

# A World of Difference - Villages

## Seeking Board Member!

### Villages Calgary – Your Fair Trade Marketplace

Villages Calgary has been Calgary's Fair Trade leader for nearly four decades, encouraging our local community to learn about and support artisans in marginalized communities through fair and ethical trade. We do this by selecting a wide range of certified fair trade goods that highlight diverse skills and cultures and making them available for sale through our webstore and at our storefront on Crowchild Trail in Calgary, Alberta

We are an active partner with local groups, like Fair Trade Calgary, in strengthening support for fair trade and providing education on what differentiates fair trade from other forms of commerce. We are a non-profit society run by a dedicated group of volunteers; our full name is Global Village Crafts Society.

### Position Summary

Villages Calgary's Board of Directors is a volunteer governance board, responsible for strategic planning, setting the overall direction for the organization, financial and risk oversight, and practical support provided to management in selected areas.

### What we ask of you

We value every volunteer that helps Villages Calgary achieve its vision of making fair trade the norm to ensure the world's poorest producers have a market for their goods. Our board members are instrumental in creating an environment and structure in which staff and volunteers can thrive in the delivery of our services.

We ask our Board members to thoughtfully prepare and attend Board meetings and committee meetings. Your experience is valuable, and we ask that you freely share your thoughts and ideas. You will be asked to sit on at least one of the standing committees (Governance, Finance, Nominations, Volunteer & Partnerships, or Human Resources) which meet quarterly or as required. The time required is about 5 hours per month but could be more if you are participating in community building or store activities. The term is for three years.

### Qualifications & Requirements

The Board is currently recruiting individuals with experience in Governance, Sales, Marketing and Communications (including Social Media expertise), Strategic Planning, and Change Management

### Closing Date

Until suitable candidate is found

**If you are seeking a unique challenge as a volunteer where your experience will make a difference not only in our community, but in marginalized communities around the world, where the atmosphere is supportive and dynamic, please send your resumé to the Board Chair: [info@villagescalgary.ca](mailto:info@villagescalgary.ca)**

*Villages Calgary is an equal opportunity organization. Persons from diverse groups are encouraged to apply. We wish to thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.*