BOARD MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

**Position Title:**
Board Member

**Job Summary:**
Participate as part of the board team to accomplish the mission of Stanwood Camano Food Bank Services. The board of directors is the chief elected/appointed body of the organization. The board represents the community (members, constituents) interest in the organization, and holds ownership of the organization on behalf of the community (members, constituents). The board is the guardian of the assets of the organization, and the policy setting body of the organization.

**Duration:**
3 year term

**Authority:**
Individual board members have no power except that granted by the full board through the bylaws, board policy or by resolution of the full board. All power of the board is a joint and collective power, which exists only when the board is acting together as one body.

**Responsibilities and Expectations:**
While participating as part of the board team, board members must:
- Believe in and actively support the mission of the organization
- Participate in new board member orientation
- Submit to and pass a WA State Patrol background check
- Attend board meetings, planning meetings and assigned committee meetings
- Exhibit leadership and prepare well for all meetings
- Comply with applicable laws, regulations, bylaws, policies and the code of ethics
- Accept the legal duties of loyalty and care while serving as a board member
- Understand that all power rests with the full board, not individual board members
- Share wisdom and insights to help the board make appropriate decisions and policy
- Make an annual meaningful financial contribution to the organization above and beyond event related contributions
- Be well-informed about the agenda of the organization and seek opportunities to expand knowledge about the organization
- Bring knowledge of the community and constituents to the board’s deliberations
- Be an advocate to community and constituents for programs and board decisions
- Play a consultative role by sharing expertise with management when requested
- Attend and participate in annual fundraising events
- Serve on a committee for at least one year per term
- Regularly self-evaluate personal performance on the board and determine needs for improvement
- Resign from the board when no longer able to support the mission or devote the necessary time to be a good board member

*I understand and accept the expectations of me in my service as a [ORGANIZATION] Board member.*

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**Signature**

**Print Name**

**Date**