



*Bethany Hope Centre*

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PARENT FAMILIES

## **2017 Call for Community Council Members**

The Bethany Hope Centre is looking for compassionate and motivated individuals to join our Community Council

Do you believe that every child deserves a bright future? Do you feel strongly that young parents deserve the opportunity to discover their full potential?

Bethany Hope Centre is looking for compassionate, engaged and motivated individuals to join our Community Council. This individual should be passionate about helping vulnerable young families improve their overall well-being.

### ***What we do***

Through trauma-informed, holistic programs and services and from a Christian love and concern, Bethany Hope Centre supports young parents progress towards personal, academic and parenting goals in order to create a brighter future for themselves and their children.

### **Position**

Volunteer Community Council Member

### **Function**

To act as a member of the general Community Council and its subcommittees. Members participate in advising on the overall vision and direction and a variety of operational issues for Bethany Hope Centre, to bear witness to and advise on Bethany Hope Centre's Centre financial health and sustainability, and to provide the Executive Director with the resources needed to best serve Bethany Hope Centre clients – young parents and their children.

### **Duties & Responsibilities**

- Understand and demonstrate a commitment to Bethany Hope Centre's mission and programs
- Invest time to get to know other Council members to help build respectful working relationships that contribute to cooperation and connection
- Stay informed about Council matters and prepares for meetings by reading agendas, minutes, reports and other documentation required to actively participate in meetings
- Participates in annual evaluation and planning efforts
- Participates in fundraising efforts for Bethany Hope Centre
- Is aware of and understands Bethany Hope Centre's financial activities
- Avoids any potential conflicts of interest
- Respects confidentiality, including Council discussions

### **Qualifications & Requirements**

- Council Members will regularly attend Council meetings, special events (annual Christmas luncheon, academic luncheon, Hope Ventures graduations), and other activities, as needed, to the extent possible.

- The Council meets quarterly for approximately three hours. These meetings typically take place during the week between 12-2 pm. There is ample free parking on-site and light lunch and refreshments are provided. Committee meetings occur as scheduled throughout the year.
- Council Members will contribute skills and knowledge by actively participating in meetings and committee work.
- Experience or background in human resources, event planning, finance and accounting, health care or legal matters would be considered an asset.
- Though it is not mandatory, we hope that Council members will be moved to contribute financial support to help advance the important work taking place with two generations at Bethany Hope Centre (parents and their children).

### **Orientation & Training**

**Community Council members are unpaid volunteers and do go through the usual volunteer training. They also must provide a current police check and complete a SAWC.**

- Training is provided for all new members
- Some available online and on-site training sessions offered several times a year

### **Term**

Council Member minimum term is 2 years and maximum term is 6 years.

### **Application Process**

Please email [naomi\\_praamsma@can.salvationarmy.org](mailto:naomi_praamsma@can.salvationarmy.org) for an application and Community Council Manual of Guidance.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Candidates of interest will be contacted for an initial telephone interview, after which successful candidates will be contacted for a private in-person interview.

Thank you for your interest in our wonderful young families.