



Genesis School Board Member Opportunity

Location:

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Mission Statement:

To provide services within alternative settings that address the academic, social, and individual needs of youth so they may become responsible and self-sufficient.

Primary Area of Focus:

Education; Middle School – Grades 6-9; Youth Development

Genesis focuses on urban middle school youth, ages 11-15 that have been unsuccessful in traditional public schools. The school addresses the individual, academic, and social needs of students who require alternative education in order to become responsible and self-sufficient. The vast majority of our students lives below or at poverty level and qualify for free or reduced lunch (82% free, 5% reduced), in a household with an average income of \$24,124 and the average house value of \$40,250. Due to the uncertainty that has characterized their lives since elementary school, our average middle school student is four grade levels below the expected level of education. Many cannot read at all.

Board Information:

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest in the mission of Genesis School.
- Willingness to represent Genesis School in the community.
- Willingness to introduce potential supporters/donors to Genesis School.
- Willingness to assume leadership.

Responsibilities:

Members of the Board of Directors are responsible for the overall direction of Genesis School, Inc., assuring that the organization accomplishes its purposes while complying with all national, state, and local laws that affect the corporation and its operations.

Time Commitment:

- Term is 2 years in length; up to 3 terms.
- 6 meetings per year; alternating months; last Wednesday of the month; 7:30-8:30 a.m.
- Attend at least five of the six Board meetings scheduled each year.
- Board sub-committee participation.

Financial Requirements:

Contributing at individual comfort level, as practicable to three Genesis fund solicitations: annual operations, the Genesis endowment and the special event.

Skill set or professional background needed

- PR and Marketing – newsletters, annual publications, media expertise
- Web site development and maintenance

Other committee or volunteer opportunities:

- Board sub-committees do have non board member representation.
- Mentors for students – 1 hour per week, at the school.

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