

Are you a passionate person who understands how to ignite system change, build new programs, advocate for the undererved, and/or raise money?



CloseKnit is growing fast.

And we're looking for board members and a board secretary who can help us build on our momentum.

We invite passionate people to apply.

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 all need love—and young people who are fending for themselves with no stable place to call home especially need love. Of course they also need a roof, and a diploma, and a job, but what they most need is a caring adult who believes in them and will be there for the long haul. And here's the thing: those caring people are already in their lives. :

They're the adults they turn to that first night they can't sleep, at home—their best friend's mom, their neighbor, the cousin who lets them crash on a basement couch. We believe these relationships have staying power, and we're catalyzing system change in order to invest in them.

**Intrigued? Contact Angela Reed at [ar@closeknit.us](mailto:ar@closeknit.us) to begin a conversation. Or learn more about us by visiting [www.closeknit.us](http://www.closeknit.us)**

The youth homelessness crisis is dire: Existing funding streams only provide shelter for a quarter of the 6,000 unaccompanied young people under 25 who are homeless in Minnesota on any given night.

But current responses are also housing-focused—and expensive.

We champion a much more cost-effective, and meaningful, approach: bolstering the relationships with caring adults already in these young people's lives who are not their service providers.

With two successful pilot sites, research about to be published in a peer-reviewed journal, and recent presentations at national conferences, CloseKnit is ready to go big!

CloseKnit has a breakthrough approach for addressing youth homelessness—love.

Because our approach advocates investing in the underestimated and often under-resourced networks of youth facing homelessness, of whom three-quarters in Minnesota are black/indigenous/of color,.

We also value lived experience—either as a youth facing homelessness or as an adult who has hosted such a youth.

We expect every board member to:

- Take our work to heart;
- Leverage their connections to advance our mission, help secure financial resources, and give their own personally meaningful financial donation;
- Attend quarterly board meetings, follow our bylaws, and adhere to conflict-of-interest standard;
- Participate on a board committee