INFORMED CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Title of Project: Organizational Factors Affecting Older Volunteers  
HHSC Approval Number: E02-172

Main Survey

1. You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Nancy Morrow-Howell, Ph.D. The overall purpose of this research is to document the strategies used by organizations in the St. Louis metropolitan area to recruit, effectively use, and retain older adults (aged 60+) as volunteers.

2. a) Your participation will involve answering questions regarding the use of older adults (aged 60+) as volunteers in your program. These questions will ask for information regarding marketing, program management, volunteer responsibilities, and volunteer characteristics.

b) The amount of time involved in your participation will be approximately 1 ½ hours.

3. There are certain risks and discomforts that may be associated with this research. They include: none.

4. The possible benefits to you (including any remuneration or compensation) from this research are: opportunity to receive a report of strategies used by organizations to recruit, effectively utilize, and retain older adults in volunteer positions.

5. Your participation is voluntary and you may choose not to participate in this research study or withdraw your consent at any time. You will NOT be penalized in any way should you choose not to participate or withdraw.

6. All reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of your records and your identity will be taken. Your identity will not be revealed in any publication that may result from this study. The confidentiality of all study related records will be maintained in accordance with State and Federal laws. There is a possibility that your data, including identifying information, may be inspected and photocopied by officials of the Federal or State government agencies and the University Human Studies Committee. If the study is sponsored, a representative of the sponsor may inspect these research records.

7. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study, or if any problems arise, you may call Nancy Morrow-Howell (314-935-6762). You may also ask questions or state concerns regarding your rights as a research subject to Cynthia White, Executive Secretary of the Washington University Hilltop Human Studies Committee, at 935-5825.

I have read this consent form and have been given the opportunity to ask questions. I will also be given a signed copy of this consent form for my records. I hereby consent to my participation in the research described above.

ONLY VERBAL CONSENT REQUIRED

Participant's Signature

Date

Informed consent provided by:

Signature of Faculty Director or Designee

Date

Signature of Faculty Director/PI/Advisor

(when informed consent responsibility is entrusted to a designee.)

This form is valid only if the Hilltop Human Studies Committee's stamp of approval is shown here: