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**Our Family Coalition**

**Application to Serve on the Board of Directors**

**About Our Family Coalition**

Our Family Coalition advances equity for the full and expanding spectrum of LGBTQ+ families and children through support, education, and advocacy. Uniquely situated at the intersection of LGBTQ+ and family justice work, OFC is powered by community and inspired by a love of children and families and a vision of a just society where we all belong and thrive. Learn more about our work, including our 2021 Community Needs Assessment and 2022 Annual Report, at [www.ourfamily.org](http://www.ourfamily.org).

**About the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors focuses on high-level strategy, stewardship, and organizational accountability to our values, mission, vision, and goals. Board responsibilities include legal and fiduciary duties, support for and supervision of our Executive Director, and committee service. Board members report satisfaction with their service experience, highlighting our culture of care, community, and humility; commitment to intersectional justice; and genuine joy in organizational stewardship on behalf of communities to which we belong.

**About the Position**

Board members serve a term of two years and may serve a maximum of four consecutive terms. Existing Board members vote to elect new members. Responsibilities include:

* **Collective governance:** Attend six meetings annually, primarily online, some in-person/hybrid outdoors with food and drinks. Review materials in advance, engage in substantive discussion and decision-making, and complete follow-up actions.
* **Fundraising:** Serve as an *ambassador*(make connections with people who can participate in and/or support the organization), *advocate*(take action in support of the organization’s strategic plan and vision), and *asker*(make direct asks to secure financial contributions and sponsorships). Make a personal financial contribution.
* **Committees:** Participate in at least one committee.In 2023 we are recruiting members to join our fundraising, finance, and governance committees.

**Application**

If you are interested in being considered for Board service, submit a complete application to Mimi Desmissew, Executive Director, at mimi@ourfamily.org.

**Name:** **Pronouns:**

**Email: Phone:**

**City & State of residence:**

1. **Background:** Tell us about yourself, and describe some of your values, commitments, and life experiences that would make you a good fit for Our Family Coalition.
2. **Motivation:** What are some community issues you feel passionate about? What excites you most about the possibility of serving on Our Family Coalition’s Board of Directors? What goals or aspirations do you have for your contributions and impact?
3. **Affiliations and networks:** List organizations and networks you are affiliated with and the nature of your affiliation. Share any experience with nonprofit community-based organizations and any Boards service, past or present. Note if there are any potential conflicts of interest you would like to discuss.
4. **Knowledge, skills, and talents:** Describe your knowledge, skills, talents, and other qualities and characteristics that make you an excellent fit for Board service. Feel free to attach a resume or direct us to your website or other online materials.
5. **Responsibilities:**

In which fundraising role(s) would you be most active - ambassador, advocate, and/or asker?

Are you interested in serving on the fundraising, finance, and/or governance committees?

1. **Participation and access needs:** Can you commit the time and energy to fulfill the position's responsibilities? What needs do you have to make Board service accessible to you? If invited to join the Board, when can you start your service?
2. **Questions:** Do you have any questions about Board service for Our Family Coalition?