

Board Training Program

Board and Committee Opportunities

Summer 2024

Ready to take the next step and support a local nonprofit organization through board or committee service? We encourage you to review these opportunities and contact an organization to let them know you are interested in learning more about their listing. Please note that you can click on the organization name to access their website.

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Advancing Arts & Culture

Organizations that bring the performing, visual, fine and applied arts to the public and organizations that preserve and commemorate events, places, cultures and human expression.

[American Artists Project](#)

Contact: Shannon Trilli Kempner, President, strilli@gmail.com

Mission: Building a new framework of artistic opportunities by investing in underrepresented creative communities and producing world class programs.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

[Art From the Streets](#)

Contact: Kelley Worden, director@artfromthestreets.org

Mission: AFTS provides a free studio for persons experiencing homelessness to paint and create. We offer workshops, art therapy and a studio gallery for the artists to sell their work.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

[Austin Civic Orchestra](#)

Contact: Amy Crandell, amy@austincivicorchestra.org

Mission: To foster an appreciation for the transformative power of orchestral music through high-quality musical performances and educational experiences for the Austin community.

Opportunities: Board position, Marketing Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Austin Jazz Workshop

Contact: Debra Erck, president@austinjazzworkshop.org or Terrance McDaniel, ausjazz@gmail.com

Mission: To encourage youth participation in school music programs through campus and public jazz performances, to bring the American Jazz heritage into underserved communities, and to promote a vibrant cultural arts environment by employing local musicians of diverse ages, origins, and ethnicities.

Opportunities: Board position, Marketing Committee

Austin Soundwaves

Contact: Patrick Slevin, patrick@austinsoundwaves.org

Mission: The mission of Austin Soundwaves is to make learning music accessible and equitable in a world without barriers to music education.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Big Medium

Contact: Shea Little, little@bigmedium.org

Mission: Big Medium supports artists through equitable and inclusive platforms to explore their practice and advance their careers.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee

Flower Hill Center

Contact: Natalie George, natalie@flowerhillfoundation.org

Mission: The Flower Hill Foundation exists to honor the late Jane Smoot's vision to celebrate an Austin founding family of civil servants; preserve one of the city's last historic homesteads; and empower, inspire, and engage the diverse Austin community of today and tomorrow.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Future Front

Contact: Hali Martin, board@futurefronttexas.org

Mission: Homegrown in Austin, Future Front is an award-winning, culture space and exhibition series—with women and LGBTQ+ creatives at the front.

Opportunities: Fundraising or Event Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Ground Floor Theatre

Contact: Lisa Scheps, lisa@groundfloortheatre.org

Mission: Ground Floor Theatre fosters an environment for creative thinkers and artists to produce works with a focus on historically underrepresented communities.

Opportunities: Board position

illumine Choirs

Contact: Roland Barrera, rolandbarrera1984@gmail.com

Mission: illumine Choirs is dedicated to nurturing a community of young singers through

artistic expression, intellectual development, and a pursuit of musical excellence.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee

Down for Smiles

Contact: Crystal Flores, crystal@isabelgracephoto.com

Mission: To share the joy, beauty, and ability within the Down Syndrome community through free professional photos by fundraising efforts. Professional photography is only the icing on the cake, we aim to provide a whole experience for every family involved. While we work on building partnerships locally and nationally with the intent to remain free to the families, we welcome you to join us in celebrating and raising awareness of these bright lights just looking for the opportunity to shine!

Opportunities: Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee

Made Media Group aka Black Austin

Contact: Anita Roberts, anita@amcpublishing.net

Mission: We're thrilled to back the nonprofit organization Made Media Group in their mission to inform, empower, and transform African American communities through media & technology, aiming to eliminate economic disparities through neighborhood initiatives. Made Media Group spearheads vital programs like the Texas Black Literacy Project, the Soul of Austin Culture fest, the Narrow the Gap Initiative for economic education, and Media & Tech training camps.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee

Neill-Cochran House Museum

Contact: Rowena Dasch, rhdasch@nchmuseum.org

Mission: The Neill-Cochran House Museum, an 1856 Austin Greek Revival landmark, increases the understanding of the American experience through interpretation of its first century of history, architecture, and culture.

Opportunity: Advisory Council or Committee

Penfold Theatre

Contact: Ryan Crowder, ryan@penfoldtheatre.org

Mission: From our home in Round Rock, Penfold Theatre tells intimate stories of empathy and hope; curates performances by premier local artists; and nurtures theatre-makers of today and tomorrow.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee

SoCo Women's Chorus

Contact: Lisa Holt, Board Chair & Artistic Director, hello@socowomenschorus.org

Mission: The mission of SoCo Women's Chorus is to provide Central Texas singers with the experience of musical artistry and excellence through choral singing and group performance. Our chorus is dedicated to reflecting Austin's diversity and providing community service through music.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Sun Radio Foundation

Contact: Daryl O'Neal, daryl@sunradio.com

Mission: The Sun Radio Mission is to (1) preserve the heritage of Texas music with a (2) minimal impact on the environment. Sun Radio creates and distributes solar-powered radio programming to owned and operated as well as non-commercial member stations with a focus on (3) Saving Local Community Radio.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Texas Folklife

Contact: Elisha Oliver, eoliver@texasfolklife.org

Mission: Texas Folklife is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the living traditions of the Lone Star State.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee

Animal Care & Services

Organizations that provide care for animals such as humane societies, wildlife sanctuaries, and animal housing and training.

Every Dog Behavior and Training

Contact: Miranda Hitchcock, miranda@everydogaustin.org

Mission: To provide inclusive, accessible dog training and behavior resources to the Austin community.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Shelter Pet Safety Net

Contact: Jenni Ritchie, jenni@shelterpetsafetynet.org

Mission: To improve the lives of homeless dogs and cats in Bastrop County, in partnership with the Bastrop County Animal Shelter.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

The Unstoppables Project

Contact: Laura Lee Franks, theupinfo@gmail.org

Mission: The mission of The Unstoppables Project is to advocate for, educate about and financially support differently-abled dogs.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Education & Literacy

Organizations that focus on education and literacy for people across the globe at every stage of life.

Austin Achieve Public Schools

Contact: Daniela Rubio, drubio@austinachieve.org

Mission: We're a tuition-free, open enrollment public charter school preparing Greater Austin youth to attend and excel at top universities.

Opportunity: Board position

Austin Allies

Contact: Dr. Kris Robinson Weber, drkrisrobinson@gmail.com

Mission: Austin Allies' mission is to organize meaningful volunteer opportunities for families in the Greater Austin area by partnering with local nonprofits and those that they serve.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee

Austin Bat Cave

Contact: Richard Santos, richard@austinbatcave.org

Mission: Austin Bat Cave is a creative community. Our writing programs empower students to find their voices and tell their stories. We provide programs in creative writing, journalism, college essay writing, resume writing, expressive journaling, and more. We strive to make our programs safe and accessible for all students, and prioritize partnerships with Title 1 schools and communities that have limited access to creative arts programming.

Opportunity: Board position

Central Texas Discover Engineering (CTDE)

Contact: Dustin Goss, dgoss@pape-dawson.com

Mission: Central Texas Discover Engineering's (CTDE) mission is to excite Central Texas K-12 students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through in-class, hands-on engineering activities and collaborative, volunteer-driven initiatives of the engineering and education communities.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Code2College

Contact: Matt Stephenson, matt@code2college.org

Mission: To dramatically increase the number of minority and low-income high school students who enter and excel in STEM undergraduate majors and careers.

Opportunities: Board position, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee

Junior Achievement of Central Texas

Contact: Joe Cestari, joe.cestari@jacentex.org

Mission: Junior Achievement inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Advisory Council or Committee

Ladders for Leaders

Contact: LaKissa Bright, lbright@laddersforleaders.org

Mission: Our mission is to bridge the gap between high school students and career exploration through internships and occupational experience. We aim to ensure diverse

students acquire workplace readiness skills and experience, thus becoming more competitive as they apply to colleges, scholarships, trade schools, or enter the workforce.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Mainspring Schools

Contact: Colin Denby Swanson, colin@mainspringschools.org

Mission: As a nonprofit organization, Mainspring Schools is on a mission to provide underserved children and their families with a community for high-quality early education and holistic support.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Marathon Kids / Austin Runners Club

Contact: Wendy Wheless, wendy@marathonkids.org

Mission: We transform lives through running, and build active communities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Nurturing Change

Contact: Amanda Herron, amanda.herron@nurturing-change.org

Mission: Nurturing Change's mission is to empower caregivers with insight and proficiency in trauma-informed care, in order to provide emotional healing and behavioral transformation to kids.

Opportunity: Board position

Open Door Preschools

Contact: Cynthia Smith McCollum, cynthia@opendoorpreschool.org

Mission: In pursuit of educational equity, Open Door nurtures and inspires young children of diverse abilities, circumstances, and backgrounds in a child-led, play-based environment.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Sam's Adventure Camp

Contact: Lulu Jones, samsadventurecamp@gmail.com

Mission: The mission of Sam's Adventure Camp is to realize the ability of children with developmental disabilities and enhance their strengths by providing families a team of outstanding professionals to bring hope, support and progress.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Texas Music Partners

Contact: Kenny Felton, kenny@texasmusicpartners.org

Mission: Using music as a foundation, Texas Music Partners helps children find their lifelong creative passion while empowering young thinkers to take innovative approaches to problem-solving and gain confidence in themselves as they grow into adulthood.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee

Wayside Schools

Contact: Elizabeth Wrona, ewrona@waysideschools.org

Mission: Through rigorous academics and an inclusive and caring community, Wayside ensures ALL scholars are college-ready and prepared to be engaged and successful leaders.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee

Wayside Schools Foundation

Contact: Elizabeth Wrona, foundation@waysideschools.org

Mission: The mission of Wayside Schools Foundation is to serve as a catalyst for generating and distributing external resources to support the educational programs of Wayside Schools.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

The William Mosing Center dba William's School

Contact: Kara Huss, kara@williams-school.org

Mission: To provide a unique education for unique individuals

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee

Environment Conservation and Sustainability

Organizations working to reclaim, preserve, and sustain our natural resources.

Austin Creative Reuse

Contact: Karen Miller, karen@austincreativereuse.org

Mission: Our mission is to foster conservation and reuse through creativity, education, and community building.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Other board related volunteer role

EarthShare Texas

Contact: Ben Nakhaima, bennakhaima1234@gmail.com

Mission: Through collaborative fundraising and partnership building, EarthShare Texas empowers mission-driven members to pursue positive environmental and health impacts across the Lone Star State for the benefit of all.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Pease Park Conservancy

Contact: Nicole Netherton, nicole@peasepark.org

Mission: Pease Park Conservancy celebrates the diverse ecology and history that make Austin's first public park valuable and unique. The Conservancy works to restore, enhance and maintain this 84-acre public green space for the sustainable use and enjoyment of all.

Opportunity: Board position

Yellow Bike

Contact: Jim Robertson, info@austinyellowbike.org

Mission: Yellow Bike is a non-profit community bike shop with grassroots origins. We

EMPOWER individuals through life changing transportation, by providing workspace and tools, and cultivating enthusiastic community participation to advance our vision. We EDUCATE people wanting to learn about bicycles and bicycle maintenance. We REVIVE bicycles to get them on the streets of Austin and make them available to all.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Health Care & Wellness

Organizations that focus on a healthy body and mind.

Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Andrea Taurins, ataurins@alz.org

Mission: The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Austin Child Guidance Center

Contact: Sarah Fontenot, sarah@sarahfontenot.com

Mission: Austin Child Guidance Center provides accessible, high quality mental health services to children and their families to empower them to thrive in childhood and beyond.

Opportunity: Board position

Austin Speech Labs

Contact: Shilpa Shamapant, shilpa@austinspeechlabs.org

Mission: Austin Speech Labs' mission is to support stroke survivors and their loved ones in rebuilding their lives by providing intensive, affordable, and innovative speech and cognitive therapy.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Black Mamas ATX

Contact: Kelenne Blake, kelenne@blackmamasatx.com

Mission: Black Mamas ATX's mission is to ensure that Black women survive and thrive before, during and after childbirth. We envision a world without maternal health disparities. Our goal is to reduce and ultimately eliminate the alarming maternal mortality and morbidity rates among Black mothers in Central Texas.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

CareBOX Program

Contact: Ms. Chandler Stancliff, chandler@careboxprogram.org

Mission: CareBOX Program provides free essential care supplies to cancer patients in the Greater Austin area to help prevent malnutrition, infections, and injuries from falls.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee

Colin's Hope

Contact: Jennifer Poteat, info@colinshope.org

Mission: Our mission is to provide water safety awareness, education, and resources to prevent children from drowning. Drowning is the #1 cause of death for children ages 1-4.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Health Alliance for Austin Musicians

Contact: Paul Scott, paul@myhaam.org

Mission: HAAM provides access to affordable healthcare for greater Austin's low-income, working musicians, with a focus on prevention and wellness.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Mama Sana Vibrant Woman

Contact: Daylisha Hall, Daylisha.hall@msvwatx.org

Mission: Our mission is to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes for communities of color in central Texas by providing education and support. Our Vision is a just and loving world where all mothers receive attentive quality loving care and where all communities have equitable resources to care for their children.

Opportunity: Board position

Power for Parkinson's

Contact: Susan Stahl, susanstahl@powerforparkinsons.org

Mission: Our mission is to engage people with Parkinson's in regular exercise to slow or even reverse the effects of PD, improve overall sense of well-being, provide opportunities for socialization, and help prevent depression and isolation that often accompanies the disease.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Human Care and Services

Organizations providing services across the age spectrum including basic needs, mental, physical and spiritual health, education and literacy, disaster relief and emergency response, crisis care, senior care, sports programs, and programs for youth and children.

Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry and Support Center

Contact: Tresha Silva, Director@bastropfoodpantty.org

Mission: The mission is to serve Bastrop County residents going through periods of transition by providing them emergency foods, education and support.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Capital City Village

Contact: Mart Hoffman, wmhoffman44@gmail.com

Mission: To create a community of members, volunteers and services to provide participating seniors the help and information they need to successfully age in place.

Opportunity: Other board related volunteer role

Carrying Hope

Contact: Kristin Finan, kristin@carryinghope.org

Mission: Carrying Hope's mission is to improve the lives of youth and families who have been impacted by the foster care system through resources, support services, housing, and enrichment opportunities.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Christi Center

Contact: Theresa Golde, tgolde27@gmail.com

Mission: We offer hope after the death of a loved one by providing support networks, community education and therapeutic activities that are free, peer-based, and ongoing.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY)

Contact: Shana Fox, sfox@cary4kids.org

Mission: Empowering at-risk youth with the skills to avoid crime and violence.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee

Drive a Senior ATX

Contact: Jill Skinner, director@driveasenioratx.org

Mission: To enable older adults to live independently, avoid social isolation, and age in place by providing free, volunteer-based transportation and other support services.

Opportunity: Board position

Drive A Senior Central Texas DBA Chariot

Contact: Elizabeth Wrona, elizabeth.wrona@chariot.org

Mission: Providing free transportation and socialization for non-driving seniors.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Advisory Council or Committee

Drive a Senior Northwest

Contact: Carla Young - Executive Director, carla@driveaseniornorthwest.org

Mission: To enhance the lives of senior adults in northwest Austin, Cedar Park, and Leander by providing free volunteer transportation and other support services, allowing them to live independently in their own homes longer, age in place, and stay active in their community.

Opportunity: Board position

Eremos, a Center of Contemplative Life

Contact: John Fassnacht, johnfassnacht123@gmail.com

Mission: Eremos invites persons to come and behold the mystery of God dwelling within. From the intimacy of this communion they are empowered to live and love others. Eremos is contemplative. It honors the movement within each person to be lovingly attentive to God whose love is attentive to each of us.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

H.E.L.P. (Horse Empowered Learning Programs)

Contact: Stephanie Powell, director@helpcenterofaustin.org

Mission: Our mission is to help those with physical, emotional, and cognitive challenges grow in strength and independence through personalized activities in partnership with the horse.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Magdalene House of Austin

Contact: Elizabeth Shelton, elizabeth@magdaleneaustin.org

Mission: Magdalene House Austin is a survivor-led community for adult women who have survived sex trafficking. We are a community centered in love that provides safe and supportive housing, access to healthcare services and counseling, and professional development.

Opportunity: Board position

Mary Lee Foundation

Contact: Russ Walker, rwalker@maryleefoundation.org

Mission: To serve adults with diverse needs so that they may develop a sense of dignity, a sense of self-worth, and the skills necessary to socially integrate with and contribute to the community in which they live.

Opportunity: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Meals on Wheels Central Texas

Contact: Henry Van de Putte, Hvandeputte@mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org

Mission: Delivering care that empowers our neighbors by promoting dignity and independence.

Opportunity: Board position

Paws in Prison

Contact: Jennifer Keaton, info@pawsinprison.com

Mission: Paws in Prison educates female inmates for greater responsibility and empathy through the rescue and training of shelter dogs to be adopted by the public. The women who participate in the Paws in Prison program are given an opportunity to earn certifications that could benefit them for job opportunities after prison release.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Street Youth Ministry of Austin

Contact: Terry Cole, terry@StreetYouthMinistry.org

Mission: To know, love and serve homeless young adults.

Opportunities: Board position, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee, Other board related volunteer role

Texas Search and Rescue (TEXSAR)

Contact: Julie Schnacke, julie.schnacke@texsar.org

Mission: Committing to service-above-self, perpetual training, and inter-agency cooperation to maintain a constant state of readiness for search, rescue, incident response and above all else, safety.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

The Adara Collective

Contact: Jessica Neideffer, theadaracollective@gmail.com

Mission: The Adara Collective 501c3 shares sound healing meditation practices and simple tools that create safe space for people to gain self-awareness, heal, and change their environment from the inside, out. We create opportunities for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals, veterans, and at-risk youth to consider new possibilities and ways of being that support a loving, healthy, and fulfilling lifestyle.

Opportunities: Board position, Other board related volunteer role

The Austin Center for Grief and Loss

Contact: Chris Bonilla, cbonilla@austingrief.org

Mission: To assist grieving children and adults as they move from loss to life through support groups, therapy, training, and consultation throughout the greater Austin Area.

Opportunity: Board position

The Church Lab

Contact: Jillian Shannon, help@thechurchlab.org

Mission: To explore innovative paths of spiritual growth for all, discovering the Church's future and the future of faith practice. Our primary vehicle for this is peacebuilding dialogues among diverse perspectives, and training others to hold similar space at such a crucial time for it.

Opportunity: Board position

The Wesleyan

Contact: Bethany Sisneroz, bethany.sisneroz@wesleyanhomes.org

Mission: The Wesleyan is called to create a ministry of health and aging services that nourishes body, mind and spirit so that all those we serve live abundantly.

Opportunity: Board position

Williamson County Crisis Center d\b\ Hope Alliance

Contact: Richard M. Brown, Ed.D., rick.brown@hopealliancetxt.org

Mission: Help Clients break the cycle of domestic violence and/or sexual assault in which they live.

Opportunity: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Human Rights, Civil Rights and Advocacy

Organizations advancing racial equity, creating equitable social opportunities and equal protection, fostering civic and volunteer engagement, and addressing housing and homelessness.

Justice for Our Neighbors

Contact: Leia Williams, boardchair@jfonatx.org

Mission: Austin Region Justice for Our Neighbors, a non-profit law office, welcomes refugees and immigrants into our communities through free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee

Texas Gun Sense

Contact: Nicole Golden, nicole@txgunsense.org

Mission: To prevent gun violence and other gun tragedies in Texas through education, partnerships, and policy change.

Opportunities: Board position, Fundraising or Event Committee, Marketing Committee, Other board related volunteer role