ROOTS Young Adult Shelter
Board Opportunity

The ROOTS Board of Directors is seeking passionate, diverse, and experienced individuals to join our board. ROOTS has navigated many challenges these last couple of years, including the loss of our home due to redevelopment. Thanks to the work of our board, the loyalty of our guests, volunteers and staff, ROOTS has risen out the of the shadows and found a new University District home! We are strong financially and now we are looking forward to the exciting work of revisioning our organization. We are seeking individuals that are ready to face the challenges our new location brings and help us navigate the changing financial support systems for agencies serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness. If you are interested in supporting our guests by engaging in fundraising, governance, anti-oppression work and relationship-building in our community, then we want you!

Our Mission: *ROOTS Young Adult Shelter builds community and fosters dignity through access to essential services and a safe place to sleep for young adults experiencing homelessness.*

Our Values

- We value each guest as an individual, without judgment or bias.
- We drive change by discussing, addressing and breaking down social, economic, systemic, and institutional barriers to equality for the benefit of young adults experiencing homelessness.
- We work as a cohesive, passionate team to provide the best services possible to guests and build partnerships with the larger community.
- We respect, honor and encourage the unique backgrounds and lived experience of all individuals.

Our Programs

- We offer a low-barrier safe place to sleep, meals, laundry, and hygiene services for 45 young adults every night of the year.
- We provide case management services
- Every week we host Friday Feast for anyone in the University District seeking a meal or fellowship.

What makes ROOTS unique

- We are the largest low-barrier, emergency shelter for young adults in the state.
- We have been serving our guests for nearly 20 years.
- We have strong partnerships and a solid reputation in Seattle and the University District.
- We have a large, vibrant, and ever-renewing team of volunteers and staff.

ROOTS needs YOU if…

- You are eager to help Seattle solve its homelessness problems.
- You are invested in undoing systems of oppression, social justice and racial equity.
- You have the time and enthusiasm for community service.
- You have lived experience engaging with the homelessness system.
- You are willing to participate and grow your skills in fund-raising
- You have experience/training in not-for-profit governance.
- You are interested in creating collaborative partnerships.
- You have knowledge/skills concerning developing real estate for social services agencies.
- You have expertise in the issues surrounding homelessness.
- Support the nurturing of anti-oppression organizations.

- Expectations for board members
- Attend all monthly board meetings
- Serve on one or more committees.
- Attend fundraising and ROOTS-sponsored community events.
- Make a personally significant contribution to ROOTS fundraising, including donating if feasible.
- Volunteer at ROOTS at least once a quarter.
- Commit to a 3-year term

Next steps and how to apply

ROOTS is seeking new board members to begin their 3-year term in early 2021. Please email boardcandidates@rootsinfo.org to receive more information about ROOTS, the Board of Directors, and an online application. We will invite interested candidates to meet our board and attend a meeting. In order to be considered for appointment to the board, interested candidates must complete an application and be available for an interview.

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