

Board Member Impact and Expectations – Teaming up to Empower and Inspire

Thank you for your interest in joining the Girls on the Run serving Maricopa & Pinal Counties Board of Directors!

Serving on the Board of Directors for Girls on the Run is a unique opportunity to combine leadership and community impact. Board members help guide the vision and sustainability of an organization that empowers girls to build confidence, develop healthy habits, and discover the joy of movement. The program's impact is both inspiring and lasting—helping girls find their voice, form meaningful connections, and carry life lessons well beyond the finish line of a 5K. By serving, you not only strengthen your own skills in governance, strategy, and community engagement, but also play an integral role in ensuring that more girls experience the support of a program that truly changes lives.

While previous nonprofit or board experience is welcome, it is not required—we value diverse perspectives and are seeking individuals who are excited to learn, grow, and contribute meaningfully to our mission. Below is a list of expectations Board members are held accountable to:

- 1. **Service Commitment:** Commit to being on the Board for a 3-year term.
- 2. **Meeting Attendance:** Attend 8 board meetings annually (held the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-8pm) and actively engage in discussions and decisions.
- 3. **Organizational Governance:** Contribute to setting high-level goals and empower the Executive Director and staff to implement them.
- 4. **Fiduciary Responsibility:** Review financial statements and ensure the organization operates in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner.
- 5. **Event Attendance:** Board members are asked to attend the Girls on the Run 5K (April) the Limitless Potential Brunch (September) and (as time permits) conduct a program site visit (Spring) and attend coach training (January).
- 6. **Fundraising**: Generate a minimum of \$2,500 annually through sponsorships, individual donor cultivation, peer-to-peer fundraising, or other council campaigns; sell/purchase at least 10 tickets to the Limitless Potential Brunch; and make a personal "stretch" gift.
- 7. Mission Advocacy: Actively represent and promote Girls on the Run within the community.
- 8. **Goal Development:** Establish individual goals for your service on the Board.
- 9. **Time Commitment:** Dedicate the appropriate time outside of meetings to complete independent and collaborative work, meeting agreed-upon deadlines and personal goals.

These expectations are put in place to help hold our Board accountable to one another and allow us to ensure we are providing the organization support needed to allow our staff to effectively implement the program throughout the community. As an organization, we are seeking individuals who bring to our Board diverse backgrounds, skill sets, and experiences.

If you have questions about any of these expectations or how they might apply to your personal circumstances, please do not hesitate to reach out to Lauren Bounds at lmbounds123@gmail.com or 602-228-6511.

The 2025 New Member Application is now open on our website through October 15th: https://www.gotrmc.org/volunteer