

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 recently approved the 2019-2022 strategic plan. In addition, DCC moved into its new location on February 1st which will help the agency meet the community's changing and growing needs as Distress Centre celebrates its 50th anniversary at our AGM on May 13.

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

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

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 Distress Centre and being a true advocate for the charity;
- 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 which informs 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, human resources or accounting and with 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: annabeleh@distresscentre.com

Attention: Barbara Revay, Chair, Governance and Nominating Committee

Closing Date: March 8, 2020