



Call for Volunteers to join our Board of Directors

We are seeking the involvement of leaders within our community to support and advance the Gilbert Center's vision of maintaining and achieving programming that meets the needs of the HIV and LGBTQ2 communities within our catchment area of Simcoe Muskoka.

We have a particular need for the expertise of a lawyer, an accountant, and individuals with experience in HR, Finance, Business, Government, and Marketing/Communications.

The Gilbert Centre values lived experience of community members as a part of good governance and accountability.

Who Are We?

The Gilbert Centre is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that has been providing programs and services as the AIDS Committee of Simcoe County for over 25 years. In 2015, in part to recognize the reality of people with HIV not developing AIDS, but living health lives with HIV, the organization changed its name from the AIDS Committee to the Gilbert Centre for Social and Support Services. The Gilbert Centre, named after our founder Ed Gilbert, not only reflects the change in HIV, but also embraces the expansion of programming to serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender individuals and families in the Simcoe Muskoka area.

The Gilbert Centre takes a broad, social determinants approach to our work that is based in social justice, health equity and human rights. We seek to engage individuals, families, organizations, institutions and communities as partners and collaborators in the work we undertake.

The Ideal Candidate

For our Board of Directors, we are seeking individuals who:

- are passionate about contributing to the Gilbert Centre's vision
- have a familiarity with principles relating to not-for-profit governance, strategic planning and accreditation;
- are prepared to participate in the identification and recruitment of new Directors and Committee members;

- are prepared to personally support and participate in philanthropic initiatives including the identification and recruitment of prospective donors/sponsors to increase community engagement;
- are able to commit to participating in approximately 9 meetings (typically 2 hours in length) each year;
- are able to commit to participating on at least one Board Committee (Executive, Finance, Governance, Fundraising)

Responsibilities:

- Regularly attends BOD meetings & important related meetings
- Makes a serious commitment to participate actively in agency governance activities such as committee work
- Volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments and completes them thoroughly and on time
- Stays informed about Board of Director/committee matters, prepares themselves well for meetings and reviews and comments on minutes and reports
- Gets to know other committee members and builds a collegial working relationship that contributes to consensus
- Is an active participant in the committees annual evaluation and planning efforts
- Participates in fundraising for the organization
- Mentors new Directors

Make a Difference! Get Involved!

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteer leaders, please contact our Executive Director, Gerry Croteau, at gerryc@gilbertcentre.ca and provide letter of interest and a CV. We look forward to speaking with you about this opportunity. ***Your input truly can make a difference.***

For more information about Gilbert Centre, visit our website at: <http://www.gilbertcentre.ca>
