Michael House Pregnancy & Parenting Support Services (MHPPSS)

Volunteer Board Director Opportunities

Our Vision: Empower resilient women to overcome barriers for the betterment of themselves and their children.

Our Mission: To provide shelter and support to pregnant and parenting women and their children in need.

Located in Guelph, Ontario, Michael House Pregnancy & Parenting Support Services (MHPPSS) is Christian based Registered Charity. We welcome volunteer Board Directors from community members with experience in:

- Legal (including employment law)
- Human Resources
- Financial Management
- Governance & Policy
- Fund Development / Fundraising

See michaelhouse.ca for more information.

Board Member Commitment

Board members are responsible for the overall governance and financial stewardship of MHPPSS. Directors must act honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of MHPPSS while supporting its mission.

Board and Board Committee meetings are typically offered in a video conferencing platform; the AGM and annual Strategic Planning Retreat are in person events.

Time Commitment:

- Attend at least 4 of 5 annual Board meetings
- Attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Attend the annual Strategic Planning Retreat
- Serve on at least one Board committee

Board members are also expected to:

- Support and promote MHPPSS events and initiatives (including on social media)
- Participate in fundraising activities
- Volunteer at events when possible
- Make an annual personal financial contribution

Key Responsibilities

Strategic Leadership

- Help shape and uphold MHPPSS's Mission, Vision, and Values
- Approve and monitor the Strategic Plan
- Support and advise the Executive Director in implementing strategic goals
- Ensure Board decisions align with MHPPSS's Mission and Strategy

Oversight & Accountability

- Monitor organizational performance and culture
- Provide oversight and evaluation support for the Executive Director
- Review program reports (twice per year)
- Evaluate Board effectiveness

Financial Oversight

- Approve and monitor the annual operating and capital budgets
- Ensure strong financial controls and policies
- Oversee financial performance and reporting
- Approve auditors

Fundraising & Advocacy

- Contribute financially
- Support and participate in fundraising
- Advocate on behalf of MHPPSS

Risk & Governance

- Identify and monitor organizational risks
- Ensure risk management processes are in place
- Recruit and orient new Board members
- Participate in ongoing Board education
- Regularly review Board structure, committees, and governance practices

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Current Programs and Services
MHPPSS delivers a suite of programs that work together to support pregnant and parenting women and their children at every stage of need. The organization's services are designed to provide safe housing, practical resources, life skills development, community connection, and emotional support. These programs reflect a progressive model of care that builds stability first and then fosters independence, resilience, and long-term success.

If you are passionate about supporting pregnant and parenting families and bringing your professional expertise to a mission-driven organization, we invite you to apply to boardofdirectors@michaelhouse.ca