The Center for Chronic Illness: Board of Directors Overview

The Center for Chronic Illness is looking for individuals to join the board of directors who are passionate about helping those living with and impacted by chronic illness and have time, resources, and connections to contribute to the cause. The Center for Chronic Illness is a grassroots nonprofit organization based in Seattle, WA, serving those impacted by chronic illness nationally. The organization, which formed in 2016, doubled its budget over the past year and needs additional board members to help support this growth. As we continue to grow, we acknowledge the disproportionate impact of chronic illness on BIPOC communities, and we are committed to racial equity within our organization and at the board level. BIPOC individuals as well as those impacted by chronic illness are encouraged to apply.

Benefits of Board Membership of a New Organization

- Networking opportunities
- Career building
- Philanthropic work
- Learning new skills
- Leadership
- Collegiality

Board Responsibilities:

- Attend monthly board meetings and actively engage in the goals and mission of the organization
- Serve on at least one committee of the board (potential committees: executive, fundraising, program evaluation, etc.), and attend and engage in committee meetings
- Oversee the organizational budget
- Set the strategic direction of the organization
- Contribute financially to the organization based on individual giving ability
- Evaluate the executive director
- Participate in hiring and evaluation of contracted and future staff
- Establish policies for the organization and adjust bylaws as necessary
- Secure funding through networking and fundraising for the organization
- Attend and assist in fundraising events
- Assist in developing sponsorships and partnerships for the organization
- Evaluate programs and services provided by the organization and suggest changes as needed

- Create and monitor the long-term plan for the organization and manage changes
- Select and support future board officers
- Approve organizational contracts as appropriate

The role of the board of directors will be to hold responsibility for the legal, financial, and overall best interest of the organization. Board members must commit to serving a minimum of two years, though breaks or extended vacations of board members will be allowed on a case by case basis. After the initial two years, board members can decide to leave or may stay on the board for additional terms. Please note, this is a volunteer board and there is no compensation for joining.

If a board member is seen as not following the above agreed upon duties, or if they are negatively impacting the mission and/or growth of the organization they may be dismissed from their role.

If you would like to apply, please contact executive director, Allison Fine at (425) 296-2705 or executivedirector@thecenterforchronicillness.org. Interested parties will need to submit a letter of interest as well as a current resume.