



Yarmouth Hospital Foundation

BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT FORM

1. **Steward philanthropic resources:** As a board member you are entrusted to care for the Foundations philanthropic resources to the best of your ability during your board term. Learn why the Foundation was started, what its' mission and goals are and ensure your decisions advance the mission for the good of the community now and into the future.
2. **Show up and participate:** Being an effective board member means attend every board meeting, expect to sit on at least one committee, attend those meetings and lend your expertise and/or learn something new. Value standards of respectful listening, accept differing points of view, respond to inquiries, and uphold transparency. If you agree to take on a project, accomplish it in a timely manner.
3. **Serve as an ambassador:** Promote the Foundation to the community, share information, spot donor and fundraising opportunities and spread the word about the Foundation. Your personal connections and credibility builds depth and reach in the community. Share the contributions and accomplishments the Foundation has made towards the Yarmouth Regional Hospital and community healthcare by using prescribed key points.
4. **Stay ethical and legal:** Three duties required to serve the Foundation.
 - Duty of Care: Care for the Foundation's interests, management, investments, staff, and pursuit of charitable interest. Make prudent decisions, stay aware of the Foundation's business and operations, be fully prepared at board and committee meetings, engage in discussions, understand the legal and regulatory requirements that govern foundations.
 - Duty of Loyalty: Serve the best interests of the Foundation above your personal interest. Avoid conflicts of interest.
 - Duty of Obedience: Follow the rules, both the internal rules of the Foundation, such as bylaws or policies, and external laws and regulations that govern foundations so as not to jeopardize the Foundation's tax-exempt status. Refrain from criminal behavior and questionable activities.
5. **Give and Get:** Donation participation by board members in fundraising activities and events is highly encouraged and demonstrates your commitment to the Foundation healthcare resources. In addition, an annual donation by board members, exhibits support of the Foundation, and is a bylaw commitment. Actively source members in the community who are interested and willing to become donors via the many avenues available to the Foundation; legacy, insurance, in memoriam and more.
6. **Serving as a Foundation board member is serious business and can be hard work. It's also incredibly rewarding, brings you closer to your community, and ultimately determines whether the Foundation is an effective community asset and partner.**

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Board Member Signature