



**CAROUSEL OF HAPPINESS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER LETTER OF COMMITMENT**

**MISSION:** The mission of the Carousel of Happiness, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, is inspiring happiness, well-being, and service to others through stories and experiences.

The Board of Directors of the Carousel of Happiness exists to insure the implementation and further development of this mission through serving the needs of the Carousel and the stakeholders. The Directors' primary commitment is to ensure the success of the organization. The Board of Directors is responsible for the governance of the organization, including the implementation and evaluation of the strategic plan, the management of all committees, the recruitment of future Board Directors and committee members, financial and legal oversight, and direct supervision of the Carousel Director.

This Letter of Commitment serves to inform board applicants that, while serving on the Board is a volunteer position, the commitment of a Director is taken very seriously. Accordingly, applicants are asked to ensure that they can commit to these expectations.

The following are the expectations of a member of the Carousel of Happiness Board of Directors. By accepting a Directorship on the Board, you commit to:

- Representing the Carousel of Happiness in a positive manner at all times.
- Reviewing and understanding the By-laws of the organization and all Board roles and responsibilities.
- Understanding the values, mission, vision, and strategy of the organization and being able to communicate this as well as other information on programs and events to stakeholders, guests, and other constituents.
- Fulfilling at least one two-year, renewable term and a minimum of five (5) hours per month, including active participation at Board meetings, committee meetings and Carousel of Happiness events (at least three (3) Carousel of Happiness events per year), and additional independent work.

- Attending regular Board meetings, missing no more than three (3) meetings in a calendar year, and physically attending a minimum of three (3) Board meetings per year.
- Attending the Annual Board Retreat.
- Sitting on at least one committee and attending scheduled committee meetings.
- Contributing financially to Carousel of Happiness at a personally significant level, and no less than the current minimum of \$50.00 (this can include paying for a training session, purchasing food or other items for Board meetings, etc.). It is suggested that Directors contribute as much to the Carousel of Happiness as they do to any other nonprofit each year during the time of their term.
- Leaving the Board if you are unable to fulfill these expectations.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have read and understood the above expectations for the Board of Directors of the Carousel of Happiness. I hereby commit myself to the values, mission, and vision of the Carousel of Happiness and acknowledge that I am able and willing to commit to the expectations as listed above.

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Signature

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Date



## **CAROUSEL BOARD APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in joining the Board of Directors the Carousel of Happiness! Please complete the following form to let us know a little more about you and your interest in joining the Carousel of Happiness in a board leadership role. We will be in touch within the next 2 weeks to let you know about next steps. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any additional questions or concerns.

### **Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary email \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please put an asterisk next to the phone you'd prefer we call.)

Current or most recent professional position/employer (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Website(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Board Experience:**

Please list your experience or history with the Carousel of Happiness \_\_\_\_\_  
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What skills, background and expertise do you have that you would like to share with the Carousel of Happiness?

- Assessment/Evaluation
- Event Planning
- Ethics
- Inclusivity/Diversity
- Legal
- Nonprofit Management/Operations
- Marketing/Public Relations/Communications/Branding
- Fundraising/Philanthropy
- Board Governance (i.e. strategic planning)
- Financial management/Accounting
- Public Policy/Advocacy
- Personnel/Human Resources
- Program Development
- Social Enterprise
- Technology (i.e. database, web management)
- Volunteer Development
- Other. Please list. \_\_\_\_\_

Current & previous leadership roles (i.e. boards, committees, projects) outside your professional position (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please share why you want to serve as a board member for the Carousel of Happiness. \_\_\_\_

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List any new ideas or feedback you would like to share with the Carousel of Happiness regarding our programs and services. \_\_\_\_\_

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The Carousel of Happiness has various committees led by board members. On which committee(s) would you be interested in serving?

- Fund Raising
- Marketing/Publicity
- Board Governance
- Strategic Planning
- Technology
- Director Liason
- Donor Outreach

Please share any other information that you feel would be helpful for the Carousel of Happiness to know about you and your interest in serving on the board. \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your understanding of our role in the community? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you able to commit to participation for at least 2 years?  Yes  No

**Next Steps:**

The Carousel of Happiness will be in touch with you within the next 2 weeks about your interest in the board.

Please return this completed form along with your resume to \_\_\_\_\_  
at email address: \_\_\_\_\_ within 48  
hours of receiving this application.

***Thank you for your interest in THE CAROUSEL OF HAPPINESS!!***

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*FOR BOARD USE*

\_\_\_\_ Nominee had personal meeting with the board president or other board member. Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Nominee attended a board meeting. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Action taken by board: \_\_\_\_\_