

Bringing It to the Table

Understanding Your Role as a
Board of Director

Exploring the vital roles and responsibilities
of board members in our community.

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The Why of Board Service

Boards exist to serve as **guardians** of
mission, vision, and values.

Key Points:

- Passion for the mission.
- Desire to strengthen the community.
- Commitment to stewarding resources
and impact.

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The Organization's Mission, Vision, and Purpose

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Board Responsibilities — The Core

- Fiduciary responsibility (budget, accountability, compliance).
- Strategic guidance (setting direction, aligning with mission/vision).
- Resource development (fundraising, partnerships, advocacy).
- Community ambassadorship (representing the organization in the community).

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The Board's Relationship to the Budget

- Budgets = mission in numbers.
- Your role: Approve, monitor, and advocate for resources.
- Link financial health to program impact.

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What Do You Bring to the Table?

- Board members contribute:
 - Time (service, attendance, advocacy)
 - Talent (professional expertise, networks, lived experience)
 - Treasure (personal giving, fundraising, connections to donors)

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Interactive Activity: The Plate Exercise

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The Power of the Collective

The impact of the organization is not the result of one person, but rather the collective.

- Together we bring:
- Financial oversight
 - Strategic leadership
 - Advocacy and connections
 - Community trust

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Call to Action

- Recommit to the mission
- Engage in fund development
- Be present and active
- Use your voice and influence to open doors for the organization

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When everyone brings their best to the table, the community is nourished.
