



Board of Directors Application

Thank you for your interest in joining The Women's Center Board of Directors! Your willingness to share your skills and talents in support of survivors of sexual and domestic violence is very much needed and appreciated.

We are currently accepting Board Member applications! If you are an active, involved community member who supports our mission and philosophy of service, please complete this application in entirety and return to Angela Mancuso, Executive Director at angelam@twcwaukesha.org.

About us

Mission: To provide safety, shelter and support to empower all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse and trafficking.

Vision: To create an engaged community that does not tolerate or accept interpersonal violence and provides abundant resources to ensure futures free from violence.

The Women's Center's core philosophy is to ensure that the needs of survivors are met, that children are protected, and that families heal and lead lives free of violence. Our programs are centered on meeting the unique needs of each client and are designed to empower while providing basic needs (food, shelter, clothing, and transportation). Each one of our services is offered at no cost to adults and children from all socio-economic levels. They include the following:

- Emergency shelter and 24-Hour Hotline
- Legal advocacy
- Family counseling
- Domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse counseling
- Support groups for adults and children
- Substance abuse and mental health support
- Transitional living
- Rape crisis response
- Community education and violence prevention
- Employment counseling and life-skills development
- Translation/interpretation in any language
- Free on-site childcare for clients utilizing any of these services

About You

Please print neatly:

Name _____

Home Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Preferred email to receive TWC information: _____

Employer _____ Position _____

Employer Address: _____

Memberships and Affiliations:

Current Board involvement:

What interested you in becoming involved with The Women's Center?

In what ways do you see yourself advocating for The Women's Center?

What role do you see for yourself in raising funds for The Women's Center?

What skills, connections, resources and expertise do you have to offer and use on behalf of The Women's Center?

Board Expectations

The Women's Center Board of Directors meets 6 times a year on the 4th Thursday of January, March, May, September, October and December from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at The Women's Center. **Attendance at all meetings is important**, both to ensure all board members are informed on agency updates, and to ensure forward movement of the board, committees, and agency through a quorum to approve policies and financials. If a Board Member misses 2 or more meetings in a calendar year, members may be asked to leave the board. This policy ensures all members can commit to carrying out the mission and work of the organization. The Board is comprised of up to 21 members elected and members may serve a maximum of three consecutive 3-year terms.

In general, board members are the agency's best advocates, making connections, introductions, and occasionally solicitations to help The Women's Center achieve their revenue and programmatic goals. **All board members are expected to advocate to their personal and professional networks on behalf of the agency.**

Board members are also expected to make a meaningful personal gift directly to The Women's Center each year along with procuring sponsorship for the agency special events and supporting other financial needs.

Board Responsibilities

Duty of care. Board members must exercise reasonable care in overseeing the organization's financial and operational activities. Although disengaged from day-to-day affairs, Board members are expected to understand our mission, programs and structure.

Duty of loyalty. Board members must act solely in the best interests of the organization and its constituents, and not for personal gain.

Duty of obedience. Board members must act in accordance with the organization's mission, charter and bylaws,

and any applicable state or federal laws.

Board Participation Requirements

- ❖ Commit time for regular Board meetings, committee meetings and planning sessions
- ❖ Come to meetings prepared, having read through all materials sent in advance
- ❖ Be knowledgeable about the organization's values, mission, programs
- ❖ Be an ambassador for the organization and promote its work to your networks and out in the community
- ❖ Leverage connections to further the success of The Women's Center
- ❖ Ensure the organization's financial viability and sustainability
- ❖ Support the agency through your social media and other networks
- ❖ Respond to the Executive Director or other agency staff in a timely manner
- ❖ Attend fundraising, advocacy and awareness events
- ❖ Secure sponsorship and underwriting for special events and other agency activities
- ❖ Engage in critical thought and be committed to a vibrant future for the organization
- ❖ Actively participate in the board's annual evaluation and planning efforts
- ❖ Understand the fiscal implications of decisions
- ❖ Provide strategic leadership
- ❖ Listen well and be thoughtful in considering issues
- ❖ Get to know other Board members and build a collegial working relationship
- ❖ Maintain client confidentiality as required by federal and state statutes

I certify that the statements herein are correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I also confirm that I am not and have not been a client of The Women's Center at any time during the last 5 years.

Signature

Date

The Women's Center reserves the right to make decisions regarding volunteer service on a case by case basis and may also decline a volunteer application or terminate volunteer service with the agency.

To maintain a safe environment for our clients, employees and volunteers, The Women's Center conducts Caregiver and Criminal background checks. Once you have submitted your completed Board Application, a meeting will be scheduled with you and we will provide you with the background check authorization form.

Thank you for your interest in The Women's Center and our mission

Please send this completed form to Angela Mancuso, Executive Director, at angelam@twcwaukesh.org. If you have questions, please call Angela at 262.522.3809.