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Nonprofit Board Member – Fundraising & Community Engagement

Job Type: Volunteer/ 2-year commitment

Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per month

Work Location: Remote

About Us

The Puddle Project NFP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2015. Our mission is to **uplift teen moms through mentorship, literacy, and education, building confident women and thriving families.**

The Puddle Project serves pregnant and parenting teens and young adults, primarily African American and Latina young women ages 12–24 throughout Chicago and the surrounding Chicagoland area.

We're scaling fast, and we're looking for passionate leaders to grow with us.

Position Summary

The Puddle Project has a **working board**. We are seeking leaders who are willing to leverage their expertise, relationships, and influence to help grow the organization.

Board members are expected to actively participate in fundraising, sponsorship development, donor cultivation, governance, and strategic initiatives. We are looking for individuals who will **own outcomes—not simply attend meetings.**



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We are seeking a passionate and mission-driven Board Member with a **strong background in fundraising and donor relations** to help us grow our revenue, expand our donor base, and create long-term financial sustainability.

This role is ideal for someone who enjoys building relationships, believes in the power of storytelling, and wants to make a meaningful impact through philanthropy and community engagement.

Key Responsibilities

- Collaborate with the Executive Director and Board to develop and implement fundraising strategies.
- Identify, cultivate, and steward relationships with individual donors, foundations, and corporate sponsors.
- Participate in donor outreach campaigns, including email campaigns, virtual events, and direct asks.
- Leverage your professional and personal network to introduce potential supporters and funders to The Puddle Project.
- Contribute to grant application strategy and identify potential funding opportunities.
- Support the annual fundraising gala and other special fundraising initiatives.
- Make a personally meaningful annual gift and actively encourage others to give.
- Participate in board meetings, strategic planning, and other board-related activities.

Qualifications

Ideal candidates will have:

- A heart for teen moms and wanting to influence the next generation.
- Strong relationship-building and communication skills.
- Passionate about teen moms creating a sustainable future for themselves and their child.
- Willingness to make introductions and champion the mission within your network.
- Demonstrated ability to cultivate relationships and help secure financial support.
- Experience with corporate, foundation, individual, or community-based fundraising is a plus.
- Based in or connected to Illinois is a plus.



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Why Join Us?

You'll be part of a bold and visionary team rewriting the future for young people across underserved communities.

As a Board Member, you'll have the opportunity to directly shape how we fund transformative programs, build organizational capacity, expand our reach, and create meaningful opportunities for young people.

You'll also work alongside passionate leaders who believe in the power of possibility and are committed to breaking cycles and building brighter futures.

Ready to Make an Impact?

Apply now to be part of something bigger than yourself. Together, let's break cycles and build brighter futures.

Application deadline/admission instructions:

Upon interest, potential members meet with the Executive Director or Board chair to share their interest and complete an interest form. New Board Members are elected by a majority of the Board Members at the Annual Meeting. Board vacancies are filled by a majority of the remaining Board Members.



Ready to apply? Submit your application: <https://form.jotform.com/262518084520050>