## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BOARD CHAIR/PRESIDENT DESCRIPTION

Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based positive youth development program (PA-PYD) that uses running as a vehicle to influence positive social, cognitive, physical, emotional and psychological assets and development. Over the course of the program, girls will: develop and improve competence, feel confidence in who they are, develop strength of character, respond to others and oneself with care and compassion, create positive connections with peers and adults, and make a meaningful contribution to community and society. Such life skills will prevent unhealthy and risky behaviors, such as physical inactivity and negative body image, and promote positive health outcomes (e.g., physical, mental, social, and spiritual health).

Girls on the Run believes that all girls and communities should have access to our programs. We strive to eliminate barriers to participation, to continue creating programming that engages all communities, to be intentional about staff and volunteer diversity and to promote a culture of inclusion across the organization.

**Position Profile**

A Girls on the Run Board Member must possess the time, passion and commitment to improving the lives and opportunities of girls in third through eighth grades. Board Members must take responsibility in raising awareness, funds, and resources that support the organizational infrastructure, sustainability and capacity for growth.

**As Board President/Chair**

* Understands roles, responsibilities, and scope of authority
* Makes a significant commitment of time, talent and a financial contribution to the organization
* Participates actively in Board work by:
  + Providing strategic guidance and oversight to the Executive Director
  + Preparing for and lead all Board meetings, relevant Committee meetings, & related activities/events;
  + Proactively identify and volunteer for assignments, completing them thoroughly and on time;
  + Staying informed about organizational activities and issues;
  + Building and maintaining collegial working relationships with other Board members, staff and volunteers;
* Serves as an ambassador for the organization through leadership, networking, positive public relations and fundraising.
* Sets the tone for Board culture and interactions and models the GOTR values.
* Provides leadership to the Board, which sets policy and to whom the Executive Director is accountable
* With the Executive Director, sets Board agendas and facilitate meetings.
* Sets Executive Committee agendas and facilitates meetings
* Encourages the Board’s role in the development, implementation, monitoring & evaluation of strategic plans
* Appoints the chairs of committees in consultation with the Board and provides oversight as needed
* Identifies issues confronting the organization, works with the Executive Director to identify and resolve issues facing the organization
* Helps guide and mediate Board actions related to organizational priorities and governance
* Monitors financial planning and financial reporting
* Participates actively in fundraising activities
* Serves as a spokesperson for the Board and as a representative of the organization as needed.
* Leads and coordinates the annual review process for the Executive Director
* Provides consultation and serves as a sounding board to the Executive Director as needed
* Performs other responsibilities assigned by the Board

**As a Member of the Board**

**General Responsibilities**

* Builds a culture of quality, inclusivity and diversity among the council and its stakeholders
* Serves as an ambassador for GOTR, exhibiting GOTR core values. Continuously work to achieve the GOTR mission
* Develops positive relationships with volunteers, board members, donors, sponsors, parents, participants, media and other community members
* Stays informed about organizational activities and issues
* Prepares for and attend all Board meetings, relevant Committee meetings, and related activities and events
* Accountable for completing tasks and assignments pertaining to the organization
* Understands roles, responsibilities and scope of authority

**Provide Fiduciary and Governance Oversight**

* Supports and evaluate the Executive Director
* Monitors and strengthen program and services
* Protects organizational assets and provide financial oversight
* Ensures legal and ethical integrity
* Builds and maintain collegial working relationships with Board members, staff and volunteers
* Maintains ethical standards and accountability, manages risk, performs due diligence, and implements operational best practices

**Establish and Fulfill Strategic Direction**

* Ensures the mission and purpose of the organization is being fully activated within our community
* Engages in effective short and long range planning; determine goals, objectives, activities, and outcomes; actively participate in and be held accountable to the successful execution of the strategic plan
* Provides leadership, vision, and direction to council to ensure the program meets the needs of participants, volunteers and the community with an emphasis on diversity and inclusivity

**Ensure Resource Generation and Organizational Sustainability**

* Selects the Executive Director
* Ensures adequate long-term resources for organizational sustainability including but not limited to: financial security, volunteers, in-kind donations, operational goods and services
* Participates in the continual growth of an engaged and competent board
* Enhances the organization’s public standing by serving as an ambassador for the organization through leadership, networking, positive public relations and fundraising
* Makes a significant commitment of time, talent and a financial contribution to the organization
* Makes and secures financial gifts that will grow the capacity of the council and ensure its long-term sustainability.
* Establishes community partnerships with like-minded organizations that are well-aligned with GOTR mission
* Stays informed about organizational activities and issues