

Call for Applications: The Stop's Board of Directors – May 2024

ABOUT THE STOP

The Stop Community Food Centre's mission is to increase access to healthy food in a manner that maintains dignity, builds community and challenges inequality. The Stop began over 35 years ago as one of North America's first food banks, and has since grown into a vibrant community centre that uses food as a gateway to addressing many issues, including poverty, the environment, social isolation, and health.

For more information about The Stop Community Food Centre please visit: www.thestop.org

The Opportunity & Commitment:

The Stop is currently seeking (3) individuals to join its Board of Directors. These individuals will ideally bring expertise, dedication, lived experience and vision to our organization. We are specifically seeking additions to our team with a variety of qualifications and interests including **Human Resources, Legal, Fundraising, and Board Governance**, as well as familiarity with The Stop and ideally, previous board experience. As a community-based grassroots organization, we encourage the applications of a diverse group of people and particularly those residing in the neighbourhoods surrounding The Stop's three locations.

The Stop's Board of Directors is a working Board. Each member is expected to attend a series of Board meetings annually, participate in Committee work between Board meetings, and commit to serving a three-year term, with an opportunity to renew for up to three terms.

Commitments of Directors include:

- Regular attendance at Board meetings and all related meetings, along with a commitment to actively participate in work as it arises and participate in at least one Board committee.
- Being an active, informed and engaged participant in The Stop's matters including preparing for meetings, reviewing and commenting on minutes and Reports, attending The Stop's events and training exercises.
- Familiarizing yourself with the activities of the organization and the larger food security and social services sector in Toronto, while also building a strong working relationship with fellow board members, management and staff where appropriate.
- Participation in fundraising for the organization, and volunteering time to assist at the program level as needed.
- A deep interest in supporting community-based food security initiatives and a healthier more inclusive Toronto.

Selection Process:

As per The Stop's By-laws, applicants will be reviewed by the Governance and Nominations Committee of the Board of Directors and will include the Executive Director and member(s) of the senior management team. The successful candidates will be awarded the role and ultimately voted in by the membership of the organization at The Stop's annual AGM.

To Apply:

Please email a brief (one page maximum) statement explaining why you are interested in this volunteer position along with your résumé or statement of experience and any applicable information to bod@thestop.org with the subject heading: **ATTN: Board of Directors Application**

Board recruitment effort is part of an ongoing commitment to anti-oppressive practices, equity and inclusion at The Stop and an effort to engage diverse communities within our organization and across our leadership. These efforts also include Anti-Racist/Anti-Oppression (AR/AO) training for all staff, volunteers and board members along with adherence to our AR/AO Policy.