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 includes 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 REQUIRE 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

Sarah Alexander, Chair  Anne Gienapp  Minu Ranna-Stewart
Stephanie Thorpe, Vice Chair  Heather Gingerich  Sherri Wolson
Emily Van Dyke, Secretary  Bruce Lamb
Tisha Frank, Treasurer  Sheely Mauck
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;
- Finance and Operations Committee;
- Public Policy Council;
- Resource Development Committee.

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 or (206) 324-0340.