



Seeking an Awesome Finance-Savvy Board Treasurer!

CloseKnit is growing fast. And we're looking for a board treasurer who can help us build on our momentum. We invite passionate people to apply: Do you want to help move dollars out of White Savior solutions and into radical acts of hospitality and mutual care? We want your financial smarts! We especially value the perspective of people who are BIPOC and/or have lived experience—either as a youth facing homelessness or as an adult hosting a young person.

We expect every board member to:

- Take our work to heart and do their part to expand our reach, scope and impact
- Leverage their connections to advance our mission and help secure financial resources
- Give their own personally meaningful financial donation
- Attend board meetings held every other month, follow our bylaws, and adhere to conflict-of-interest standards.

In addition, we ask the board treasurer to:

- Review monthly, quarterly and annual financial statements
- Provide perspective on annual budget forecasting
- Participate in board steering committee meetings

Our Vision

We see *all* youth facing homelessness as already loved, especially youth from underestimated and under-resourced communities.

Our Mission

CloseKnit catalyzes system change,
building a holistic response that overcomes racism
to honor and invest in existing "chosen family" arrangements
that prevent youth homelessness.

When we ask young people dealing with housing instability, "What do you most need?" they tell us "Love." Yes! Even young people living in their cars during the Minnesota winter. Youth also tell us about the people in their lives who care about them—their best friend's mom, a neighbor, a cousin who lets them sleep on the basement couch....

But these caring connections are typically overlooked, especially if they are in BIPOC communities. CloseKnit is working to invest in these vital networks—launching resource hubs at youth drop-in centers, advocating at the Minnesota legislature to fund a "chosen family" pilot & sharing our eye-opening research at international conferences!



Board Member Application

We are thrilled that you are interested in serving on CloseKnit's board!
To submit your name for consideration, we invite you to answer the following:

Your name, pronouns, email, phone, and address?

Why are you interested in serving on CloseKnit's board?

What skills or experience would you bring to CloseKnit that could help us advance our vision and mission?

CloseKnit's board and staff are majority BIPOC. Our board is rich in diverse experiences and perspectives, with an ongoing commitment to addressing structural racism. In addition to the unconscionable overrepresentation of BIPOC youth, we recognize that many other groups are also over-represented among young people facing homelessness, including youth who have disabilities, youth who have been in foster care, youth who have an incarcerated parent, and youth who are queer and/or gender nonconforming. We value those perspectives, as well as the perspective of people living in Greater Minnesota. To help us get to know you, as well as to assist us in reporting to funders who often require that grantees share the demographic make-up of their board, we invite you to answer the following:

- What is your race/ethnic identity?
- Age?
- Sexual orientation? Gender identity?
- Do you have any disabilities?
- Where were you born?
- Do you share another characteristic common to young people who are over-represented among youth facing homelessness, or are you from a rural area?

CloseKnit highly values the perspective of people who have lived experience of youth homelessness, as well as people who have informally hosted youth facing homelessness. *Please let us know if that is part of your story.*

Note: Some board members have chosen to be public about their lived experience; however, CloseKnit respects that some may prefer to keep this information confidential. CloseKnit never shares that a particular board member has lived experience of homelessness unless the board member has given us permission to do so. CloseKnit does, however, share the *percentage* of our board members who have lived experience.

Please email your questions and application to board@closeknit.us.