type snack bars are great snacks.

We recommend:

•Pack a complete change of clothes and travel-sized toiletries in your carry-on bag in case of lost or misplaced luggage. If you are taking any medications or have contact lenses, be sure to pack these inside your carry-on as well.

7. FOOD:

We have bottled water at the Hope for Haiti Children's Center compound. We use large 5-gallon jugs of water, so your team can drink as much as needed. It is very important for each person to be drinking plenty of water to keep from becoming dehydrated. Please bring a refillable water bottle to keep with you during your visit.

We have an excellent kitchen staff that prepares the meals daily. They will be served in our cafeteria at the main property or at the mission team home. A typical meal might include: for breakfast, eggs, fruit, cereal, bread, jams, and coffee. Lunch is our biggest meal of the day and generally consists of rice, pinto beans, black beans, chicken, fish, salad, fruit, okra, eggplant, etc. We have a light dinner of sandwiches, chips, tuna, salad, plantains, stew, etc.

8. CONTACTS

Should your family or loved ones need to contact you **IN AN EMERGENCY** while you are on your missions trip, they can call the stateside office of Danita's Children located in Orlando, Florida. The office number is 407-805-9532, email: usoffice@danitaschildren.org. After office hours and on weekends, **IN AN EMERGENCY** the DC Field Coordinator can be contacted at 809-352-0745 or 809-968-1102. Email: usoffice@danitaschildren.org. This DC Field Coordinator's phone number is for emergency uses only.

9. Airline and TSA Requirements

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE for International Flights: Please call or go online to your airline to view the most current travel and TSA requirements.

Each passenger may bring a maximum of:

2 Checked Bags:

- Each bag can weigh NO MORE than 50lbs.
- Each bag can not exceed 62" in overall dimension (l + w + h = overall dimension)

1 Carry-On Bag:

- This bag can weigh NO MORE than 40 lbs.
- Please be aware that airlines may charge additional fees for overweight luggage and/or for additional pieces of luggage.

10. Additional Information You Need to Know

Length of Trip: Mission Team trips usually last from 5 to 8 days, two of those days being travel days.

Age Requirement: You must be 18 years or older for current trips, unless traveling with a parent or guardian, or as stated otherwise.

Smoking and Alcohol: Once you leave the airport, no smoking or consumption of alcohol is permitted at any time!

Travel & Medical Insurance: If you become sick: Should you require medication, hospitalization, or a doctor visit you are responsible for your own medical expenses. Team members are **required to buy short-term medical insurance with air evacuation coverage** for this purpose and **provide proof of insurance 1 week prior to departing to Haiti**. See www.insuremytrip.com or www.imglobal.com for further information. The usual cost for this type of travel insurance is approximately \$3 to \$8 per day.

Gifts/Money/Used Clothing: Please **DO NOT** give any money and/or gifts to any of the locals, children or staff as it makes it difficult on the mission team leaders after you leave Haiti. If you feel compelled to give money or gifts, please do it through your DC Field Coordinator. **This is for your safety, that of the recipient and members of our team**. If you would like to leave such things as clothing, tools, shoes, etc., please give them to a team leader or DC field coordinator. They will divide them among those who need these items the most.

Internet and Computers: We have internet access intermittently at the compound and is available only for emergencies.

Phones: If you'd like to use your cell phone while in Haiti, please check with your cell phone provider to be sure you have international phone service. Your DC Field Coordinator will have a cell phone for emergencies.

Exchanging address and phone numbers: Please **DO NOT** exchange names, addresses or phone numbers with any locals once you enter Haiti. If you would like to communicate with someone in Haiti after you leave, please make arrangements through your DC Field Coordinator. Please do not make promises to the children or locals such as, “I will come back for you.” or, “I will write to you every week.” or, “I will send your money.”, etc.

Check in luggage: It is best to buy an inexpensive square or long shaped duffle bag (the largest you can find). Please do not bring hard-shell luggage if possible, as it is difficult to pack on a truck and may get broken.

Currency: The Haitian currency is Gourdes, and the Dominican Republic currency is Pesos. At the date of this publication, there are approximately 40 Gourdes to every US dollar and 35 Dominican Pesos to each US dollar. The currency exchange rate changes daily; please check online at www.coinmill.com to learn the most current exchange rates. Your DC Field Director will help you with currency exchange when you arrive.

IMPORTANT Do's and Don'ts:

DO NOT promise any of the Haitians a gift, money or your name and address.

DO NOT impose your religious beliefs on others. Danita's Children is a non-denominational organization that works with all people of all denominations. If you have questions about this, please ask your DC Field Director or missions team leader for clarification.

DO NOT use foul language or tell off-color jokes.

DO enjoy yourself and make friends. The mission field will change your life!

DO smile at the Haitian people and laugh and have a good time. Haitians love to sing and dance.

DO listen to your team leader and field coordinators. They are familiar with Haiti, their customs and manners and safety matters.

DO ask questions. No questions are “too silly” to ask!

Information Specific for Your Mission Trip to the Country of Haiti

We suggest you learn as much about Haiti, the culture, geography, language and people as possible. There are many websites, including ours (www.danitaschildren.org) that will help you learn all you can before you arrive. The following information is to help you prepare for your upcoming trip to the Hope for Haiti Children's Center. Everyone will be anxiously waiting for your arrival. Please read all the information below, so that you are comfortable and prepared for your visit.

Quick Facts about Haiti...

- ✓ Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, and the second poorest in the world with 80% of its 8.7 million citizens living in dire poverty.
- ✓ There are 490,000 orphaned children and 300,000 children in bonded service (slavery).
- ✓ Less than 60% of Haitians have access to even basic medical care.
- ✓ Haiti is a vibrant country with beautiful land, colorful art, and fantastic music.
- ✓ Haitians speak Creole, “the people's language” and French, the language of the well-educated and affluent. 80% of the population claims to be Roman Catholic, but half of Haitians practice Voodoo. We are located on the border with the Dominican Republic where Spanish is their national language.

Some Quick Creole...

Hello or Good morning	Bonjou
Good afternoon or evening	Bonswa
Welcome	Bein-vini
How are you?	Kouma ou ye?
I'm fine	Mwe bien
Thank you	Merci
You're welcome	Padekwa
I'm very well thank God	Mwe tre bien gras a Dieu
What is your name?	Kourma ou rele?
yes	wi
child	ti moun
friend	zami
married woman	madame
man	msie

Mail completed forms with your \$50.00 processing fee to:

Danita's Children—Hope Works Program

PO Box 608148

Orlando, Florida 32860

407 805 9532 voice

usoffice@danitaschildren.org

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Mission Team Member's Application

Thank you for considering serving on a Danita's Children Missions Team. We appreciate this opportunity to serve with you.

All Danita's Children, Hope for Haiti Children's Center, Mission Team Members are required to complete a Mission Team Member's Application. You are also required to attend a brief Leadership training and orientation upon arrival to the field, during which time you will receive and review your Danita's Children *Mission Team Volunteer Handbook*.

Please complete the attached Mission Team Member's Application and other documents required in this packet and return it with your \$50 USD application processing fee to:

**Danita's Children/Hope Works Program, PO Box 608148
Orlando, Florida 32860
Or fax to: 407 805 9533**

Your application must be received six weeks prior to the date of your intended Missions Trip. **Please allow approximately 20 business days for us to process your application.**

We will contact you with confirmation and to let you know when your application has been processed.

If you have any questions regarding your application process, please contact the US Offices at 407 805 9532 or email usoffice@danitaschildren.org.



Mission Team Member's Application

Some great reasons to complete your mission team member's application...

- ✓ We want to make sure you are serving in an area that makes you happy and is suitable to you and your gifts.
- ✓ So we may better communicate with you.
- ✓ So we can be sure we are doing everything we can to make our ministry safe for our children and teams.

Note: If this is your first trip with Danita's Children, Hope for Haiti Children's Center, please submit photo and a letter of recommendation, preferably from your Pastor and/or Employer. Mail this information with this application and other required documents in this packet.

YOUR INFORMATION IS MAINTAINED WITH THE STRONGEST STANDARDS OF CONFIDENTIALITY in compliance with US Law, in our stateside offices in Orlando, Florida USA

Today's Date: _____ Male Female

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name or AKA _____ *SSN # _____ *State Driver's License # _____

Are you: Married Divorced Single Co-habiting Separated

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phones _____ home _____ work _____ mobile _____

Email _____ Your Profession _____

We would like to get to know you better...

Hobbies? (optional) _____ Birthdate (month, day, year) _____/_____/_____

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? NO YES **If yes, when?** (month/year) _____

Are you a member of a church? NO YES If yes, how long have attended your church?

Do you have health insurance coverage? NO YES If yes, insurance company name and policy number:

Are you involved in a small group or Bible study group? NO YES If yes, how long?

Do you have a life experience or interesting profession that someone could benefit from by your sharing? Please explain...

Do you know what your gifts are? NO YES If yes, please indicate your areas of gifts here:

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Giver | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercession/Prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreter | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encourager | <input type="checkbox"/> Helps | <input type="checkbox"/> Discernment | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |

Do you currently volunteer at your church or in your community? NO YES If yes, what programs/departments and for how long?

*Mission Team service dates are available during specific times throughout the year, and only a certain number of openings are available. We will do our best to accommodate requests for specific times, although because of seasonal travel and space availability we are sometimes limited to specific dates. **When would you like to serve on a missions team at Hope for Haiti Children's Center?***

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*Required for volunteers working with children. Please call our Stateside HopeWorks Coordinator (407 805 9532) if you have questions about the need for this information.

All about you...

2a. What has been your experience working with children?

2b. If you are a Christian, write a brief testimony about how you became a Christian (use additional sheet of paper as necessary):

2c. Have you ever been on a mission trip before? NO YES **If yes, when and where?** :

2d. Write briefly about any significant events in your life that have impacted you spiritually, physically or emotionally:

2e. How would you describe your current spiritual life?

2f. Why do you want to serve at the Hope for Haiti Children's Center?

2g. Please share any special concerns, events or issues in your life that you believe may impact your commitment or involvement as a mission team member with Danita's Children:

2h. Do you speak any languages other than English? NO YES If yes, what languages...

(continued)

Miscellaneous Info...

3a. Please list two stateside emergency contact persons:

1.	_____	_____	_____
	name	phone	email
2.	_____	_____	_____
	name	phone	email

3b. Do you have a valid:

Passport (a valid Passport is required and a copy of the page with your picture must accompany this application)

3c. Has it ever been a challenge for you to submit yourself to leadership, men's or women's? yes no If yes, please explain....

3d. When things don't go "as planned or scheduled" how do you handle it? Please explain....

3e. Are you in good health? yes no

3f. Do you have or have you ever been under a doctor's care for heart problems, diabetes, depression, breathing problems, difficulty in walking, back problems or any other serious illness? yes no If yes, please explain (this includes "symptoms" you may be having now.)

3g. Are you taking medication at the present time? yes no If yes, please explain....

Upon signing this application, you agree to the following:

1. **I am enclosing a \$50.00 check and/or money order for my application and processing fee, I understand this fee is non-refundable.**

2. I understand that:

A. *In the event I am not able to raise all the monies needed for the missionary trip, any portion already submitted to Danita's Children, Hope for Haiti Children's Center, Inc. is not refundable. If only a portion of the money needed is raised, it will remain in a special account for me for up to twelve (12) months; in that period of time, I can use the money towards another mission's trip with Danita's Children. After that period of time, if I cannot go for any reason, the money will return to the General Fund Account for Danita's Children.*

B. *I further understand that there could be a possibility of the trip being postponed due to hurricanes and/ or other unpredictable forces of nature or that political problems or "unrest" within the country could mean possible danger to team members. In that event, the trip would be postponed to a later date and the team members could choose the next available trip to the Hope for Haiti Children's Center.*

C. *Danita's Children is not responsible for any articles lost or stolen or damaged before, after or during the trip. I understand that Danita's Children is not responsible for any accidents, sickness or illnesses that may result from this trip, or any sickness, illness or accident that may occur during the trip or may be a result from the missionary trip.*

D. *In the event of sickness, accident or illness overseas requiring medical help, doctor's care or hospitalization, I understand that I am fully responsible for all medical, hospital and doctor's fees and expenses.*

E. *I hereby give permission to Danita's Children to use any audio or video recordings, photos or interviews in promoting their missions outreach, either through radio, television or printed materials.*

F. *I have read the application and agree to abide by the rules. I have no physical problems which would hinder me from going, from walking or participating in any way.*

G. *I understand and agree to be bound by Danita's Children values, mission and vision, and to maintain proper Christian conduct in the performance of my volunteer service.*

Your name printed

Your signature

Today's Date

History & Reference Information

Please read...

Volunteer service is a wonderful way to express our talents and God-given gifts in service. We're so glad you're choosing to serve together with us. Because we value the safety and confidentiality of our children and workers, we take every precaution and effort to make our organization a safe environment for everyone. Danita's Children has established safety policies within our volunteer service for this reason.

In today's world, in the effort to ensure safety, we must sometimes confront difficult issues. Unfortunately, child abuse, sexual misconduct and accidental injury is a reality in our world. Danita's Children, Hope for Haiti Children's Center must deal with these issues as 'good shepherds' by taking steps to protect the children and youth in our care. Safe and secure kids are a witness to God's love, expressed through careful staff and volunteers. We pray for God's blessings on our children, volunteers and ministry. Thank you for understanding our desire to be proactive to safety concerns.

In compliance with US federal, state and local laws, as well as Biblical guidelines, safeguards to maintain confidential information given in this application have been strongly established. **All information given is maintained on the premises at Danita's Children's US Offices, securely, under lock, and is accessible only to staff requiring such information and then is given with the utmost regard to your confidentiality.** If you would like more information about the storage of your information, please contact the stateside offices at usoffice@danitaschildren.org.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. **Personal Reference**—Someone you've know more than 3 years (other than a relative).

Name _____

Phone(_____) _____ Relationship _____

2. **Work Reference**—Present employer (supervisor)

Name _____

Phone(_____) _____ Position you hold _____

Because you will be working with children, you must answer the following question: Have you ever been charged with a sexual offense, offense relating to children, or a crime of violence? NO YES If yes, please explain...

Are there any issues from your past that you think you should, or would, like to verbally communicate in confidence to the leadership?
YES NO

I authorize any reference, employers, organizations, churches, and other entities and person identified in this form to release and supply information that may pertain to my character and fitness to serve as a volunteer with Danita's Children, Hope for Haiti Children's Center, Inc.

I understand and agree to be bound by Danita's Children values, mission and vision, and to maintain proper conduct in the performance of my volunteer service. I understand that because I am choosing to do volunteer work with children or youth, a detailed criminal background check may be requested.

I acknowledge all information and responses on this application to be true and accurate.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Your preferences matter...

It's important to us that you be placed in service positions that match your passion, skills, abilities and experiences. Please help us to determine the areas for which you are best suited.

- 1. Is there a specific age group or area you prefer to work in? NO YES If yes, please explain...

- 2. Do you have any skills or abilities that would uniquely qualify you for a specific area of work? (example: computer skills might be valuable on our tech crew, medical skills might help us in our medical center). NO YES If yes, please list:

- 4. Do you have a heart or passion for a specific area of ministry? NO YES If yes, please describe:

- 5. Do you like working with children? NO YES

In which area(s) do you think you may like to become involved?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/Repair/Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile Maintenance/Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical (please detail on separate sheet) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Music (instrumental) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Music (vocal) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Graphic Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Office/Clerical | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor/Playground Crew | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer/Intercession | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppet Ministry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship | <input type="checkbox"/> Security | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Languages | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Driver | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Ministry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | | |

Please return your completed application with a \$50.00 application processing fee to:

**Danita's Children/HopeWorks Program
PO Box 608148
Orlando, Florida 32860.**

Your application must be received six weeks prior to the date of your intended Missions Trip. **Please allow approximately 20 business days for us to process your application.**

We will contact you with confirmation and to let you know when your application has been processed.

If you have any questions regarding your application process, please contact the US Offices at 407 805 9532 or email usoffice@danitaschildren.org.

