



I Belong Bags Foundation

Board Position: Fundraising Director

I Belong Bags Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing essential items and support to at-risk youth experiencing homelessness in our community. Our mission is to offer a sense of belonging and dignity by distributing backpacks filled with essential and comfort items such as pajamas, toothbrushes, books, blankets, and hygiene products. We aim to foster compassion and make a tangible impact on the lives of youth facing displacement and crisis.

Position Overview: We are seeking a passionate and strategic individual to serve as a Fundraising Director on our **Board**. The ideal candidate will have experience in governance, fundraising, and non-profit management, and will be committed to helping guide the organization in fulfilling its mission. Board members are expected to offer their expertise, network, and time to help steer the direction of IBB and ensure long-term sustainability. This Board position requires a commitment of approximately **2 hours per week**, depending on demand.

Responsibilities:

- Work collaboratively with fellow Board members to provide strategic guidance and oversight to I Belong Bags Foundation Funding strategies alongside the Fundraising Lead, ensuring alignment with the organization's mission and vision.
- Ensure coordination and participation in fundraising initiatives and assist with the identification and cultivation of potential donors, sponsors, and partners.
- Support and advise on the development and execution of creative fundraising campaigns and events (both online and in-person) to increase community engagement and raise awareness about our cause.
- Leverage personal and professional networks to identify new opportunities for organizational growth, partnerships, and funding.
- Serve as an ambassador for IBB in the community, promoting the organization's values and work to the broader public.
- Review and provide input on key organizational decisions, including budgets, strategic planning, and program development.
- Help guide the organization's use of technology and donor engagement platforms, such as Neon CRM, to support fundraising and track progress.
- Work closely with the IBB leadership team to assess organizational effectiveness and recommend improvements or new initiatives to better meet the needs of children facing displacement and crisis.
- Attend and participate in regular Board meetings, committee meetings, and annual events.
- Oversee Fundraising Lead in determining strategies for events and campaigns.

- Oversee and assist the Fundraising Lead in developing a team of volunteers for events, be active in the hiring process, provide leadership, guidance and direction as needed supporting our mission and values.

Qualifications:

- Strong passion for supporting children in need and making a positive impact in the community.
- Experience in non-profit governance, fundraising, and strategic planning (1-4 years preferred).
- Proven ability to engage with and motivate others, including potential donors, partners, and community members.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, and public speaking skills.
- Organizational and leadership skills, with the ability to manage multiple projects and initiatives simultaneously.
- Experience in financial oversight, budgeting, or strategic planning within a non-profit or similar organization is a plus.
- Comfortable using digital tools, social media platforms, and donor management systems (experience with Neon CRM is a bonus).
- Previous experience with youth-based non-profits or similar organizations is ideal but not required.

Why Join the I Belong Bags Foundation Board?

At I Belong Bags Foundation, we believe in the transformative power of kindness and the strength of community. By joining our Board, you will play a crucial role in furthering our mission to provide comfort and dignity to children and youth who are displaced from their home. You will have the opportunity to work alongside a passionate, dedicated team and contribute to making a significant, positive impact in the lives of vulnerable children. You will gain valuable experience in community engagement, logistics, and strategic leadership while helping to build partnerships and raise awareness for our cause. Together, we can create a brighter future where every child feels valued and supported.

How to Apply:

To apply, please send your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your interest in the Board position to operations@ibelongbags.com with the subject line: BOARD FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR APPLICATION. We look forward to welcoming you to our team and working together to make a lasting difference!