



## **Board of Directors Recruitment FAQ**

### **Who is First Street Mission?**

*First Street Mission prides itself on exceeding expectations.*

We continuously seek to develop innovative and flexible responses to emerging needs and city-wide gaps in services by capitalizing on our three foundational pillars: Our 50-year history providing relational, reliable services to communities in crisis from our location in downtown Fort Worth, our bedrock of committed volunteers, and our reputation for creative collaboration with community partners working in fields from homelessness to food insecurity to healthcare.

### **What is First Street's impact in the community?**

*We may seem small, but we're more than the sum of our parts... And we're growing.*

During the COVID-19 pandemic, First Street Mission's ability to quickly pivot and respond to emerging community needs led the organization to become the largest TAFB-affiliated food pantry in the city limits of Fort Worth. Now in 2023, as CARES funding evaporates and Fort Worth experiences an unprecedented increase in housing costs, unsheltered homelessness, and deaths caused by homelessness, First Street Mission has once again showed itself to be flexible and creative, quickly launching a Street Outreach program designed to address the gap in housing and healthcare service provision in downtown.

### **What makes First Street special?**

*We believe innovation thrives when you transcend barriers.*

Most of First Street Mission's guests experience a cycle of crisis, homelessness, and insecure housing. Since most organizations either serve "the homeless" or those "at risk," people trapped in this cycle often undergo the confusing and discouraging process of being turned away from networks of support that they once relied on. First Street seeks to exist across boundaries, establishing a home base for its guests, wherever they are in the cycle. Therefore, First Street does not compartmentalize any service by housing status, income, benefits, or any other criteria. We know that stability in one area often leads to insecurity in another. And we know that having an accessible, reliable community like First Street can often make the biggest difference.

### **How does serving on the Board of Directors make a difference?**

*Innovation, responsiveness, flexibility—this kind of work is resource intensive.*

First Street Mission needs enthusiastic and committed community members to join our Board of Directors and lend their expertise and resources to our mission. Do you have experience or knowledge related to homelessness or financial crisis in Fort Worth? Are you a CPA or experienced fundraiser? Are you excited to tell the Mission's story and build collective action? In 2024 we hope to strengthen our Board of Directors and continue making a difference in our city.