

Are you or someone you know a community leader?

Poverty touches most aspects of a person's life from food, shelter, and employment, to mental and physical well-being. The mission of United Way Simcoe Muskoka (UWSM) is to improve lives and build communities by leveraging collective resources and mobilizing collective action to achieve the greatest impact. Through services such as the Urgent Needs Fund and by funding critical services throughout our communities, UWSM is ensuring that residents have the resources and assistance they need to unlock their full potential.

UWSM is seeking individuals from all walks of life who see themselves as community change-makers, to join our volunteer Board of Directors. These changemakers will help inform and grow our capacity to think and act inclusively. They will reflect diverse perspectives to build solutions to address pressing regional social issues, including poverty reduction.

The current Board has Directors from various sectors who are committed to reducing poverty and creating greater diversity in our communities. Working as a team, you will:

- Be actively engaged to identify areas for growth in our existing strategy
- Attend Board meetings and functions (remotely and in person)
- Contribute expertise, advice and informed perspective to discussions and decisions
- Act and observe the principles of good governance and fiduciary responsibility
- Support fundraising and activities
- Make a philanthropic contribution
- Introduce others to our organization
- Comply with our code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policies as well with the national membership standards and brand

Skills, experience, and qualifications we are seeking include:

- Individuals from underrepresented groups such as women, 2SLGBTQ+, Indigenous, Black, racialized, persons with disabilities, and/or bilingual/multilingual
- Knowledge of community strengths, challenges, and local issues
- Understanding and connection to our Indigenous communities
- Board/governance
- Finance and accounting
- Community/government social programs
- Experience in business development or sales
- Desire and capacity to inspire and engage others for the benefit of our community

The United Way Simcoe Muskoka is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment and encourages applications from all individuals including women, LGBTQ2S+, racialized persons, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, and other equity-seeking groups. This is an excellent opportunity to use your voice and work alongside passionate community members to help steer the organization.

This is a volunteer position.

UWSM Board of Director (Volunteer) Summer 2022



Time Commitment

The commitment is for a three-year term with an option to continue for an additional term. Approximately 4-6 hours per month would be dedicated to activities/meetings in-person or virtually, typically September through June. Participation on a Board standing committee is included in this time commitment.

Interested?

If you have a desire to make a difference in your community, please apply by following the link <https://uwsimcoemuskoka.ca/governance/> and completing an application. If you are interested but would like to know more, please email info@UWSimcoeMuskoka.ca and our Chief Executive and Philanthropy Officer or Chair of the Governance Committee would be happy to answer your questions.

United Way Simcoe Muskoka acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabek. The Anishinaabek include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. The Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee Nations have also walked on this territory over time. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the process of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis, and Inuit people.