



Hope Remains Ranch
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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?	
<i>- Please attach your resume -</i>			

Hope Remains Ranch

MISSION Hope Remains Ranch exists to provide a Christ-centered environment of hope and healing for children, adults and families by utilizing equine assisted ministry activities, Biblical counseling, and mentorship.

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:

Organization's Name: _____

Type of service you provided (volunteer leader, board member, officer, committee chair, etc.)

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D. What are your hobbies or special interests:

E. Do you belong to any other clubs or profession 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. Fund Raising: 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 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 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 Thank you!

Nonprofit Boards

Overreaching Goal: To offer hope only found in Jesus

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

Board of Directors Responsibilities

- Know and uphold the ministry's mission, vision and know about the ministry programs
- Know and abide by the ministry By-Laws
- Keep all information confidential
- Maintain a Christ-like attitude and in your dealings with others on the basis of Matt 5:22-24 and other such
- Foster a positive working relationship with other Board of Directors
- Pray for the ministry of HRR
- Expected to be a spiritual leader and example (1Tim. 6:17-19)
- Must be able to pass a SLED Check
- Ensure legal and ethical integrity and enhance the ministry's public standing
- Support the Founder/CEO/Executive Director
- Assess the performance of the CEO/Executive Director and other board members
- Protect the assets, provide financial oversight and manage resources effectively
- Determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and resources
- Avoid *conflict of interest* situations (see By-Laws)
- Participate in ministry activities (board meetings; volunteer at ranch; special meetings and events; etc.)
- As according to God's Word, you are to live a Christian life style at all times.
- You are to be an active member in a Bible Believing Christian church.
- Fundraise and support HRR – a minimum of \$25.00 a month is required
- Required to sponsor a table at the ministry's yearly banquet OR yearly event
- Required to attend 1 or more fundraising event a year
- 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 board meeting you must call the Secretary or Chairman or CEO/Founder prior to the meeting.
- Required to attend all board retreats
- Review minutes and other information sent, prior to board meetings
- If needed, recruit and/or recommend 1 new board member a year
- Required to attend Board training with the United Way of the Piedmont or with Arnold Kimmons Mission Increase
- Required to serve on at least one board committee



The Bible: The Bible to be the only infallible, inspired, authoritative Word of God. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. It contains truth without any mixture of 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 in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is perfect, eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, and present everywhere. He revealed Himself through Jesus 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, and is coming again in glory.

Man: Man is the special creation of God, in his own image. He created them, male and female as the crowning work of His creation. By his free choice, man 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 died for man; 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 or 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 in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. It is the body and the bride of Christ. That every believer, whether Jew or Gentile, is baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and having thus become members of one another, we 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 as Teacher, Comforter, Revealer, and Convictor of sin. He is the influencing Power that enables the believer to grow in Christ-likeness while on 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.



Statement on Sexuality: We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

Statement on Marriage:

- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25).
- We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4).
- We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, cohabitation, homosexual behavior, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).
- We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).
- We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Hope Remains Ranch.

Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life: We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139.)

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct: The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Hope Remains Ranch's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Founder & CEO and the Board of Directors are Hope Remains Ranch's final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.