



# JOIN OUR BOARD



## THE ROLE OF THE CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Children's Alliance Board of Directors is responsible for providing oversight and strategic guidance to the organization. Our all-volunteer board is comprised of dedicated community leaders, parents, nonprofit executives, and members of the business community who share a deep and passionate commitment to racial equity and making policy work for kids.

### BOARD MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Perform the strategic and generative work of governance.
- Provide stewardship for Children's Alliance's mission, resources, and work.
- Make key decisions about policy positions and program direction.
- Commit to learning about and working within a framework that centers undoing institutional racism and racial equity in policy advocacy.
- Advance and sustain Children's Alliance's commitment to transform itself into an anti-racist organization.
- Serve as ambassadors for Children's Alliance and its mission.
- Attend regular board meetings and special meetings.
- Participate in at least one committee.
- Participate in annual fundraising activities and donor stewardship efforts, and make an annual gift to the organization that is significant to yourself and your family.
- Participate in annual advocacy efforts by signing up for action alerts, and attending at least one program event per year (e.g. Have a Heart for Kids Day, Annual Meeting, Advocacy Camp, policy summits).

### WE ARE STRIVING TO BUILD A BOARD THAT:

- includes individuals who are personally affected by or have lived experiences in the issues we work on;
- reflects the racial, cultural and class composition of Washington's diverse communities; and
- can fulfill the board's roles in guidance, fundraising, and oversight.

### CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gabriela Quintana, Chair  
Stephanie Thorpe, Vice Chair  
Emily Van Dyke, Secretary  
Sarah Alexander, Treasurer

Anne Gienapp  
Heather Gingerich  
Bruce Lamb  
Sheely Mauck

Minu Ranna-Stewart  
Sherri Wolson

## BOARD TERMS

Each board term is two (2) years. Board members can serve up to five (5) consecutive terms. Incoming board members are approved on a rolling basis.

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The full board meets six (6) times per year during odd-numbered months. Each meeting is three (3) hours. Supplemental meetings may be scheduled on the even months if needed. At this time, all meetings are conducted on Zoom.

## BOARD COMMITTEES

### AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE

The Ambassador Committee (AC) develops and implements strategies to broaden and deepen Children's Alliance's connections to new and existing networks of individuals and organizations in order to help raise funds to support the work of the organization and build a racially and ethnically diverse base of supporters. AC is comprised of board members and community members. The committee is staffed by the Donor Relations Director. The committee meets four times per year.

### FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Finance & Operations Committee is responsible for advising on matters regarding organizational financial management and fiscal policy. Additionally, the Committee advises on other operational matters, including human resources management, facility management and technology support services. The Finance & Operations Committee is comprised of 3-4 board members or other community members, including the Board Treasurer, as chair of the committee. The committee is staffed by the Finance Director. The committee's regular meeting time is currently the 4th Thursday of the month, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

### PUBLIC POLICY COUNCIL

The Public Policy Council (PPC) develops recommendations on public policy priorities, issue positions, and ballot measures for Children's Alliance's Board of Directors. Members of the PPC include board members and other community members. The committee meets six times per year, on the 3rd Friday of odd-numbered months, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for approval to join the Children's Alliance board, prospective board members must complete a brief application form and submit a resume and short bio. Once the application has been reviewed, a representative of the board will be in touch regarding next steps. *For more information, please contact [boardrecruitment@childrensalliance.org](mailto:boardrecruitment@childrensalliance.org) or (206) 324-0340.*

