



ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE
 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
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First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home phone _____ Cell phone _____
 Email Address _____ Best way to contact you? _____
 Date of Birth _____ Employer/School _____
 In the event of an emergency, please contact:
 Name: _____ Phone _____ Relationship: _____
 Name: _____ Phone _____ Relationship: _____

Are you able to walk for 45 minutes? Yes _____ No _____
 Are you comfortable working around donkeys/mules? Yes _____ No _____
 Do you have experience with donkeys/mules? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, briefly explain _____

Do you have experience with people with differing abilities? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, briefly explain _____

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? (Required) Yes _____ No _____ If yes, when and where? _____

Check all areas you would be interested in volunteering for.	
	Community Event- Donkey Visits to Nursing homes, schools, farmers markets and parades
	Farm Assistance- Assist with programming at the farm and/or daily care of herd
RTI Program Administration	Assist with Grant Writing needs
	Assist RTI Board of Directors
	Assist Executive Director with administrative tasks

Photo Release: I Do _____ I Do Not _____ consent to and authorize the use and reproduction of any and all photographs and any other audio/visual materials taken of me for promotional materials, educational activities, exhibitions, or for any other use to benefit the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you

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Liability Release

A. VOLUNTEER - As a volunteer/participant for Road To Independence I, as the parent or legal guardian, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in the Road To Independence Program and its Equine Assisted Activities and to do so at my own risk. I acknowledge the risks and potential risks of working with equines and that no liability can be or is accepted by any organization, entity or individual concerned. I understand that I may be with and around equines; however, I feel the possible benefits are greater than the risks assumed.

B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY – This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the volunteer, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of NH.

C. NATURE OF EQUINE SPECIES (including horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys) herein after referred to as horse(s) - No horse is completely safe. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse it will generally be at a distance of 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider and/or volunteer. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking; rearing; kicking; biting; or running from danger.

D. OTHER DANGERS - Risks also exist in mounting, leading, sidewalking, grooming, tacking, feeding, interacting with, or being in the vicinity of horses. Risks also include being stepped on, abrasions, contusions, trip hazards, allergic reactions, slipping, and falling.

E. CONDITIONS OF NATURE – Road To Independence, Inc. is not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. Some examples are: thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape.

F. INSPECTION OF PREMISES - Volunteer has opportunity to and agrees to inspect Road To Independence facilities and trails to be satisfied that they are appropriate for the volunteer's safety, as a condition for utilization of Chakola's Place premises and facilities. Anything believed to be unsafe will not be utilized and will be brought to the immediate attention of the instructor or staff.

G. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING - I have been fully warned and advised by Road To Independence that I should wear protective headgear (riding helmet) if and while mounting, riding, and dismounting.

H. LIABILITY RELEASE - In consideration of Road To Independence, Inc allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the volunteer, and the parent or guardian thereof if a minor, do agree to hold harmless and release Road To Independence, Inc., Chakola's Place, their owners, board of directors, officers, members, staff, instructors, volunteers, employees, management, premises owners, affiliated organizations or persons, and insurers, from legal liability due ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demand, legal actions and causes of action, against Road To Independence, Inc, Chakola's Place, their owners, board of directors, officers, members, staff, instructors, volunteers, employees, management, premises owners, affiliated organizations or persons, and insurers, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of Chakola's Place and/or Road To Independence, Inc.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Name- Please print _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Under 18, Parent or Guardian must sign:

Print Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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