

## **2024 Board Member & Volunteers** **Info Session**

Colorado Safe Haven for Newborns nonprofit is dedicated to raising awareness of the Safe Haven Law, a vital measure that allows parents to legally and safely surrender unwanted newborns to designated locations, such as hospitals or fire stations. This alternative helps prevent infant abandonment and, tragically, potential fatalities.

Board members and volunteers are unpaid. Board members actively participate monthly in decisions on awareness, organizational votes, budget discussions, fundraising, and more.

Volunteers, though equally valuable, have a less day-to-day involvement. They'll receive signup emails for events like manning booths, aiding in awareness effort plans, being organization advocates, supporting events (e.g., the annual fundraising gala), and more.

### **Board Member Expectations**

#### **Meeting Participation Standards**

Our organization typically hosts a virtual board meeting lasting 30 minutes to 1 hour each month. Meeting frequency might rise before significant events, like our annual fundraising gala. Board members should attend a minimum of 75% (9/12) of our regular meetings and read follow-up emails for any missed meetings.

### **Expectations for Both Board Members and Volunteers**

#### **Be a good advocate.**

Board members should be willing to advocate for our cause and mission, expressing their passion to those who show interest.

#### **Commitment to Neutrality**

The Safe Haven law stands out as it remains neutral on political or religious beliefs. While everyone has the right to their own beliefs, board members must recognize the importance of not blending personal beliefs with the organization's mission.