

Shepherds of Good Hope (SGH) requires community oriented, committed individuals to join our Board of Directors.

**ABOUT US:** At Shepherds of Good Hope, we foster hope and reduce harm in Ottawa by supporting people experiencing homelessness and who are vulnerably housed, with specialized services, programs and partnerships. We work with adults to address challenges with mental health, substance use disorder and trauma.

We:

- Help stabilize people through our innovative shelter programs
- Provide permanent homes to more than 200 individuals with on-site, around-the-clock care and access to services in our supportive housing residences
- Serve thousands at our soup kitchen and evening drop-in centre

Our vision is Homes For All Community For All and Hope For All. Focusing our efforts on innovative shelter services, supportive housing, mental and physical health supports, food insecurity, dignity, compassion and community, we help people find their way to hope — in all its forms.

#### **ABOUT BOARD CANDIDACY:**

SGH is recruiting new board directors who have demonstrated leadership and governance experience, and a commitment to our vision and mission. The ideal board candidate will have, or be working towards, a Chartered Director/Institute of Corporate Directors designation or have a long history and experience serving on not-for-profit boards. Preference is also given to those with senior leadership at the CEO or VP level.

As an ideal director, you have a keen interest in supporting the services and future direction of SGH. You have a strong background in board governance and have meaningful experience as a board member providing enterprise risk oversight. Experience in serving on a volunteer board and a solid understanding of governance in a community and health care focused environment is important. You are a community leader with a combination of entrepreneurial skills or key competencies essential to providing sound decision-making and oversight to the SGH Board. You have proven skills in one or several of mental health, social services, finance/accounting, business management, health care, human resources, marketing and communications, information technology and/or relevant academic or professional expertise. A background in public relations would be most welcome. Special consideration will be given to those with lived experience/expertise.

Life experience in or providing support to Indigenous communities would be an asset. Strong candidates will have experience working with provincial and/or municipal authorities in the homelessness/housing, health and/or social services fields. As community oriented committed individuals and a current resident of the City of Ottawa/Gatineau or Greater Ottawa Area, Directors are expected to attend up to eight meetings annually, participate on a board committee and support key organization events.

Equity, diversity, diversity of thought and creating an inclusive community are key themes of the Shepherds of Good Hope Strategic Plan and are representative of our core values. We are committed to increasing the diversity of management, staff and the Board of Directors and welcome applications from candidates who identify as Indigenous, racialized, a person with disabilities, and from individuals of all genders.

Your expression of interest for this volunteer role will be accepted in the form of a cover letter and biography or resume.

Please submit this information to Gillian Fernie [gfernie@sghottawa.com](mailto:gfernie@sghottawa.com).