



## **Board of Directors – Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Durham Children's Aid Foundation**

**Location:** Durham Region (Hybrid meetings)

**Commitment:** 3-year term | 6–8 board meetings annually + committee involvement

**Deadline to Apply:** May 30, 2025

The Durham Children's Aid Foundation is seeking thoughtful, strategic, and community-minded individuals to join our volunteer Board of Directors.

As the fundraising partner to Durham Children's Aid Society, the Foundation exists to improve the lives of children, youth, and families involved with the child welfare system. We raise and deliver critical supports that promote safety, stability, and opportunity—from educational supports to emergency relief and moments of connection that foster confidence and belonging.

## **What Drives Us**

At the Foundation, we believe every child and youth deserves the chance to thrive. Through the generosity of our community, we fund programs and supports that create impact, helping young people overcome barriers, access opportunities, and build brighter futures. Our work is rooted in equity, dignity, and the belief that all young people deserve the opportunity to thrive, no matter their circumstances.

## **Board Member Responsibilities:**

- Provide strategic guidance and oversight to help advance the Foundation's mission and priorities
- Act as an advocate and ambassador for the Foundation within the community
- Support fundraising efforts and participate in donor stewardship where appropriate
- Serve on at least one board committee (e.g., Finance, Fundraising, Governance)
- Attend 6–8 board meetings per year (hybrid/in-person format)
- Uphold the Foundation's board policies, including the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policy
- Successfully complete a Criminal Reference Check (vulnerable sector screening required)
- Reside or work in the Region of Durham
- Contribute to a respectful, inclusive, and collaborative board culture

## **Skills & Experience We're Looking For:**

We welcome candidates from all backgrounds, and especially those with experience in:

- Nonprofit leadership or board governance
- Finance or accounting (CPA designation an asset)
- Human Resources
- Communications
- Fundraising, marketing, or donor engagement
- Legal, risk management, or policy expertise
- Lived experience connected to the child welfare system
- Community development, education, or social impact work

## **What You Bring:**

- A commitment to equity and the well-being of children and youth
- The time and energy to actively engage
- Strategic thinking, collaboration, and a desire to make change

## **How to Apply:**

Please submit a short expression of interest outlining:

- Why you're interested in joining the Board
- What experience, perspectives, or skills you would bring
- A resume or LinkedIn profile (optional but encouraged)

**Submit to:** Christina Nelson at [christina.nelson@durhamcaf.ca](mailto:christina.nelson@durhamcaf.ca)

**Deadline:** June 4, 2025

We strongly encourage applications from individuals who reflect the diversity of our community, including those who identify as Indigenous, Black, racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+, or part of equity-deserving groups.

**Together, we thrive.**