



FIRM Neighborhood Ministries

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR WITH CHILDREN CONTRACT

In respect for FIRM's ministry commitments, and myself, I hereby covenant That I will follow the guidelines for appropriate behavior with neighborhood children and volunteers. I will model appropriate boundaries with children and will avoid inappropriate touching with children by:

- Not carrying children on my shoulders
- Not hugging children excessively, and hugging them briefly from side rather than front to front
- Not placing children on my lap
- Not touching near any child's private body parts
- Being sure to keep my hands on the outside of children's clothing
- Helping to educate program volunteers about appropriate and inappropriate behaviors, including behaviors as head touching and body part movements which are uncomfortable within the cultures of children whom we serve
- Making sure to avoid behavior which seeks to meet my own needs rather than theirs
- Carefully responding to expressions of affection from the opposite sex in ways which affirm their value as God's children but redirect their attention towards the purposes of the program

Signed: _____

Date: _____