



Volunteer Position Announcement: Board of Directors

Join our Board of Directors and make a lasting difference in Portland.

Mission / Organization

At William Temple House (WTH), we offer food, counseling, clothing, and household items to our Portland-area neighbors. Our vision is a fully nourished community where everyone thrives.

For nearly 60 years, we've responded to our community's needs with impactful programs and services. From counseling services and mental health support to our vibrant food pantry and beloved thrift store, we connect with clients, neighbors, and partners through a shared vision of a stronger, more equitable community. Equity and justice are [core values](#) that guide all our work.

Current Opportunity

Join our [Board of Directors](#) and be a catalyst for change. As a Board Member, you will be part of a dedicated team of 14 passionate supporters committed to our mission: providing counseling, food, and community to Portland's most vulnerable residents. In a city facing a mental health and poverty crisis rooted in social injustice and discrimination, William Temple House is ready to lead the way in making a profound impact.

As a Board Member, you will have a unique opportunity to make a difference in collaboration with our leadership team, and will leverage your unique experiences and knowledge to:

- *Steward Resources:* Ensure the wise use of resources in our current operations.
- *Shape the Future:* Help set a vision for an even more impactful future.
- *Uphold Accountability:* Hold staff accountable to the mission and budget.
- *Drive Fundraising:* Actively participate in fundraising efforts.
- *Expand Networks:* Build a broader network of support.
- *Advocate:* Advocate on behalf of our clients and their needs.
- *Align our diversity and impact goals* with our financial plans.
- *Help us reach more Portlanders* in need of our services.

Who Are We Looking For?

Ideal candidates will have experience in:

- **Counseling or Mental Health:** Licensed clinical experience or familiarity with the mental health landscape in Multnomah County.
- **Retail Industry:** Management or ownership experience in thrift stores.
- **Lived Experience:** Understanding of mental health challenges, hunger, and/or poverty.



Commitment

- Term: Serve a three-year term.
- Meetings: Attend 6 virtual meetings per year (every other month).
- Committees: Participate in committees that may meet more regularly (typically once per month), including the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and others as needed.

Why Join Our Extraordinary Board?

Our board is currently the most racially and ethnically diverse part of our team and, as such, helps guide our overall DEI approach, ensuring that we maintain our commitment to equity across all aspects of our work. Our board members are often donors and always enthusiastic advocates of William Temple House. In the future, we would love to add former clients from our Social Services or Counseling Services to our board team.

How to Apply

Interested? Please send a cover letter and chronological resume to Operations Manager Eli Soria at esoria@williamtemple.org. We accept applications on a rolling basis, and our Board votes on new members on a rolling basis.

In your cover letter, please address the following questions with a one-paragraph response each:

What attracts you to William Temple House, and what qualities would you bring to our board?

What have you done in your professional and/or personal life to promote equity and justice?

Not sure if you should apply? Want to nominate someone else? Reach out to Eli Soria via email to schedule a call.