

Aspire Foundation Board Member Role

1. We meet as a full board bi-monthly (every two months) at 8:30am on the first Tuesday during the months of September through May. Attendance is required with reasonable provision for limited excused absences. In addition, we have an annual meeting in June, which includes participation by the Aspire of WNY Operational Board, to review and ratify the work of the Foundation and to elect directors and officers. This requires attendance and preparation.
2. In addition to board meetings, we expect:
 - Each director must commit to a minimum of five (5) contacts per year on behalf of the fundraising efforts of the Foundation. Connections to these contacts can be made via telephone, written letter, email, or in-person.
 - Throughout the year we have varying numbers of special events that require board attendance/participation. These include, but may not be limited to, the art show, facility openings, staff recognition dinners, golf tournaments, and other fundraising related events, such as the Annual Appeal and Spirit of Giving initiatives.
 - In the event of a Capital Campaign by the Agency, used for the development of an existing structure or program, each director will be required to be available as a representative of the Agency to secure funding, volunteers, communications, and/or promotion. Capital Campaigns require 100% Board participation in the form of donations and each director is required to donate an amount of funds affordable to them.
 - We also expect proactive leadership from directors. This is a working board whose members serve to enhance the fundraising efforts of the Foundation to support the Agency and our service provision. We need thinkers and doers.