

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT EMPOWERING WOMEN TO REALIZE THEIR UNLIMITED POTENTIAL AND LIVE FREE FROM VIOLENCE?

DO YOU SEEK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN & CHILDREN ESCAPING VIOLENCE OR ABUSE IN RELATIONSHIPS IN ABBOTSFORD & MISSION?

SARA For Women Society is seeking 2 new Board Members who are passionate about our mission and values to join our Volunteer Board of Directors.

The Organization:

SARA for Women Society is a team of professional women led by a Board of Directors who are committed to serving women by providing both short & long term help to those escaping (alone or with children) violence or abuse in relationships.

- We provide and promote the development of services that will assist in reducing the incidence of domestic violence through Outreach, Housing, Counselling and Crisis-Support programs for women and children in Mission and Abbotsford.
- We operate 6 Facilities, 13 programs and provide 21 skilled services for women in Abbotsford and Mission
- While our programs that started out in the mid 1970's have evolved, SARA For Women has maintained a continued focus on helping women experiencing violence and marginalization.
- We work with a wide range of community partners to provide assistance (legal, permanent housing, appointments, medical etc). If we are not able to provide service, we refer to other community partners.
- **If you connect with these values – we want to hear from you.**

The Role as member of Board of Directors:

- Working in collaboration with the Executive Director, SARA for WOMEN Board members provide guidance/governance oversight of the organization and directs/leads in Strategic Planning. The board provides mission-based leadership and strategic insight, while day-to-day operations are led by the Executive Director.
- The Board – Management relationship is a partnership, and the committed engagement of the Board is both critical and expected. Regular Board meetings of approximately 2 hours are currently held on a monthly basis.
- Board members work on at least one standing or adhoc committee.

- Board members should anticipate a monthly time commitment of 8 – 10 hours including preparing for and attending meetings, and participating in occasional additional activities in support of SARA for Women.
- Directors are appointed on a two-year term and are elected at our Annual General Meeting to be held in September.
- Preferred Specific Skills: Legal and/or Finance & asset management experience

Interested in joining the SARA for Women Board Directors?

- Do you have an understanding of our communities, the support women in our communities need, and the importance of providing support for women in our communities?
- Are you willing and able to commit time for monthly Board meetings plus committee meetings, planning sessions, and special events?
- Can you add value to the board with your background in finance, legal, property and asset management, government relations, health and/or social services?

Why should you volunteer for this opportunity?

- A great opportunity to apply knowledge and skills to a thriving non profit organization.
- As we evolve and grow, you can have input into/advocate for the vision of the new facilities and programs.
- We welcome applications from women who are indigenous, people of colour, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities.

How to Apply:

If you feel inspired to help and believe you could be a contributing member of the SARA FOR WOMEN Board, please submit your letter of interest together with a current resume to SARA FOR WOMEN Nominations Committee at: Boardofdirectors@saraforwomen.ca