



Join our Board of Directors

Affordability has become a crisis. More and more of our community members struggle to make ends meet. You can help by contributing your skills and voice to our Board, helping to oversee and advise our staff on programs that support our neighbors who are most in need.

Overview

Community Action Agencies were created by Congress as part of President Johnson's War on Poverty. They were created to put federal funds to work fighting the root causes of poverty at the grassroots level, addressing the needs the community identifies, leveraging local relationships and capacity.

MACAA was one of the first nonprofit CAAs in 1965, serving the City of Charlottesville, and the surrounding counties of Albemarle, Nelson, Fluvanna, and Louisa. Today, our work is funded through a combination of federal block grants, TANF funds, locality and foundation grants, and other private philanthropy. Our mission is to empower people to navigate pathways to social and economic stability and opportunity by educating, inspiring, and advocating for those in need. We envision a prosperous community where all can thrive.

How we empower people in need

<u>Program</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Impact</u>
Project Discovery	College/career coaching	65-70 students annually
Hope House	Housing and family support	4 families
Food Pantry	Food and essentials	300+ quarterly
Thrift Store	Affordable goods	>\$10,000 annually
Community Outreach	Resource navigation	450+ quarterly

How can you contribute?

Board Meetings

Board meetings are via Zoom the last Thursday of the month in the late afternoon/early evening.

Currently the Board meets monthly but if committees are able to meet more often, the full board may meet less often.

Committee Meetings

Committees include Executive, Finance, Board Development, Team Development (Personnel), Program Development, Marketing and Fundraising.

Executive and Finance meet monthly. Other committees meet as needed.

Is there a financial commitment? Because our Board includes people with lived experience, we do not have a minimum contribution requirement. We do ask Board members to contribute to MACAA an amount that is significant for them, and that those who cannot contribute as much financially, do so in other ways.

To apply, review and submit the attached documents



Prospective Board Member Application



Board Member Commitment

To submit, or for additional information about Board service, including obtaining a copy of our financials, strategy report, and bylaws, please email Board Chair Sarah Shalf (sshalf@macaa.org) or Executive Director Suzanne Bowers (sbowers@macaa.org).

What people are saying about MACAA

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“Thank you for helping me through this hard time in my life!”

“I finally feel like I’m not alone”

“MACAA’s compassion, support, and a safe place to be heard, we can make a difference that reaches far beyond their doors.”