

MANNA FoodBank
Board of Directors -- The Basic Commitment

1. Support fund raising efforts through a personal donation. We request that the board members consider the Food Bank as one of their primary charities during their tenure on the board and encourage them to make a "stretch" gift to MANNA FoodBank. Foundation and corporate donors frequently ask about our board's giving percentage, and we must be able to tell them that 100% of our board members donate personally.
2. Seek financial support from other sources for the Food Bank. Help the Executive Director and Director of Development in cultivating and asking for contributions from individuals and businesses. We need board members to be the leaders for our solicitation appeals to the community. Staff will provide plenty of support and guidance.
3. Attend board meetings regularly and participate actively at the meetings and in preparing for them -- and following up. Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 5:00 to 6:30 pm. This is an opportunity for you to be educated about what is going on at the agency and to participate in decisions and recommendations to help us serve our agencies most effectively. If you are unable to attend a meeting, let the staff know and follow up on the information that you missed.
4. Participate on at least one committee and attend those meetings regularly, or get involved as a volunteer. Committees do much of our work, and much is done beyond the meetings. Committee participation gives you an opportunity to work closely with MANNA staff members and to offer your skills and talents to further our mission.
5. Engage in at least two strategies that further MANNA's public policy platform. Effective strategies include the following: contacting public officials and policy makers directly, through letters, email, fax, or telephone; attendance at public hearings and/or advocacy events; and communicating to your circle of friends and community leaders to encourage them to engage in at least one of these strategies.
6. Attend MANNA FoodBank events that occur throughout the year – volunteer recognition events, press conferences, special tours, the fundraising events (Blue Jean Ball, Empty Bowls) and others. This is a board member's opportunity to invite friends and colleagues to learn more about our organization, as well as to show our appreciation to our volunteers and other supporters.
7. Provide in-kind donations or services. Invite the Executive Director or other staff/volunteers to be a speaker at your civic club or religious organization. If your company donates to non-profits, request that some funds be directed to the FoodBank.
8. **Consider service on the Board of Directors of MANNA FoodBank as the outward expression of your inner commitment and concern for the well-being of everyone in our communities.**

Board approved - 1/21/09

Signed: _____

Date: _____