

# **Volunteer Professional Code of Conduct**

**Mission:** The mission of Age Well Arrowhead is to connect older adults and caregivers with services that support healthy aging and independence.

- Carry out the work with a commitment to the mission
- ➤ Abide by all policies and procedures of the agency
- Fulfill and be accountable to all duties as outlined in the volunteer position description(s)
- Interact with clients in a supportive, non-judgmental manner
- Maintain the confidentiality of clients, donors, staff and volunteers

### **Respect:**

- Respect each other and other's differences and styles; be curious and treat others how THEY want to be treated
- Respect all clients, their families, their cultures and family style
- > Respect the competence, expertise and integrity of all clients, staff and volunteers
- Behave appropriately in the presence of staff, volunteers, clients and the public at large
- > Be considerate and use appropriate language
- Be gracious and non-judgmental

#### **Accountability:**

- > Do what you say you will do; hold others accountable for keeping commitments
- > Be responsible for all written communication pertaining to the volunteer position
- ➤ Be accountable for decisions made

## **Communications:**

- Communicate directly and listen actively
- Clearly and respectfully communicate needs and respond to the communication of others
- Use appropriate channels of communication and chain of command to resolve conflict with coworkers and/or volunteers

## Teamwork:

- Work cooperatively and be part of the solution
- ➤ Give suggestions/options for problem resolution
- Work as a cooperative team member with the staff and other volunteers

#### Trust:

- > Trust others and be deserving of trust
- ➤ Be honest & reliable

Support:  ➤ Support and encourage clients, families, staff and volunteers	
Acknowledge:  ➤ Acknowledge others and celebrate their successes	
Positive:  ➤ Be positive and look for the positives in others	
Forgive:  ➤ Forgive others for their actions and let go of grudges	
<ul><li>Pride:</li><li>➤ Take pride in what you do and have Age Well Arrowhead reflect that pride.</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Volunteer Relations: (This section applies to staff)</li> <li>Greet and welcome volunteers every time they are at Age Well Arrowhead offices</li> <li>Support volunteers in their efforts whether with clients or through other tasks and projects at the agency or in the community</li> <li>Speak to the volunteers about the positive work that we are all doing for older adults and caregivers in our community</li> <li>Thank volunteers for their time and commitment to Age Well Arrowhead.</li> </ul>	t
I have read the Professional Code of Conduct, understand its contents and agree to follow them. As a Volunteer for Age Well Arrowhead, I understand these are the minimal expectations for continuation my volunteer assignment. I understand that the Code of Conduct can be changed, eliminated or departed from by Age Well Arrowhead without notification.	

Date

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Volunteer Name (please print)

Volunteer Signature