



## **BOARD APPLICATION AND POSITION DESCRIPTION**

### ***Overview***

The Sarah House Foundation Board of Directors governs the overall execution of the organization's mission. Principally, the Board manages organizational finances and sets long-term priorities for programs, primarily the development of a freestanding pediatric hospice and respite home. Additionally, the Board will oversee the role of the Executive Director, who will be responsible for day-to-day management of the organization. Overall, the members of the Board contribute the educational, management, legal, and financial skills needed to ensure long-term organizational stability and year-to-year educational excellence for the Sarah House Foundation mission.

The Board of Directors has 8-12 voting members. Terms are for 3 years.

Board Member responsibilities include attendance at regular board meetings as well as teleconference meetings and active electronic conversations as part of Board committees. In some years the Board has held additional meetings. Board members also hold a fiduciary responsibility for management of organizational capital and ensuring appropriate filings with federal, state, and local authorities consistent with the organization's status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The attendance policy allows for removal if absences are excessive per the bylaws. Board members are expected to make financial gift to the organization each fiscal year.

### ***Declaration of Candidacy***

Board positions require a time and energy commitment that should not be underestimated. Candidates are urged to consider personal priorities for the next year as well as the ways to contribute to the development of the organization.

Resources available to prospective members:

- Organizational Documents: Strategic Plan, Bylaws, FY Budget, Operating Principle, and others upon request
- Program Overview & Calendar of Events
- Email or call the Board Chairperson with questions

To apply:

- Submit the one-page Board Application (page 2 of this document) and your résumé to the Board Chairperson. Please write "NEW BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION" in the subject line.
- Copies of the one-page application will be shared with the Nominating Committee and will aid in understanding how you would like to contribute to the organization's work.

### ***Time and Financial Considerations***

#### **Meetings:**

- Board Meetings: Bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
- Committee Work (generally by virtual calls or e-mail)
- Annual Meeting (December)

**Fundraising Events:** Board participation needed/required

**Donations:** As with any Board, members will be solicited for a cash or in-kind donation; An annual cash gift is expected of all Board members; Board members should maintain an active membership status during their term.

## ***Application for Sarah Zepernick (“Sarah House”) Foundation Board Candidacy***

Name	
School / Company	
Current Occupation	
Contact Details	
<u>Address</u>	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-mail	

**We want to understand your views on current operations and how your potential contributions might fit with the organization’s vision. Please answer the following questions. Limit your response to this page / the space provided. Address and contact information will not be distributed. Please also send your résumé or CV to the Chairperson (currently Crystal Decker: [Crystal.Decker@vitas.com](mailto:Crystal.Decker@vitas.com))**

1. Please ***briefly*** describe your academic and professional background, and other relevant experience.
2. Why do you seek a position on this board?
3. Please briefly outline the specific skills you bring, or contributions you hope to make, to this board.
4. Are you currently serving on a board of directors for another organization? If so, please list the organization name and your position/role.
5. What is your preferred method of contact/communication?   \_\_\_ Email   \_\_\_ Phone Call   \_\_\_ Text Message

**ONLY THIS SINGLE PAGE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALONG WITH YOUR CV OR RESUME.**