



# 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 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  
Stephanie Thorpe, Vice Chair  
Emily Van Dyke, Secretary  
Tisha Frank, 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;**
  - **Finance and Operations Committee;**
  - **Public Policy Council;**
  - **Resource Development Committee.**
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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.*

