

**REFERENCE FORM FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE REFERENCE:**

Annunciation House Inc. has served the poor in migration on the El Paso-Juarez border for nearly 30 years. We are a volunteer organization that depends on individuals committed to living and working among the homeless poor in a spirit of faith and solidarity. Demands placed on volunteers are varied, as volunteers live and work in our houses of hospitality with fellow volunteers and with the guests we serve. During this period of service, s/he will experience challenges to her/his ability to adapt to various personalities, cultures, and living conditions. S/he will also need adequate coping skills such as flexibility, adaptability, and compatibility. Finally, s/he will need some willingness to live simply, as well as a desire to integrate her/his faith values into the service experience.

This applicant has indicated that you have experience working with him/her. Please respond in brief to the following questions.

1. How long have you worked with this client?
2. In your experience of work with this applicant, please comment on the strengths that may support him/her and challenges he/she may face.
3. Given your professional relationship, please comment on any concerns you might have as well as recommendations that could be helpful to this person's successful completion of this volunteer experience.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you. Please return this reference and/or direct any questions to: Annunciation House, Volunteer Coordinator, 815 Myrtle Ave., El Paso, TX 79901. Phone: 915.533.4675, Fax: 915.351.1343**