

Friends of SoZo Kids Inc.

A 501c3 Nonprofit
Board of Directors Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (Cell) _____ (Landline/Home) _____

Email _____

Background & Past Professional Experience

Current Community Activities

Other Group Memberships & Achievements

Special Talents/Interests

FOSKI Board Member Application

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Friends of SoZo Kids Inc. (FOSKI)?

2. How would you rank your ability to help FOSKI in the following ways?

Task	Very Qualified	Qualified	Okay	Not Very Qualified	Not at All Qualified
Lead meetings					
Organize large-scale projects or events (e.g., Back-to-School Bash, Angel Tree, etc.)					
Organize one-time drives and collections (e.g., food, clothing, etc.)					
Manage finances and budgets					
Oversee social media/website					
Do database management					
Handle media relations/ marketing					
Oversee volunteer recruitment and engagement					
Solicit donations & nurture donors					
Take minutes					
Other:					

3. How comfortable would you be soliciting others to contribute their time, talents, and financial donations to FOSKI?

- Very comfortable
- Comfortable
- Uncomfortable
- Not at all comfortable

Describe your experience in soliciting help & donations from others:

Friends of SoZo Kids Inc.

Board Member Responsibilities

Our Purpose is to (1) promote the development of revenue and resources to support the efforts of a direct-service organization (i.e., The Help Agency of the Forest Inc., DBA SoZo Kids); and (2) to garner the financial and volunteer resources to address the effects of physical and psychosocial challenges and income deprivation of children living in poverty in the Ocala National Forest. Efforts include providing food, clothing, and additional material supplies, plus support for after-school, summer, and other programs.

Our Mission is to connect the time, talents, and treasures of residents of The Villages and surrounding communities to meet the basic, educational, and emergency needs of children and their families living in poverty in the Ocala National Forest.

Our Goals

1. To raise money and material resources to support the front-line efforts and programs delivered by the Help Agency of the Forest Inc., DBA SoZo Kids.
2. To recruit volunteers (e.g., individuals, groups, neighborhoods, clubs, businesses, etc.) willing to give of their time and talents to lead and/or participate in fundraisers to support FOSKI initiatives.
3. To establish a reserve fund to help meet capital needs of the Help Agency, such as emergency repairs or acquisition of vans, trucks, facilities, etc.

Board Member Responsibilities

1. Board Members agree to serve a minimum of one two-year term. Members may be re-elected and are eligible to serve two consecutive terms.
2. Members agree to participate in the advancement of FOSKI's mission and purpose, acting in good faith and in the best interests of the organization.
3. The FOSKI Board is a working board, and each member agrees to serve on at least one Standing Committee (e.g., Development, Events, Direct-to-Child Services Committee, Public Relations, Finance Committee) and make every effort to participate in all Board Meetings.
4. Board Members agree to build a collegial working relationship with other members, to contribute to consensus, to stay informed about Board matters, to be prepared for meetings by reviewing minutes and reports in advance, and to participate in the planning and implementation of FOSKI's efforts.
5. Board Members are required to sign a Conflict of Interest Policy Statement and the Whistleblower Policy Statement annually.

I have read and agree to the above information.

Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____