



Development Committee Member

The Development Committee helps strengthen the Washington Autism Alliance (WAA) by supporting fundraising efforts and increasing community engagement, with a primary focus on planning and executing the Annual Gala. Committee members work alongside staff, Board members, volunteers, and community partners to create successful events that directly support WAA's programs and services.

This volunteer leadership opportunity is ideal for individuals who are passionate about fundraising, event planning, community engagement, and making a meaningful impact for individuals with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Responsibilities

- Assist with planning and executing the Annual Gala and other fundraising initiatives.
- Contribute ideas for event themes, branding, marketing materials, and program content.
- Support event logistics, including décor, menu selection, entertainment, and guest experience.
- Recruit and support volunteers and event committees.
- Cultivate event ambassadors, table captains, Board members, and community champions.
- Solicit auction items, sponsorships, and in-kind donations.
- Assist with auction planning and event-day coordination.
- Collaborate with committee members, co-chairs, Board members, and WAA staff.
- Serve as a WAA ambassador by promoting its mission within the community.
- Attend monthly committee meetings and planning activities throughout the year.

Qualifications

- Passion for WAA's mission and supporting individuals and families impacted by autism and other developmental disabilities.
- Interest or experience in fundraising, event planning, community outreach, marketing, or volunteer leadership.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Willingness to leverage personal or professional networks to support fundraising efforts.

Time Commitment

- Attend monthly committee meetings, with additional involvement leading up to the Annual Gala and other fundraising events as needed.