THE NEIGHBORCARE HEALTH FOUNDATION

Neighborcare Health (NCH) is Seattle's largest community health system, or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Our focus is to provide care for low-income and uninsured individuals and families. For 50 years, NCH has served Seattle and King County's most underserved residents, ensuring a healthy and safe city for all.

Today Neighborcare Health serves more than 70,000 people per year through 30 medical, dental, and school based sites as well as programs in homeless shelters, on the streets, and in supportive housing. Funding from federal, state, county, and private sources makes this possible.

In addition, we face two realities: 1) more than 250,000 low-income people in King County are not yet served by a health center, and 2) potential changes in federal policy may threaten our ability to maintain even our current levels of service.

While Neighborcare Health has been steadily growing its philanthropic base, we know we must dramatically increase private philanthropic support to ensure that we continue to provide current levels of service while expanding access to match the needs of our community.

While most non-profit boards are recruited for fundraising capacity, Neighborcare Health's governing board is required to have 51% or greater consumer representation and serves as policy board. While this makeup provides authentic patient experience, it also limits the board's ability to fundraise.

To strengthen our relationship to the philanthropic and business communities and generate more private funding, Neighborcare Health is establishing a 509 support organization, the Neighborcare Health Foundation.

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Purpose: Work closely with Neighborcare board, leaders, and staff, to ensure Neighborcare Health has adequate financial resources to fulfill its mission.

Commitment: Three-year terms with option to renew. The committee will meet 8 times per year (2nd Wednesday from 9 am – 11 am at Pacific Tower, although currently all meetings are held remotely). Board members can expect to devote from 2-4 hours/month to board business.

Membership: 10-13 Board Members to grow fundraising with an emphasis on major and corporate gifts.

Expectations: Volunteer Board Members will help champion Neighborcare Health by initiating and cultivating relationships with donors and potential donors and will advise staff on development strategy. Members are expected to:

- Work with staff to identify potential donors, including corporations, foundations, and individuals and help connect them to Neighborcare Health
- Open doors and/or approach peers for gifts to Neighborcare
- Help to thank and steward donors
- Annually review the staff-driven work plan, strategies, and goals, and make recommendations
- Attend meetings on a consistent basis (80% attendance)
- Identify and recruit additional Foundation Board members as needed
- Be an ambassador for Neighborcare Health in the community
- Be responsive to strategic direction from the Board of Neighborcare Health and make recommendations to the Board on development initiatives
- Support Neighborcare Health's fundraising events. These include:
    - Hosting a table at Spring Dinner
    - Bringing friends to Feast at the Market
    - Helping solicit sponsors for Spring Dinner and Feast at the Market
- Make an annual gift that is personally significant

Professional support

- The board will be fully staffed and supported by Neighborcare's development team.
- Board members will be provided with case materials, training, and any other tools needed to fulfill their roles.

Contact Information

For more information about the Neighborcare Health Foundation and how to join the board, please contact Elise Peterson, Director of Development, at elisep@neighborcare.org or 206-548-3264.

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KEY DATES

- 8 meetings per year (Staff will provide 1:1 follow up between meetings)
- May: Spring Dinner
- June: Programmatic Event
- May and July: No Board Meetings
- October: Feast at the Market
- November: Neighborcare Health Presents (thought leader event)
- December: No Board Meeting