

## STUDENT CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

# Save the Children of the Developing World September 1, 2019

#### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the \*insert school name\* Save the Children of the Developing World Student Chapter. This student chapter is a student organization at \*insert school name\*. This organization's purpose shall be to assist Save the Children of the Developing World in its mission to improve the wellbeing of children living in third world countries.

## **ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the student chapter shall be:

- 1. To raise awareness towards the issues that are affecting the youth of the developing world.
- 2. To provide fellowship among students and faculty.
- 3. To represent Save the Children of the Developing World through local fundraisers and events.
- 4. To provide volunteering opportunities to benefit the \*insert school name\* community.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Members and officers must be enrolled students at \*insert school name\*.
- 2. Non-students, who are within the ninth to twelfth grade range, may volunteer at fundraising events and attend club meetings, but may not vote or hold office.

## **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

Meetings will be open to all organization active and associate members, faculty, staff, and non-member students. A notice of at least 1 week will be given prior to all meetings. The meetings are to be organized and controlled by officers and active members.

## ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 1. President
  - a. Coordinates all activities of the chapter
  - b. Acts as liaison to high school community
  - c. Serves as official representative of chapter
  - d. Calls regular and special meetings
  - e. Presides at meetings
  - f. Prepares agenda for meetings
- 2 Vice President
  - a. Assumes duties of president, when necessary
  - b. Assists president in coordinating activities
- 3. Secretary



- a. Maintains accurate and current information of the organization and membership
- b. Assists president and vice-president to coordinate organization activities
- c. Keeps accurate minutes of each meeting and forward copies to other officers
- d. Keep attendance records for meetings.

## 4. Treasurer

- a. Serves as liaison to \*insert school name\* for all purpose of organizational funding
- b. Maintains accurate and current account of all organizational funds
- c. Responsible for dispensing of funds in accordance with the goals and programs established by the organization

#### ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

#### 1. Election of Officers

- a. The officers of this organization are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
- b. Officers will be elected by written ballot, with each active member casting a vote. A majority of votes will constitute a victory.
- c. Election of officers will take place during the last month prior to the end of the academic year.
- d. Officers will assume office for a period of one year.

### 2. Recall of Officers

- a. Officers are subject to recall for malfeasance in office. Malfeasance shall be defined as:
  - i. An inability to perform the requirements of office
  - ii. Willfully disobeying \*insert school name\*'s Rules and Regulations governing student organizations
  - iii. Breaching the Student Code of Conduct
  - iv. Mismanaging club funds
- b. Recall procedures will be initiated at the request of five active members.
- c. A hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting for the presentation of evidence from all concerned parties
  - i. Those requesting a recall of officer(s) shall be given 20 minutes to present their case
  - ii. Those officers being recalled will have five (5) minutes to question their accusers
  - iii. Those officers being recalled will have 20 minutes to rebut the charges presented against them
  - iv. The club will then have five (5) minutes to question those being recalled
- d. A two-thirds majority of those active members voting in a recall at the end of the hearing is necessary to remove any office.

## ARTICLE VII - VOTING

- 1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3-majority vote of those voting, a quorum being present.
- 2. Voting on amendments must be conducted after a minimum notice of 2 weeks.



## **ARTICLE VIII – STATUS**

As a student chapter of Save the Children of the Developing World, the chapter sustains the organization's non-profit status according to the organization's Articles of Incorporation, as well as its tax-exemption status under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

## ARTICLE IX – STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

This chapter shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status. This policy will include, but not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunities to hold office.

## ARTICLE X – STATEMENT OF NON-HAZING

This organization will not conspire to engage in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

## ARTICLE XI – STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPUS REGULATIONS

This organization shall comply with all university and campus policies and regulations and local, state, and federal laws.