

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTOR OPPORTUNITY

Distress Centre has an enduring legacy of creating lasting social impact as a critical service in Calgary's network of care. Together, our staff and volunteers create a unique culture and supportive work environment that sets Distress Centre apart. The Distress Centre team does not simply have an interest in helping others; we share a commitment to achieving results through service excellence, collaboration, and innovation. Distress Centre staff and crisis line volunteers reflect the diversity of the people we serve; we are looking to build diversity into the Board of Directors to represent all Calgarians.

This is an exciting time for the organization; the Board has just approved the 2019-2022 strategic plan and the Leadership team has already begun its implementation. In addition, DC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020.

Our vision: **Everyone is heard.**

Our mission: Provide compassionate, accessible crisis support that enhances the health, well-being and resiliency of individuals in distress.

Our values: Accessibility, Collaboration, Compassion, Excellence, Inclusivity, Innovation, Leadership, Partnerships, Respect, Volunteerism

The Distress Centre ensures that everyone has a place to turn to in a time of crisis by providing 24 hour crisis support, professional counselling, and 211 referrals - all at no cost.

Please visit our website at: www.distresscentre.com

The Distress Centre's Board of Directors is a Governance Board and is currently looking to add to the board at its upcoming Annual General Meeting in May. Members of the Board are elected to office for a term of three years and may stand for an additional 3 year term.

Your success is based on:

- I. Strategic input into activating the Vision, Mission, and Values of the Distress Centre and being a true advocate for the Not for Profit;

- II. Raising issues and concerns that support the Vision, Mission, and the effective operation of the Distress Centre;
- III. Providing support by attending special events and/or participating in Distress Centre activities;
- IV. Participating with fundraising initiatives;
- V. Providing assistance and guidance in making connections, and supporting and advising on the long term sustainability of the Distress Centre;
- VI. Providing sound, objective judgement in decision making; and,
- VII. Attending Board meetings regularly – 6-8 per year, and serving on Committees.

Experience

- Experience in government relations, social media, fund raising, legal or accounting and a designation would be preferred.
- Previous not-for-profit Board experience would be helpful.

Personal Characteristics

- Candidates must be of uncompromising character and personal ethics
- A strategic, thoughtful, helpful, individual;
- Professional and engaged;
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and the ability to work effectively in a team environment;
- Someone with a sense of humour, a sense of curiosity, and empathy;

Attractions

- The opportunity to work with an experienced, talented, leadership team and Board, and be a key contributor;
- The opportunity to work for an organization that contributes significantly to the betterment of our community;

Location: Calgary, Alberta

If interested, please reply to: sarahx@distresscentre.com **Attention:** Barbara Revay, Chair, Governance and Nomination Committee

Closing Date: March 15, 2019