

Michelle’s Love Board of Directors

Board Member Description

Andy lost her best friend, Michelle, to cancer in 2005. Michelle was a single-mother of 4 children and Andy saw how difficult it was to go through cancer treatment and parent at the same time. After losing Michelle, Andy felt compelled to help single parents experiencing cancer treatment. She co-founded a non-profit in Arizona and after moving to Portland she founded Michelle’s Love in 2012.

Michelle’s Love strives to ease daily responsibilities by offering financial relief, household cleaning/repairs/necessities, and nutritious meals, allowing single parents more time to heal and spend with their children.

In the past seven years, Michelle’s Love has grown from an organization run by one founder and many giving volunteers into a nonprofit that is the recipient of significant corporate giving as well as generous, recurring personal gifts. The organization needs a strong, professional board in order to continue fulfilling the vision of supporting single parents undergoing cancer treatment and appropriately guide growth going into the future.

We are looking for members who have one or more of the following qualities

* Have a wide range of connections to the business, medical, social services and other professional communities
* Self-motivated and ready to network with friends, family, coworkers, and on social media
* Willing and able to donate and raise funds every year
* Can source new volunteers
* Can help us write grants, run booths, and attend networking groups and events to share the story of Michelle’s Love
* Open to being part a of our finance, budget, outreach and development committees.

In the next twelve months there are some specific goals that the board of Michelle’s Love plans to achieve in cooperation with the founder Andy M. These include:

* Setting a budget that accounts for mindful growth in revenue and programs
* Creating a strategic three year and five year plan
* Creating a financial plan with multiple potential scenarios
* Updating the board policy handbook
* Revisiting of mission, values, analysis of stakeholders and recipients

Expectations for board members include answering “yes” to one or more of the description items above in this document. Board members should be willing to contribute an average of several hours per month, including but not limited to:

* Attending at least three of the four annual board meetings
* Serving on board committees in specialized areas or for specific tasks
* Attending fundraising events and supporting fundraising efforts
* Communicating with potential donors, volunteers
* Networking on behalf of Michelle’s Love
* Posting to one’s own social media

Time commitment varies month to month and is dependent on special events, fundraising campaigns, and participation in a committee, as well as unexpected needs that could arise.

Because of the restructuring happening at this time, terms will be requested that last either two or three years in length. This will provide ongoing continuity and history for the benefit of Michelle’s Love. Future terms will be three years in length and will be limited to two consecutive terms (with possibility for other volunteering and a return to board service in future if desired).