Wanasah is Recruiting New Board Members

Wanasah is seeking community members interested in serving on our Board of Directors on a volunteer basis.

Who we are:
Wanasah is a new non-profit mental health agency created to address the urgent mental health and problematic substance use needs of Black youth and their families through the provision of effective Black-centric mental health services in the community.

We recognize the need for inclusive, trauma-informed care with meaningful incorporation of spirituality and community voice in its programming. Our aim is to provide Black youth with high quality, evidence-based mental health and addictions care that values their unique culture and experience. We are a space where Black youth and their families recognise themselves.

What we do:
We provide counselling, case management and crisis supports to Black youth aged 12 to 25 and their families living in Toronto's Regent Park and surrounding areas. Our services incorporate an anti-racist, anti-Black racism and anti-oppression framework that integrates principles of intersectionality.

Our vision: Safe and inclusive communities where Black youth with mental health concerns live with dignity and a sense of purpose.

Our mission: To improve access to effective and holistic mental health services for Black youth and their families in Toronto.

Our Board:
Our 8 - member Board is recruiting two new members with a passion for our mission and vision to replace Directors whose term is expiring. In selecting new members, an effort will be made to maintain a two-thirds representation of Directors who identify as Black to represent the community we serve.

The Board is specifically looking for an individual qualified in one or more of the following areas:

- Fund Development
- Knowledge of the mental health and addictions health system

- Public Relations and Communications
- Strong governance experience

We encourage qualified candidates with the following experience/identities to apply:

- Black
- Ethno-racial
- LGBT2SQi
- People with disabilities
- Individuals living/having lived in Regent Park or its immediate neighborhoods

All Directors are expected to exhibit the following qualities:

- **Proven commitment to resisting anti-Black racism and working within an anti-racist and anti-oppression framework**
- An understanding of Board governance
- Ability to ask questions at a strategic level
- Effective interpersonal skills
- High level of integrity
- Willingness and ability to listen

Term: Directors commit to a minimum two-year term which may be renewed for a second term.

Time Commitment: It is expected that Directors will devote an average of 3-6 hours per month to Board activities. The Board meets monthly, currently virtually on a Wednesday evening. Expect at least 2 meetings annually in person.

How to apply:
Interested candidates are asked to submit a letter of interest and resume to info@wanasah.ca. Please include 'Board Application' in the subject line of your email. The posting will remain open until filled.

For more information, contact the **Board Nominations Committee** at: info@wanasah.ca

We sincerely thank all applicants for their interest in this position; however, we will only be contacting those selected for interviews.