

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OVERVIEW

Cara Collective's Executive Council is a group of business and civic leaders dedicated to advancing Cara's mission to eradicate poverty through employment and opportunity. Through advocacy, fundraising, partnership development, and volunteer engagement, the Executive Council serves as a catalyst for growth by expanding Cara Collective's network, advancing our mission, and cultivating meaningful, long-term civic partnerships. Join Cara Collective's Executive Council and leverage your passion, network, and talents to help transform lives across Chicago and beyond!



Membership

Executive Council members are established business professionals across industries; typically at a mid-senior level or higher, and have had exposure or connection to Cara's mission prior to joining. By joining Cara's Executive Council, you join a prestigious group of professionals dedicated to supporting Cara's mission and vision through the lens of personal and professional stewardship and development.

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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

Executive Council members are requested to make the following commitments:

Advocacy and Awareness:

- Belief in Cara's mission to eradicate poverty and dedication to developing employment pathways and individual and community success; desire to be part of an inclusive economy
- 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 1-year as a member of the Executive Council (on a Calendar Year schedule) and join a subgroup within the EC that aligns with your professional and philanthropic interests
- Attend in-person quarterly meetings (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 \$2,500 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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