



## Group Volunteer Application Form

We at Common Ground Relief work in solidarity with those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to rebuild the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, New Orleans and its surrounding areas. We are committed to fighting all forms of systemic oppression. Through the work of our volunteers, we strive for social, political, and economic justice. Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us. Please read through our website ([www.commongroundrelief.org](http://www.commongroundrelief.org)) and in particular the Volunteer Handbook before you apply, so as to gain a greater understanding of our organization's mission, values, and projects.

If you are a group leader for a large group please submit the Interested Group Application as early as possible. We have limited space available, particularly during college break seasons. The Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch with you to discuss your trip.

If you are planning to volunteer by yourself or with a few friends or relatives please make sure that you (all) submit the Individual Application at least one full month before you would like to arrive.

There are five steps towards volunteering with Common Ground:

- 1.) Review the Project Areas section of the website. Find a Project Area you and your group would like to work with.
- 2.) Submit your application!
- 3.) Within 2 weeks of receiving your application, you can expect to receive an email from the volunteer coordinator
- 4.) Once the coordinator has looked at your application, they will give you a call to talk with you a little about your background and the projects areas you are interested in working with at Common Ground
- 5.) If everything looks good, you will receive an offer to come and volunteer with us!

Please understand that CGR can only accommodate volunteers who have accepted a position through this process. Please understand that we work hard to match volunteers with appropriate projects and provide quality and reliable mutual aid to the community. In order to do so CGR asks that everyone respect the application process.

Please take a moment to fill out the appropriate form and let us know about you and your interest in Common Ground Relief.

## COMMON GROUND GROUP APPLICATION

What is the name of your school or organization?

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Which dates would you like to volunteer with us?

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people will be in your group? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the group leader?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like CGR to provide your housing? Y/N

Common Ground cannot house minors, but can accept minors for day labor between 8:30am – 5pm.

Common Ground requests a donation of \$10 per person per day to help offset the cost of housing, food & materials. Please indicate if you will be able to provide this for your group: Y/N

Would you be willing to fundraise on behalf of Common Ground prior to your arrival? Fundraising events include Film Screenings (Films provided by Common Ground), Southern Cooking Events & Lecture Events. Y/N

Would you like CGR to provide your meals? Y/N

Number of Vegetarians/Vegans in group:

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Will you be bringing a vehicle to use for CGR projects? Y/N

Will it be able to transport tools (wheelbarrows, shovels, etc)? Y/N

Which Project Areas are your group interested in working with:

- Anita Roddick Advocacy Center
- Meg Perry Healthy Soil Project
- Community Gardens
- Wetlands Restoration
- CGR Construction
- CGR Mowing/Grounds
- CG Media Collective
- CG Legal Clinic
- Common Support Crew (Kitchen/Cleaning)
- CGL9 Administration

In a paragraph please describe any skills and experience your group has in this area:

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Have you volunteered with CGR in the past? Y/N

If so please tell us briefly about your experience:

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PLEASE ALLOW TWO WEEKS FOR A RESPONSE!

Thanks for taking the time to tell us about your group. We will be in touch!