

ASSOCIATE BOARD OVERVIEW

Cara Collective's Associate Board is a diverse group of socially conscious young professionals dedicated to supporting Cara's mission to eradicate poverty through employment and opportunity. Along with the Board of Directors and Executive Council, the Associate Board plays a vital major role in driving awareness, fundraising, and community engagement efforts that support and strengthen Cara's network and impact. Join Cara Collective's Associate Board and leverage your passion, network, and talents to help transform lives across Chicago and beyond.



Membership

Associate Board members are a diverse group of driven professionals and civic-minded leaders. On average, members have 4+ years of work experience (not required) and typically have had exposure or connection to Cara's mission prior to joining.

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Benefits and Opportunities

- Join a unique, driven, diverse network of community business leaders and volunteers
- Be inspired and motivated by Cara Collective's participants and their optimism in the face of adversity
- Invest your time, treasure, and talent in an organization where they are appreciated and encouraged to blossom
- Lead efforts to build awareness among young professionals
- Plan and execute the annual Summer Social – the Auxiliary Board's signature event, which annually raises over \$325,000

Member Expectations

Associate Board members are requested to make the following commitments:

Advocacy and Awareness:

- Belief in Cara's core values of motivation, equity, community, affirmation, and intentionality
- Desire to be part of an inclusive economy where job seekers have an opportunity to find meaningful employment
- Promote Cara's mission through attendance at events, network activation, and community stewardship
- Be an advocate for Cara, both personally and professionally
- Connect your network to Cara Collective

Time Commitment:

- Serve a minimum of one year as a member of the Associate Board (on a Calendar Year schedule) and join a subgroup within the AB that aligns with your professional and philanthropic interests
- Attend 9 to 12 in-person meetings annually (virtual is available when necessary)
- Participate in planning and executing Cara's annual Summer Social fundraiser
- Engage with the Cara community through volunteering, networking, and mission-driven activities

Financial Requirements:

- Each member is asked to meet a minimum \$1,500 annual contribution, either through personal and/or network support. This goal can be accomplished in a variety of ways:
 - The purchase of tickets to Cara Collective events, such as Summer Social or the Cara Gala
 - Corporate support or sponsorship
 - Peer-to-peer fundraising (e.g., Giving Tuesday, year-end, or spring appeal)

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