



Board of Directors Charter

Function of the Board of Directors

To support the mission and goals of Hope in the Streets, provide governance, represent our foundation in the community, and to assist in establishing a solid financial foundation for the organization.

Basic Board of Directors Responsibilities

Determine HITS Mission, Values and Purpose

A statement of mission, values and purpose(s) should articulate HITS goals, means, and primary constituents served. It is the board of director's responsibility to create the mission statement and review it periodically for accuracy and validity. Each individual board director should fully understand and support it.

Ensure Adequate Resources

One of the board's responsibilities is to ensure adequate resources for the organization to fulfill its mission. The board should work together and individually to raise funds from the community.

Ensure Effective Organizational Planning

As stewards of HITS, the board must actively participate in an overall planning process and assist in implementing the plan's goals.

Manage Resources Effectively

The board, in order to remain accountable to its donors, the public, and to safeguard its tax-exempt status, must assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.

Determine and Monitor HITS Programs and Services

The board's role in this area is to determine which programs are the most consistent with the HITS mission, and to monitor their effectiveness.

Enhance HITS Public Image

HITS primary link to the community, including those we serve and the general public, is the board and our volunteers. Clearly articulating HITS mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public, as well as garnering support from the community, are important elements of a comprehensive public relations strategy.

Desired Characteristics and Specific Board Member Responsibilities

Have a sincere conviction that HITS performs a useful community service and that each board director can impact the quality of life for others.

Be a current financial contributor through either a personal gift and/or fundraising efforts.

Help recruit volunteers to support the various HITS programs. Importantly, continually adding drivers and Vittle Van crew members to the roster will ensure consistency and longevity to this core program.

Demonstrate a willingness to learn and gather accurate information about HITS and to serve as a community relations liaison. As a Hope in the Streets advocate, be proactive and poised to discuss the mission, goals and services provided by HITS.

Attend the annual board meeting and any other board meetings that may be called throughout the year.

Actively participate in one or more programs offered by HITS, as well as regular service on the Vittle Van route.

Strive to find other complimentary resources in our community that can be leveraged in the advancement of HITS mission and goals.

Recognize and respect the fact that Hope in the Streets is based on a Christian foundation. We serve the poor, the homeless and others in need because God tells us to. We are thankful to God for the opportunity Hope in the Streets provides to both those we serve and to our volunteers.

Happily and humbly serve, without desire or reward of public recognition. A core element of our “true success” will be our ability to serve under the radar of public praise. Those we serve are better served without the limelight and distraction of media recognition.

Personally connect with those we serve, and continually consider ways in which we can assist them in materially improving their life situation.