



GROWING HOME

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ASSOCIATE BOARD APPLICATION

ABOUT GROWING HOME

Growing Home, an innovative urban agriculture social enterprise, is seeking to expand its Associate Board in 2018.

Growing Home's mission is to operate, promote, and demonstrate the use of organic agriculture as a vehicle for job training, employment, and community development, and we have been farming and training in Englewood for over 10 years.

ASSOCIATE BOARD OVERVIEW

Now in its fifth year, the Associate Board (AB) is critical to Growing Home's work, serving many roles that evolve with the needs of the organization. Annually, the AB raises over \$20,000 for our mission and provides expertise and leadership for our programs and special events. AB responsibilities include:

- Supporting Growing Home's mission by helping to plan and implement multiple fundraising events alongside development staff, including the annual benefit and the Backyard Dinner
- Extending staff capacity through substantive volunteer work, such as supplementing job training, cultivating new employer partners, or assisting at farmers markets and farm open houses
- Contributing one's unique time, financial resources, talents, or networks to further Growing Home's mission
- Serving as an ambassador and champion of Growing Home's work – gaining new audiences and spreading awareness of the organization and mission

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Associate Board is led by elected co-chairs, with the development associate acting as the primary staff liaison. AB members must each serve on one committee throughout the year. Currently, these committees include the Benefit Silent Auction Committee, Program Support Committee, Backyard Dinner Committee, and Board Development Committee.

The development associate and co-chairs collaborate to set strategic priorities for the board. In turn, the AB is responsible for driving committee activities and providing regular updates at bi-monthly meetings.

QUALIFICATIONS

Growing Home is seeking to grow and round out the AB with members who will contribute:

- *Commitment*
- *Time & talent*
- *Connections*
- *Diversity*

While these criteria reflect Growing Home's overall needs, a successful candidate does not need to be able to demonstrate each of these traits or strengths. ***At minimum, AB members are expected to:***

- Attend bi-monthly meetings (Tuesdays, 6-8pm in the Loop)
- Actively participate in at least one committee each year (approx. 15-20 hours per committee)
- Reach out to their own networks to solicit donations and in-kind support
- Volunteer at one or more events

If you're interested in joining our talented, passionate, and dedicated Associate Board, [please complete our application online](#).

CONTACT

For questions about the application or the Associate Board, please contact John Briel at jbriel@growinghomeinc.org.

THANK YOU!