

# Board Training Program

## Board and Committee Opportunities

Fall 2024

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

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## 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.

### [Art From the Streets](#)

**Contact:** Kelley Worden, [director@artfromthestreets.org](mailto:director@artfromthestreets.org)

**Mission:** The mission of Art From the Streets is to provide a safe and encouraging environment in which the positive spirit and creativity of people experiencing homelessness and at-risk people are nurtured through their own artistic expression. These artistic endeavors form a pathway to self-determination by means of the sense of achievement, social connections, and income generated through the pursuit of their art.

**Opportunity:** Board position

### [Austin Asian American Film Festival](#)

**Contact:** Rock Shum <https://www.aaafilmfest.org/getinvolved>

**Mission:** AAAFF champions Asian and Asian American stories through film and creative media.

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

### **Austin Children's Choir**

**Contact:** Christopher Bowlsby, [president@austinchildrenschoir.org](mailto:president@austinchildrenschoir.org)

**Mission:** Nurture and develop Austin-area children, using music and performance as the primary vehicles of motivation and education. Provide the Austin music scene with the unique, pure sound that only a children's choir can produce. Make a cultural contribution to the community by offering a varied repertoire that includes diverse selections representing a multi-cultural and accepting approach to singing.

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

### **Austin Jazz Workshop**

**Contact:** Debra Erck, [president@austinjazzworkshop.org](mailto:president@austinjazzworkshop.org)

**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](mailto: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

### **Dance Waterloo**

**Contact:** Morgan Teel, [morgan@dancewaterloo.org](mailto:morgan@dancewaterloo.org)

**Mission:** The mission of Dance Waterloo is to cultivate, create, and perform interdisciplinary methods of dance for the Central Texas community through the use of public space, education, and collaboration.

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

### **Flower Hill Center**

**Contact:** Natalie George, [natalie@flowerhillfoundation.org](mailto:natalie@flowerhillfoundation.org)

**Mission:** Our mission is to inspire a deep appreciation of the past and spark curiosity for the future while cultivating a community centered on thoughtful conversation, bold exploration, artistic expression, and civic engagement.

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

### **Ground Floor Theatre**

**Contact:** Lisa Scheps, [lisa@groundfloortheatre.org](mailto: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.

**Opportunity:** Board position

### **Neill-Cochran House Museum**

**Contact:** Rowena Dasch, [rhdasch@nchmuseum.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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## **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@everydogaustrin.org](mailto:miranda@everydogaustrin.org)

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

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

### **HorseLink**

**Contact:** Shannon Taylor, [shannondtaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:shannondtaylor@yahoo.com)

**Mission:** We provide a peaceful and permanent home for retired performance horses, giving them purpose and dignity after their competitive careers. By facilitating enriching connections between horses and humans, we improve the lives of both. Our commitment is to celebrate the grace and spirit of these animals and to honor their transformative power.

**Opportunity:** Board position

### **Shelter Pet Safety Net**

**Contact:** Jenni Ritchie, [jenni@shelterpetsafetynet.org](mailto:jenni@shelterpetsafetynet.org)

**Mission:** Bringing the community together to improve the lives of homeless animals in Bastrop County, TX.

**Opportunity:** Board position

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## **Education & Literacy**

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

### **Austin Allies**

**Contact:** Dr. Kris Robinson Weber, [drkrisrobinson@gmail.com](mailto: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

### **Central Texas Discover Engineering (CTDE)**

**Contact:** Dustin Goss, [dgoss@pape-dawson.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **Girlstart**

**Contact:** Elizabeth Lux, [liz@girlstart.org](mailto:liz@girlstart.org)

**Mission:** Girlstart empowers girls through STEM.

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

### **Junior Achievement of Central Texas**

**Contact:** Joe Cestari, [joe.cestari@jacentex.org](mailto: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, Marketing Committee, Advisory Council or Committee

### **Ladders for Leaders**

**Contact:** LaKissa Bright, [lbright@laddersforleaders.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **Open Door Preschools**

**Contact:** Cynthia McCollum, [cynthia@opendoorpreschool.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **William's School**

**Contact:** Kara Huss, [kara@williams-school.org](mailto:kara@williams-school.org)

**Mission:** To provide a unique education for unique individuals

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

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## **Environment Conservation and Sustainability**

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

### **Austin Creative Reuse**

**Contact:** Karen Miller, [karen@austincreativereuse.org](mailto: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

### **Save Barton Creek Association**

**Contact:** Clark Hancock, [president@savebartoncreek.org](mailto:president@savebartoncreek.org)

**Mission:** We are a nonprofit citizen group working to protect and conserve the six watersheds of the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer (Barton, Bear, Little Bear, Onion, Slaughter and Williamson). Since incorporating in September 1979 in response to community concerns about the impact of urbanization on Barton Creek and Barton Springs, SBCA has been one of the lead conservation organizations in Austin working to ensure that future generations may enjoy the cool, clean waters of Barton Springs.

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

### **Texas Land Conservancy**

**Contact:** Neel Baumgardner, [conservetx@gmail.com](mailto:conservetx@gmail.com)

**Mission:** TLC's mission is to conserve natural areas in Texas and to protect the physical and ecological integrity of their water, wildlife habitat, native plant communities, and scenic landscapes. They work with communities, private landowners, governments, and other partners to protect these natural treasures for the benefit of present and future generations.

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

### The Trail Conservancy

**Contact:** Kimberly McNeeley, [kimberly@thetrailconservancy.org](mailto:kimberly@thetrailconservancy.org)

**Mission:** Our mission is to protect, enhance, and connect the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail at Lady Bird Lake for the benefit of all.

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

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## Health Care & Wellness

Organizations that focus on a healthy body and mind.

### Austin Child Guidance Center

**Contact:** Sarah Fontenot, [sarah@sarahfontenot.com](mailto: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

### Black Mamas ATX

**Contact:** Kelenne Blake, [kelenne@blackmamasatx.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@colinshope.org)

**Mission:** We envision a world where children do not drown.

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

### Nurtured TX

**Contact:** Allison Waage, [allison.waage@nurturedtx.org](mailto:allison.waage@nurturedtx.org)

**Mission:** At Nurtured TX our mission is to connect Texans to high-quality perinatal mental health care, education, and resources. We nurture support, hope, and recovery for those navigating perinatal mental health disorders.

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

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## 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.

### ATX KIDS CLUB

**Contact:** Tammy Miller, [tmiller@atxkidsclub.org](mailto:tmiller@atxkidsclub.org)

**Mission:** To spark kids' natural curiosity through urban-based field trip adventures that build character, self-awareness, and resiliency.

**Opportunity:** Board position

### Best Buddies in Central Texas

**Contact:** Morgan Ilika, [morganilika@bestbuddies.org](mailto:morganilika@bestbuddies.org)

**Mission:** Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, inclusive living, and family support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

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

### Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY4Kids)

**Contact:** Shana Fox, [sfox@cary4kids.org](mailto:sfox@cary4kids.org)

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

**Opportunity:** Board position

### Center for Survivors of Torture

**Contact:** Celia VanDeGraaf, [Director@cstnet.org](mailto:Director@cstnet.org)

**Mission:** Empowering people for a Brighter Future.

**Opportunity:** Board position

### Chariot

**Contact:** Elizabeth Wrona, [elizabeth.wrona@chariot.org](mailto: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

### Down Home Ranch

**Contact:** Barry Hamilton, [barry@downhomeranch.org](mailto:barry@downhomeranch.org)

**Mission:** Our mission is to empower the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, educational, residential and vocational opportunities.

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

### Drive a Senior Northwest

**Contact:** Carla Young - Executive Director, [carla@driveaseniornorthwest.org](mailto: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



### **Faith in Action Georgetown**

**Contact:** Lisa Hill, [lisa.hill@faithinactiongt.org](mailto:lisa.hill@faithinactiongt.org)

**Mission:** Faith in Action Georgetown helps seniors maintain their independence and quality of life.

**Opportunity:** Board position

### **Ladies Let's Talk**

**Contact:** Chichi Armstrong, [chichi@lltaustin.org](mailto:chichi@lltaustin.org)

**Mission:** Our mission is to help refugee and immigrant women achieve belonging in their new community. We connect them with women volunteers for: English language practice, Navigating daily life, and Friendship and sisterhood.

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

### **Mary Lee Foundation**

**Contact:** Russ Walker, [rwalker@maryleefoundation.org](mailto: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.

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

### **Migration by Bluebird**

**Contact:** Brooke Pfeiffer, [brooke@bluebirdbehavioral.com](mailto:brooke@bluebirdbehavioral.com)

**Mission:** Migration's mission is to provide evidenced-based support and vocational training to decrease the unemployment rate of the ASD population while increasing independence and meaningful inclusion in our community.

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

### **Nurturing Change**

**Contact:** Amanda Herron, [amanda.herron@nurturing-change.org](mailto: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

### **Street Youth Ministry of Austin**

**Contact:** Terry Cole, [terry@StreetYouthMinistry.org](mailto: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

### **The Adara Collective**

**Contact:** Jessica Neideffer, [theadaracollective@gmail.com](mailto:theadaracollective@gmail.com)

**Mission:** The Collective is driven by a profound dedication to fostering peaceful and harmonious communities. We firmly believe in the intrinsic worth of every individual and are committed to empowering them through the cultivation of self-awareness.

**Opportunities:** Board position, Other board related volunteer role

### **The Austin Center for Grief and Loss**

**Contact:** Chris Bonilla, [cbonilla@austingrief.org](mailto: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

### **Volunteer Service Council for Austin State Hospital**

**Contact:** Stacy Mendelson, [Stacyedgemendelson@gmail.com](mailto:Stacyedgemendelson@gmail.com)

**Mission:** Our mission, to enrich the lives of children and adults receiving treatment for mental illness, is accomplished through community education, active solicitation of goods, services, and donations, and provides support to programs and projects that fall outside the state budget.

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

### **Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center**

**Contact:** Kerrie Stannell, [KStannell@wilcocactx.org](mailto:KStannell@wilcocactx.org)

**Mission:** Provide hope, healing, and justice for children and families impacted by abuse, violence, and exploitation in our community.

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

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## **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.

### **I Live Here I Give Here**

**Contact:** Piper Stege Nelson, [piper@ilivehereigivehere.org](mailto:piper@ilivehereigivehere.org)

**Mission:** I Live Here I Give Here is on a mission to amplify giving in Central Texas through cultivating and creating deeper connections for givers and the issues they care about.

**Opportunity:** Board position

### **Launch Pad Job Club**

**Contact:** Shannon Mantrom, [smantrom@launchpadjobclub.org](mailto:smantrom@launchpadjobclub.org)

**Mission:** To create a career networking community that provides professional resources, support, accountability, and growth.

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

### **Texas Gun Sense**

**Contact:** Nicole Golden, [nicole@txgunsense.org](mailto: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