**Ascend Next Level Reference form for Volunteers**



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| **Name and address of referee:** | **Name and address of volunteer requesting reference** |
| **Date** |

Dear

**REQUEST FOR REFERENCE FOR A VOLUNTARY WORKER WITH CHILDREN OR VULNERABLE ADULTS**

RE:

**Post applicant applying for**: Director, Prayer Room Leader or Helper for Adults, Prayer Room Leader or Helper for Young People

The above person has given your name as someone who may be contacted in relation to their application for the above role, which may involve working with children or vulnerable adults (ie adults experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect.)

Guidelines suggest that all voluntary organisations must take steps to safeguard the children or vulnerable adults entrusted to their care. I would be grateful if you could comment on the following factors, in confidence, as they apply to the applicant:-

* Previous experience of working with children or vulnerable adults;
* their ability to provide kind and consistent care;
* Evidence of their willingness to respect the background and culture of children and vulnerable adults in their care;
* their commitment to treat all children and vulnerable adults as individuals and with equal concern;
* Any evidence or concern that they would not be suitable to work with children or vulnerable adults;
* their leadership qualities, skills and ability to work as part of a team in their role as Director;
* their Christian faith.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely, **Cheryl Cross**

On behalf of Ascend Next Level Directors

**APPLICANT’S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? ………years

In what capacity have you known the volunteer?

Please share what you know about their previous experience of working with children or vulnerable adults:

Please share about their ability to provide kind, consistent and safe care:

Evidence of their willingness to respect the background and culture of children or vulnerable adults in their care:

Their commitment to treat all children or vulnerable adults as individuals and with equal concern:

Their character qualities

Their Christian commitment and experience

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the volunteer?

Any health related comments, which would affect their work with children/young people?

Any reservations you have, or any limitations we should bear in mind?

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU. This will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please use extra paper if needed.**