



## Application Instructions

### Requirements

- You don't need a specific degree or professional experience to apply.
- You must be available to offer God and those who are most abandoned at least 14 months (and up to two years) of service.
- You must be in good mental and physical health.
- You are ready to live an intense prayer life including daily Eucharist and adoration, rosary, morning and evening prayer.
- You are ready to enter into communal life with 3 or 4 other volunteers from various cultures, and backgrounds.
- You are ready to generate a network of compassion by fundraising \$700 for each month you commit to mission + \$700 for Orientation and Re-Entry.

### Application Process

*We, the Heart's Home community, consider this application process a time of discernment for both you, as a potential volunteer, and us, as a community, which involves a number of steps along the way. We encourage you to entrust yourself and your application to God in prayer.*

***We receive applications on a rolling basis throughout the year.***

What does the application process involve?

- ✓ Getting to know you!
  - a. A skype interview  
Since we do not have the possibility to meet each applicant in person, this interview is an essential part of our discernment.
  - b. A paper application  
Download and print this application packet  
Materials should be completed and signed then mailed to  
***Natalia Fassano, 26 Olive Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211.***

Note: The last part of this form needs to be completed by **three different references**.

These should include

- 1) one of your teachers or somebody who has known you in your studies;
- 2) one of your employers or someone who has known you in a volunteer experience and



3) your spiritual director or your priest or pastor.

Please provide a stamped envelope, addressed to Heart's Home USA to each reference person and ask that they send the completed form directly to us. Upon receiving all three forms, Heart's Home will notify you at the address you provide below as to the status of your application file. They can also email their references to [natalia@heartshomeusa.org](mailto:natalia@heartshomeusa.org).

c. An on-site discernment time (Come and See Weekend) - See below

✓ Getting to know us!

a. A skype interview/ meeting

This is also an important part of your discernment, and the time to ask your questions about a mission with Heart's Home.

b. Contacting former volunteers

We encourage you to contact previous Heart's Home volunteers about their experience in mission! Email us at [natalia@heartshomeusa.org](mailto:natalia@heartshomeusa.org) to put you in touch directly with a former volunteer.

c. An on-site discernment time (Come and See Weekend)

We invite you to spend a weekend (usually together with other applicants) living in mission with our Heart's Home community in Brooklyn: living, praying and serving together. At the end of the weekend, we will let you know if we believe a Heart's Home mission to be the right fit for you.

After your Come and See Weekend, we expect to receive your Discernment Result form within two weeks

✓ If you decide not to volunteer with Heart's Home, we are grateful to have been part of your discernment of where God might be calling you, and will continue to keep you in our prayers.

✓ If you decide to volunteer with Heart's Home, welcome! What's next?

a. We let you know after receiving your Discernment Result which country you will be sent to and you will be able to start learning the language and knowing more about the culture.

b. You will be expected to find spiritual and financial sponsors for the whole of your mission. We will offer you all the support you need when the time

c. You will be invited to a two-week orientation in Brooklyn before your mission begins.



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## Application Form

**Headshot Photo  
(you alone, no group  
pictures, please)**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                                    Middle                                    Last

Gender: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_      Religious Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Month                                    Day                                    Year

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    City                                    State                                    Country

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_      # of dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you engaged? \_\_\_\_\_ (Please be aware that no fiancé visits are allowed during the time of mission)

Current occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

# of siblings and ages: \_\_\_\_\_



Mailing Address:

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Street

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City                      State/Prov.                      Zip/PC                      Country

Permanent Address: (If different from above)

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Street

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City                      State/Prov.                      Zip/PC                      Country

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

Blog: \_\_\_\_\_ Skype: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship status:

(If not a citizen of the United States, please indicate visa type; indicate if dual citizenship):

Time you plan to spend in mission (14 months/18 months/2years):

When will you be available to start?

Do you have any preference of country and why?

What is your first language?

What other languages do you speak?

Special skills:

How did you hear about Heart's Home?



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Volunteer or Work experience

Position	Organization	Location	Dates

Education

Field or Major	School	Location	Dates

International Travel Experiences

Activity	Purpose	Location	Dates

Do you have any major health problems/concerns?

Yes                      No

If yes, please explain:

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

Yes                      No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever had any counseling or psychiatric treatment?

Yes                      No

If yes, please explain, if you wish:



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## Essay Questions

Thoughtfully answering the following questions will assist us in discerning your call to serve with Heart's Home.

1. What motivates you to volunteer with Heart's Home?
2. What experiences have you had in other countries or with people of different nationalities or cultures? What challenges and difficulties do you expect to encounter living in a foreign culture with a different set of values?
3. What is the importance of prayer and of the sacraments in your life?
4. What is your idea of communal life? Describe any experiences you have had living in community?
5. What type of unforeseen problems, difficult challenges or stressful situations have you experienced in your life? How did you handle them?
6. What are your plans after volunteering?



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**Disclosure Statement**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime of violence? (If yes, attach explanation) YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of crime against a person? (If yes, attach explanation) YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Have you ever been asked to resign from any position involving the supervision of minors? (If yes, attach explanation) YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

I understand that:

Heart's Home USA is committed to providing children and families with a service that is safe and beneficial, and that in keeping with this effort, Heart's Home USA will perform a reasonable screening or background check on its volunteers.

Heart's Home USA may deny acceptance to any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against a person, although answering yes to such questions will not necessarily result in such denial.

The information that I have provided on my application is subject to verification, which may include a check for criminal history and/or checks with appropriate governmental agencies, and that falsification of information on this form will result in my application being rejected.

I authorize the release of records pertaining to any criminal and domestic abuse history to Heart's Home USA. This authorization is given in connection with a background investigation which may be conducted relative to my application. I further understand that the sources of confidential information cannot be revealed to me in any event. Finally, I agree that Heart's Home USA and all relevant agents are free from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or by reason of complying with the request.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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### Recommendation Form

Heart's Home is a catholic volunteer program which seeks volunteers who reach out to the lonely and regularly visit people in their local community, orphanages, jails, shelters, and nursing homes. They welcome anyone knocking at the door and organize a wide range of cultural and educational activities. They act as a link between the people in need and the appropriate resources such as public assistance and rehabilitation centers. Standing at the foot of the Crucified Jesus with Mary and John, they are called to be imitators of their compassion and to intercede for humankind ([www.heartshomeusa.org](http://www.heartshomeusa.org)).

In this process, we seek to act responsibly toward both the mission of the organization as well as to the applicants. Therefore, we consider seriously the level of sincerity and maturity of the applicants, as well as their reasons for choosing Heart's Home. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please answer the following questions and send this completed form to the address below. Thank you for your time and effort in filling out this recommendation. Your responses will greatly assist us in our selection process.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Work

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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