



# The C.A.R.T. House Prospective Board Member Application

## **Mission**

**To improve the way professionals identify, investigate, prosecute and treat victims of child abuse and neglect; committing ourselves to teamwork and dedicated to reducing a child's trauma.**

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Thank you for your interest in The C.A.R.T. House. Please complete the following information to be considered for a Board of Director's position. All applications will be reviewed by a team of committee members. In addition, an interview with a team of committee members may be scheduled prior to making a decision. Director's positions will be extended by consensus of the Directors. Your application may be held for future Director's positions or you may be asked to participate on a committee.

## **Our History**

The C.A.R.T. House is an inspiring example of a successful public/private partnership. In 1990, a group of concerned citizens of Canadian County were determined to improve services to children victimized by child abuse and neglect. The Citizen's Advisory Board was therefore established, with members being from different towns in Canadian County. The board became incorporated, and tax exempt status was accomplished in 1992. The C.A.R.T. House is to provide the children that have been sexually and physically abused with a child-friendly and safe environment where they can be interviewed. The best advantage is that children only have to be interviewed once opposed to telling their story multiple times to multiple entities.

## **The Child Advocacy Center is dedicated to:**

- Ensuring that victims of child abuse and their non-offending family members have access to support and services in a safe, compassionate, and respectful environment.
- Helping obtain timely and appropriate services to children in cases of alleged child abuse. Services may include: forensic interviewing, assistance by law enforcement, social services, medical help, and counseling professionals.
- Working to prevent child abuse through education and social acknowledgement that child abuse is a problem in all communities.
- Serving as an informational source for those unsure of how to report child abuse.
- Acting as an educational resource to the community about child abuse.

## **Programs**

*Family Support Services:* The family support program provides services to non-offending caregivers of children interviewed at The C.A.R.T. House. A Child/Family Advocate will talk with the non-offending caregiver while their child is being interviewed. The advocate can provide a range of services, such as counseling intervention, community referrals, medical exams, and victim's compensation education.

*Forensic Interview:* A forensic interview is a structured conversation with a highly qualified interviewer who is specifically trained to talk to children when there have been suspicions or allegations of abuse or trauma. A multidisciplinary team of professionals watches the interview from a separate room to determine how to best keep the child and community safe. The interview is recorded and used by investigators as part of the criminal prosecution.

*Medical Examinations:* We recommend that all children who may have been abused receive a medical examination by a pediatric SANE exam nurse. The exam ensures the health and well-being of child victims and helps answer questions they may have about their bodies. The pediatrician will also document any significant forensic findings.

*Specialized Advocacy:* Our advocate provides one-on-one support for every child and their non-offending parent or caregiver. Our advocate works along side the families to help navigate the system and ensure they have the necessary resources to improve their lives. Follow-up contact is a priority to ensure their needs are being met.

## **The CAC's Equal Opportunity Statement:**

The C.A.R.T. House follows an equal opportunity employment policy. No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity for reasons of race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligation, and/or marital status. This statement applies to all individuals who conduct services or receive services with the CAC including, but not limited to staff, team members, board members, volunteers, and clients.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about The C.A.R.T. House?

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Please share your current & past Board of Directors experience:

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Any other organizations and or projects in which you currently involved in or committed to (personal, professional, and volunteer)?

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What role do see the Board of Directors serving in a non-profit organization?

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Indicate with an "X" each area for which you have experience

<b>CAC MISSION EXPERTISE</b>	
Children's Outreach	
Community Building	
Counseling	
Education	
Family Advocacy	
Law Enforcement	
Legal/Prosecutorial	
Medical	
Nursing	
Psychology	
Social Work	
Spiritual Ministry	
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP</b>	
Academic/Research	
Artistic/Creative	
Administration	
Event Planning	
Human Resources	
Leadership	
Management	
Motivational	
Nonprofit Management	
Policy Development/Compliance	
Problem Solving	
Quality Assessment	
Strategic Planning	
Visionary	
<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	
Accounting	
Budgeting	
Contracting	
Economics	
Entrepreneurship	
Financial Management	
Fundraising	
Grant Funding	
Investing	

PUBLIC RELATIONS	
Government Relations	
Legislative Advocacy	
Marketing	
New/Social Media	
Public Affairs	
Public Speaking	
Reputation Management	
Web Development/Design	
Writing/Editing	
FACILITY ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT	
Architecture	
Engineering	
Facility Maintenance	
Information Technology	
Real Estate	
ACCESS	
Churches	
Community/Business Professionals	
Corporate/Industry	
Media	
Political - County	
Political - Municipal	
Political - State	

Due to the nature of the services provided at The C.A.R.T. House, the Board of Director's will be required to complete a Criminal History Check.

Are you willing to comply with this request? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Have you ever been *charged* with a crime against a minor (under 18) in any state or country?

\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Are you willing to commit to a 3-year term? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Are you willing to contribute financially to the CAC? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Board Meetings are a crucial part of the role of a Director.

Currently, Board Meetings are scheduled the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 4pm.

Will you be available to attend these meetings? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Are you aware you will be asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Are you aware you will be asked to sign a Conflict of Interest Agreement?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Please list three references that we may contact. Please include phone number and/or email address.

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3) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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Date