



Dear Friends:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Host Family to a child living at Boys & Girls Harbor.

Every year, Boys & Girls Harbor helps hundreds of children who are the victims of abuse, poverty, neglect and abandonment. The Harbor takes these children from abuse to achievement, giving them a stable environment filled with hope, warmth and love.

The Harbor is their home. The children live in cottages with house parents. They attend local schools, and participate in after-school programs and extra-curricular activities. Through its programs, the Harbor helps children learn to overcome self-destructive patterns, break cycles of abuse, develop social skills, learn responsibility, and work towards becoming healthy, happy and productive members of society.

Seventy-five percent of the Harbor's kids are on the honor roll at school. Many of them go on to obtain vocational, junior college and college degrees. All lead happier, more productive lives. The Harbor is doing great work in a community that needs it most, but to continue these successes, **we need your help!**

As a Host Family, you will "host" a Harbor child in your home every other weekend and during holidays. The premise of the program is to allow our kids the chance to experience all of the things that families do together – going to a sporting event, barbecuing in the backyard, attending church. These weekends give our children the opportunity to spend time away from the campus, be with others, and participate in community activities.

We encourage you to come and meet a child who just needs a chance. A chance to see that life does not have to be filled with sadness and tears from violence, drugs or poverty. A chance to experience first hand the strength of a true family dynamic. A chance to succeed.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information on how to become a Host Family, please call 281-471-9622, or complete the following information and mail or fax to the address on the form.



Application for Host Family Program

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Host Family. You must complete the entire form for consideration. Please return this form to:

Boys & Girls Harbor 514 Bayridge Rd. La Porte, TX 77571

Phone: 281-471-9622 Fax: 281-471-4396

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Application: _____ Marital Status: _____ Married _____ Single

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address: _____ City: _____ St. _____ Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Cell#: _____

Maiden Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ SS#: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ SS#: _____

Wife's Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Spouse Employer: _____ Phone: _____

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD*:
 (* Age 14 and older must submit to a background check)

Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

D.O.B: _____ SSN: _____ TDL/ID #: _____

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Boys & Girls Harbor does not discriminate against anyone on the grounds of race, color, creed, age, sex, handicap, national origin, religious or political beliefs.

REFERENCES: Please provide the name and phone numbers for three people not related or living with you.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

What type of neighborhood: _____ City _____ Suburb _____ Rural

Do you live in a: _____ House _____ Apartment

Number of Rooms: _____ Will the child have a bed in the home: _____ Yes _____ No

What Experiences have you had with Children with Special Needs? _____

*Please attach a picture of home and area where child will sleep

PREFERENCES:

Age of child you wish to host: _____ Sex of child: _____ M _____ F _____ No preference

Race: _____ Would you host brothers and sisters: _____ Y _____ N

When would you like to host the child: _____ Weekends only _____ Holidays only

How will the child be supervised: _____

I agree to abide by the policies of Boys & Girls Harbor and The Texas Family Code, section 34.01 which states you will not use alternative forms of discipline, nor physical discipline, and will not leave the child/children unattended at any time.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Please print

Spouse: _____ Date: _____
Please print

Signature: _____

Spouse Signature: _____



DISCLOSURE & AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

As part of our background screening and investigation, we may obtain consumer reports to prepare an investigative consumer report. The investigative consumer report may consist of contacting all listed prior employers to verify your employment history. It may also include, but not be limited to, credit information reports, criminal history reports and driving history records. Under the provisions of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, before we can seek such reports, we must have your written permission to obtain the information. You have the right, upon written request, to a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation. You are also entitled to a copy of your Consumer Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

Under the provisions of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., the Americans with Disabilities Act and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, I hereby authorize and permit **Boys & Girls Harbor, Inc.** to obtain a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report which *may* include the following:

1. My Employment Records;
2. Driving history records, criminal history, credit history, civil record, and drug testing;

I understand that an “investigative consumer report” may include information as to my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living which may be obtained by interviews with individuals with whom I am acquainted or who may have knowledge concerning any such items of information.

I agree that a copy of this authorization has the same effect as the original.

I agree that this information may be pulled at any time during my tenure as a Host Family.

I hereby allow **Boys & Girls Harbor, Inc.** to obtain and prepare a consumer report as set forth above, as part of its investigation of my Host Family application.

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
(please print clearly)

Signature: _____ DL #: _____

Spouse: _____ Date: _____
(please print clearly)

Signature: _____ DL #: _____