



Hope Remains Ranch  
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 864-249-3532

## Board Member Application

Board Member Information			
Name		Date of Birth	
Mailing Address		Social Sec. #	
Where are you employed?		Title	
Work Address		Work Number	
Preferred Email Address		Preferred Telephone #	
Spouse's Name (First and Maiden)		Where do you attend church?	
Children's Names and Ages		Are you a born again Christian?	

**- If available, please attach your resume -**

## Hope Remains Youth Ranch

**MISSION** Hope Remains Youth Ranch is a place where youth, families and adults are transformed through the hope found in Jesus Christ using counseling, mentoring and equine therapy.

**VISION** To see every person inspired to follow Christ, healed from the past, equipped to begin a new life and have hope for the future.

**VALUES**

- Honor God** in all that we do.
- Love the Lord** our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. Our neighbor is everyone we encounter.
- Be a resource** for youth, adults and families that will enable them to overcome their circumstances and establish a clear direction for a new life in Christ.
- Create** an environment filled with meaningful and practical ways of displaying God's love.
- Treat others** we do business with, as well as, those we serve utilizing Christian values of honesty, integrity, respect, kindness and a sense of social responsibility.

*Please complete the following questions...*

A. What is it about our organization and its programs that most interests you?

B. What is the most significant strength you can bring to our organization and our Board of Directors?

C. Other area(s) of expertise/contribution you feel you can offer?

*Please list any nonprofit organization past and/or current (including fraternities/sororities, professional organization, chamber, social clubs, government, charities, etc.) that you served on:*

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D. What are your hobbies or special interests:

E. Do you belong to any other clubs or professional groups? If so, please share them with us.

Listed below are ways in which board members can participate. We would like to know which activities most interest you either because you have experience and can lend expertise or because you have interest in and would like to develop your skills and knowledge in a particular area of board service. Rank your interest 1-5.

1 – indicates no interest, 5 – indicates great interest

Please indicate if you have a professional skill or practical experience in an area by providing a short explanation (E).

1. **Administration/Management:** Helping with the administrative efficiency of the organization (general management, leases and rentals, salary assessments, outcome measurements, etc.).

1 2 3 4 5 E \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Finance:** Assisting with specific financial aspects of the nonprofit (budgets, financial statements, the audit, investment policies, etc.).

1 2 3 4 5 E \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fundraising:** Assisting with and/or overseeing fund development issues (crafting a development plan, annual funds, capital campaigns, special events, corporate/private solicitations, grants, etc.).

1 2 3 4 5 E \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Human Resources:** Helping in the areas of personnel management (hiring, personnel policies, human resource laws, etc.).

1 2 3 4 5 E \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Legal:** Lending professional knowledge regarding various legal issues (leases, contracts, nonprofit law, etc.).

1 2 3 4 5 E \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Marketing/Public Relations:** Assisting with and /or overseeing public relations and marketing management functions (crafting both plans, conducting an assessment, helping staff to insure continuity of printed and electronic messages, R&D, demographic studies, etc.).

1 2 3 4 5 E \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Strategic Planning:** Nonprofit Planning (including strategic thinking and planning, scenario planning, forecasting, operations plans, business plans, etc.).

1 2 3 4 5 E \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate sheet of paper write your personal testimony and attach before submitting.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*By signing this application, I agree in the Mission and Beliefs that Hope Remains Youth Ranch represents and agree to the responsibilities required of me as a Board Member/Advisory Board Member. I further confirm that I have read, understand and agree to the Hope Remains Youth Ranch 'Statement of Faith'.**

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Watt, Founder & CEO at 864-921-2352.

Please forward your completed application along with your resume and written testimony to  
Melanie Watt [mwatt@hoperemains.org](mailto:mwatt@hoperemains.org) Thank you!

## **Nonprofit Boards**

**Overreaching Goal:** to change lives

**Membership:** Community representation, service users

**Terms:** 1 – 3 year

**Board Elections:** board members

**Compensation:** non-paid

**Public Accountability:** Extensive – make reports and activities widely known

### **Executive Board of Directors and Advisory Board Responsibilities**

- Know the organization
- Fundraise and support HRR generously – a minimum of \$25.00 a month is required via automatic bank draft
- Recruit and nominate others
- Review minutes and other information sent, prior to board meetings
- Required to attend all quarterly board retreats
- Required to sponsor a table at the yearly fundraising banquet
- Required to attend Board training with the United Way of the Piedmont
- Required to serve on at least one board committee
- Avoid conflict of interest (covered in Board Training) and sign a conflict of interest form each year.
- Participate in ministry activities (board meetings; volunteer at ranch; special meetings and events; etc.)
- Attend all board meetings (unless it is an emergency). A board member is given 3 absences. If you miss more than 3 board meetings you *may* be subject to dismissal from the board. If you are going to be absent from a meeting you must call the Secretary or Board Chair or CEO prior to the meeting.
- You are to live a Christian life style at all times.
- You are to be an active member in a Bible Believing Christian church.

### **Ten Basic Responsibilities of the Nonprofit Board**

- Up hold the Organizations Mission and Purpose
- Support the Founder/Executive Director/CEO
- Assess Performance of the Executive Director and other Board Members
- Ensure Effective Organizational Planning
- Protect assets and provide financial oversight
- Manage Resources Effectively
- Determine, Monitor, and Strengthen the Organization's Programs and Resources
- Enhance the Organization's Public Standing
- Ensure Legal and Ethical Integrity and Maintain Accountability
- Recruit One New Board Member a Year, Orient New Board Members and Assess Board Performance

## ADVISORY BOARD AND CONSULTING COUNCIL – HOPE REMAINS YOUTH RANCH, INC.

**1.1 Purpose** – The Executive Board of Directors has established an Advisory Board in an effort to add measures to protect the original vision and mission of why Hope Remains Youth Ranch, Inc. was created. The Advisory Board has been established to serve as a consultative and advisory body to provide valuable input to the Executive Board of Directors on matters related to the mission, objectives and goals of the ministry. In addition, the Advisory Board provides the means for discussing and evaluating Hope Remains affairs and provides the opportunity for reporting on, exchanging ideas about, and evaluating the activities and programs. The Advisory Board members will be considered for Executive Board of Director openings.

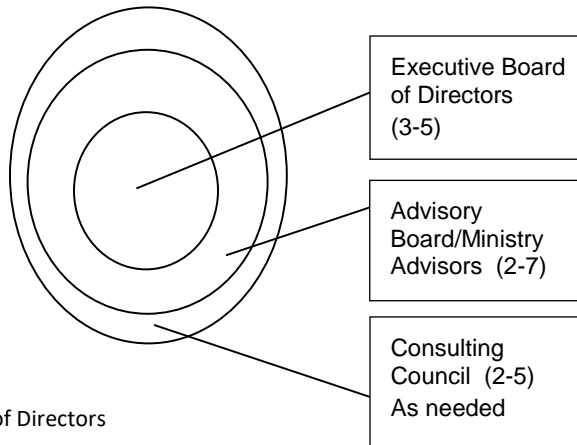
### 1.2. Terms and requirements

- (a) The Advisory Board shall consist of up to a total of 7 members who are not members of the Executive Board of Directors;
- (b) Members of the Advisory Board shall be elected by the Executive Board of Directors. There shall be no restriction on the re-election of members of the Advisory Board;
- (c) In order to ensure continuity, approximately half of the members of the Advisory Board shall be elected annually.
- (d) A person shall become a member of the Advisory Board on the date of election until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year not to exceed a two year term.

The primary duty of the Advisory Board is advising and consulting with the Executive Board of Directors.

Duties Include:

- Providing advice on how Hope Remains can be relevant in other cultures nationally and globally
- Assisting in growing Hope Remains' network of Partners, affiliates, and alliances
- Providing advice and recommendations regarding business and ministry objectives.
- Providing expertise in areas specified by the Executive Board of Directors
- Will participate in the annual Board meeting
- Will not have voting rights at the Board meetings, voting rights are limited to committee decisions.
- The Advisory Board or individual members may be available to be called upon from time to time if an urgent need arises.



### 1.3. Levels of Membership

- Advisory Board Member
  - May be invited to Executive Board of Directors Meetings
  - Will be called upon to serve on a standing committee and/or special meetings
  - Are required to attend all Board meetings and all quarterly board retreats
- Consulting Council Member
  - May be invited to Executive Board of Directors meetings
  - Will be asked to serve on the committee for the particular project of which he/she has given advisory

1.4. The President/Executive Director/CEO shall chair the Advisory Board and the Consulting Council.

1.5. Recommendations of the Advisory Board and the Consulting Council shall be made individually or as a group as determined by the Executive Board of Directors as the situation calls for.

1.6. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall keep records of the Advisory Board and the Consulting Council membership, of the term of office for each Advisory Board and Consulting Council member, and of the minutes of the meetings held by the Advisory Board and Consulting Council.

1.7. The members of the Advisory Board and the Consulting Council shall receive updated information as necessary by the Office of the President/Executive Director/CEO.

1.8. The members of the Advisory Board and Consulting Council shall not have a fiduciary responsibility to Hope Remains Youth Ranch, Inc.

## Hope Remains Youth Ranch - Statement of Faith

### **The Bible:**

The Bible is the only infallible, inspired, authoritative Word of God. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. The Bible is truth without error. We accept its authority over every area of our lives. Through it we come to know God as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

### **God:**

God is the Creator of all things. There is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. He is perfect, eternal, all knowing, all-powerful, and present everywhere, full of Grace and Truth. He revealed Himself through Jesus Christ the Messiah, who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of all who believe, rose from the dead, sits at the right hand of God the Father and is coming again according to God's plan in victory and in glory.

### **Man:**

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. By his free choice man disobeyed, therefore, sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ willingly died for man in order for man to be able to again have fellowship with God the Father; therefore every person of every race possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

### **Salvation:**

Salvation involves the redemption, restoration, of the whole man- body, soul, and spirit. It is offered freely to all who willing believe and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Salvation is by faith alone. It is neither earned nor deserved it is a gift offered through God's grace. This gift was made possible through Jesus Christ who by shedding His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. Salvation is a ONE time definite action accepted by man through choice and belief in the finished work of Christ on the Cross. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.

### **The Church:**

The Church is composed of all those who truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the body and the bride of Christ. The Bible instructs believers to be an active participant in the Church. Members of one body, the church, who are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

### **Holy Spirit:**

Every believer receives the Holy Spirit the MOMENT he accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit lives within the believer empowering them to choose to reject sin and follow Christ. His role is Teacher, Comforter, Revealer, and Convicter of sin. He is the influencing Power that enables the believer to grow in Christ-likeness while on the earth.

### **Baptism:**

The action of water Baptism is the outward symbol of what God has already done in a person's life through salvation. It identifies the believer as a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of His Kingdom. This baptism is not necessary for salvation because salvation comes through faith of the believer of Jesus' life, death, burial, resurrection, and His promised return.