



CHARLFORD HOUSE
SOCIETY FOR WOMEN

Seeking New Board Members:

If you would like to lend your PASSION AND COMPASSION to a cause that will have a generational impact on society's MOST VULNERABLE WOMEN AND FAMILIES, then you need look no further.

I am referring to women, many of whom are homeless or at risk of homelessness and many of whom are single moms. These are also women who experience mental health disorders and addiction to drugs and /or alcohol. As well, many of our women are First Nations or Métis. Make no mistake, we benefit women from all walks of life and socio-economic backgrounds (addiction doesn't discriminate and neither do we) but most are in high-risk categories when it comes to shelter and health care.

Licensed by Fraser Health, Charlford House is a not-for-profit treatment centre for women, located in North Burnaby.

Faced with two public health emergencies (the overdose crisis and COVID), Charlford House is on the frontline and in the trenches; it has saved and transformed thousands of lives in its 50+ year history. But WE WANT TO DO MORE.

We have been in our current facility for 49 years and are "bursting at the seams". In order to sustain and grow the organization, we plan to build or purchase a "Forever Home". It will allow for expanded programming space and a capacity increase from 15 to 24 women.

We invite you to TAKE THIS JOURNEY WITH US, as we to prepare to save and transform even more lives, and by extension, families and communities.

We are actively recruiting Board Members who have the desire, knowledge and expertise to lead the Society at this critical and active juncture. We also require Board members to participate in the varied organizational activities that underpin the Society. As we move forward, we are seeking individuals who share our vision, to serve as Directors on the Board.

At a minimum, this position requires a two-year commitment of attending monthly Board Meetings either virtually or at our facility in North Burnaby (whichever the occasion calls for) and your active engagement to encourage advancement of the Society's capacity to serve. This includes your hands-on participation in various projects and initiatives that will assist us in carrying out our mandate while expanding the organization.

Skills and Experience:

- ❖ Knowledge of best practices in the non-profit sector is an asset
- ❖ A diverse range of skills, experience, and backgrounds, both professional and personal, is welcome
- ❖ Preference will be given to those with expertise in: **Strategic planning; real estate development; High level fundraising - capital campaign /major giving; Finance /accounting**
- ❖ An interest in or lived experience of addiction /recovery is an asset

Benefits and Recognition:

- ❖ Making a contribution that creates a fundamental, life-changing difference for women, their families and communities
- ❖ The opportunity to impact the mission of the Society at a crucial time in its development
- ❖ Community involvement and creation

Time Commitment:

- ❖ Monthly Board meetings (two hours/meeting), plus additional Committee meetings based on interest and skills
- ❖ Minimum commitment of two years

To apply for the Charlford House Board, please respond with CV or Resume to:

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