



Voices for Children

Board of Directors' Member Responsibilities

FY2018-2019

Be Knowledgeable about Voices for Children

Understand the organization's history, vision, mission, program, policies, practices, and basic operating documents, and know the identity of key staff and their general duties.

- Attend a Juvenile Court session (defined as observing several court hearings not simply touring the court house which is part of the nomination process) within the first year of Board membership (required)
- Attend the VFC Board Orientation for new Board members
- Attend at least one Advocate University class which will be held as part of a Board meeting (required)
- Attend an Advocate University Graduation (required) and give brief remarks to the graduates if requested
- Attend VFC Speakers' Bureau session during a Board meeting (required)

Be an Ambassador in the Community

Promote Voices' work in the community and help recruit CASA volunteers. Ways to assist would include:

- Hosting a CASA volunteer recruiting event at your home, or helping to secure at least one venue (service clubs, churches, corporations) for a presentation by the President/CEO, CASAs, and/or Real Word speakers (recommended)
- Inviting friends/colleagues to join you for Juvenile Court tours (recommended)

Be a Planner & Decision-Maker

Engage actively in Board discussions, planning, and final decision-making on policies, strategic direction, and financial issues.

- Attend Board meetings (there are six per year; three absences constitute resignation) (required)
- Meaningfully participate in Board committees or task forces (required)
- As requested, meet with the President/CEO to provide counsel and input (required)

Be a Contributor

Make Voices for Children one of your top philanthropic priorities; give personally to VFC; and help cultivate potential donors.

- Give to capacity; all Board members make a personal contribution of at least \$5,000 during each fiscal year (required) (*note: qualifying gifts are those that are tax-deductible and excludes fair market value of event tickets and auction item purchases*)
- Each fiscal year, sponsor, purchase table or tickets, and/or attend at least two VFC events: *Starry Starry Night; Fostering Hope Golf Classic; Wine Women & Shoes, President's Council; Judges' Luncheon; Celebrating Achievement* graduation party; and other special events organized by Voices for Children (required)
- Help secure as much funding for VFC from other donors as possible (required)
- Make at least three introductions or referrals (individuals, corporations, foundations) to the President/CEO or development team during each fiscal year (recommended)