



BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION FACT SHEET TO COMPLETE A FULL APPLICATION, CLICK [HERE](#).

❖ **Community Shares Mission**

Greater Cleveland Community Shares supports social justice organizations through workplace giving programs and other philanthropic initiatives.

❖ **Community Shares Vision**

Community Shares is a well-known and respected philanthropic organization that raises significant and increasing funds to support organizations working for social justice. In doing so, Community Shares creates greater public awareness about the work of its member agencies and about the need for social justice advocacy. By offering and encouraging more choice for donors in the community, Community Shares contributes to positive change in the philanthropic climate of Greater Cleveland.

❖ **Community Shares Values**

The following core values are important guiding principles for Community Shares and are at the center of its organizational practices and programs:

- **Social Justice:** We believe that all people must be treated with fairness, equity, and respect.
- **Choice:** We embrace the right of people to implement their core values and to have choice in the manner in which they support organizations that are attempting to meet the needs of our communities.
- **Activism:** We implement our mission and vision by bringing our message directly to our community and embracing the active community participation of our member groups.
- **Advocacy:** We support the beliefs and missions of our member groups in order to give voice to diverse peoples, issues, and communities, especially those that are under-represented.
- **Empowerment:** We believe that education is an essential tool empowering our communities and member groups to better control their own outcomes and realize individual and collective goals and objectives.
- **Excellence:** We seek to embody excellence in our objectives, activities, and results, as we become the premier community organization for funding the promotion of social justice.

❖ **Board of Directors Job Description**

The Board of Directors of Greater Cleveland Community Shares is responsible for guiding the organization in all of its activities and functions so that it can fulfill its mission. This means developing policy for those functions and assuring the implementation of those policies. Specific responsibilities of board members include:

- Determining the organization's mission and purpose
- Selecting the chief executive
- Providing the proper financial oversight
- Ensuring adequate resources
- Ensuring legal and ethical integrity, as well as maintaining accountability
- Recruiting and orienting new board members, as well as assessing board performance
- Enhancing the organization's public standing
- Determining, monitoring, and strengthening the organization's programs and services
- Ensuring effective communication to Member organizations not represented on Board
- Supporting the chief executive and assessing his or her performance

❖ **Requirements of a Community Shares Board Member**

- Attend meetings that are held the second Monday of every other month, and the Annual Meeting (June).
- Have previous experience and service on a Community Shares committee (preferred).
- Join at least one board committee/task force and attend those meetings, usually held monthly.
- Make a financial contribution in an amount that is meaningful to you to Community Shares' Annual Fund for Operations.
- Contributions to the Shares campaign is also expected.
- Assist in fundraising, with the understanding that member directors may participate in the "softer" aspects of the fundraising work. This can also include the annual workplace campaign.
- Attend specific events and fundraisers sponsored by Community Shares.
- Participate in self-assessment surveys or other board evaluation activities.



**2022 CONFIDENTIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM
DUE MARCH 15, 2022
THIS IS A SAMPLE FORM – SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS [HERE](#).**

Name of Candidate: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Nomination Type: Director from Member Organization Community Director

Submit the following requirements in a separate document:

1. Attach a current bio or resume, and include current and/or prior non-profit board (or any other leadership) experience in 100 words or more. (Please attach separate document.)
2. Please share the interests, skills, and experiences you will bring to the Board of Directors. Use and attach an additional document to detail the expertise if required.
3. Explain how working for social justice in general and Community Shares is important to you. Use and attach an additional document, if needed.

For Candidates from Community Shares Member Organizations ONLY:

I understand that I am authorizing this candidate to work for the benefit of Community Shares and not to represent our organization.

Signature of Member Executive Director

Member Organization

Date



2022 Member Organizations

Adoption Network Cleveland
Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation
Bike Cleveland
Burten, Bell, Carr, Development Inc.
Business Volunteers Unlimited
CityMusic Cleveland
Cleveland Animal Protective League
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
Cleveland MOTTEP (Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program)
Cleveland Public Theatre
Cleveland Transformation Alliance
Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research
FutureHeights
Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity
Heights Community Congress
IRTF (InterReligious Task Force on Central America)
Journey Center for Safety and Healing
Lake Erie Ink: a writing space for youth
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Community Center of Greater
Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)
May Dugan Center
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Greater Cleveland
NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation
Near West Theatre
Neighborhood Pets
NEOCH (Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless)
New Agrarian Center/City Fresh
Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio
Policy Matters Ohio
Preterm
Providence House
Slavic Village Development
Tremont West Development Corporation
Union Miles Development Corporation
Waterloo Arts
Women's Recovery Center