

**Auto repair at The Lift Garage provides a vehicle out of poverty. We're changing the world one car at a time. Come join us on the Board!**

At The Lift Garage, we work to recruit and retain people on our board who possess values that align with our unwavering commitment to treating each individual with dignity and respect and ensuring our clients receive equitable service: those that need the most support receive the most support. To better serve our community, we strive to have a team that reflects their diversity in race, gender-identity and socioeconomic status.

Successful board members are people with a passion to help us achieve the Mission of The Lift Garage which reads:

The Lift Garage offers people a vehicle out of poverty by:

- Providing free or low-cost quality car repair
- Connecting community partners to strengthen the support network
- Linking customers with other needed resources

We specifically are interested in Board Member candidates who have experience in at least one of the following areas:

- Garage operations
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Finance
- Fundraising and development
- Non-profit service provider or consumer
- Social entrepreneurship
- Customer Service

Black, Indigenous, People of Color, queer/gender non-conforming, and people with low-incomes are strongly encouraged to apply. Board members receive no compensation, however, members can request reimbursement for transportation, child care, board member training and other expenses related to board service.

#### **WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A BOARD MEMBER AT THE LIFT?**

Board members of The Lift are active participants, working collaboratively with staff and other board members to accomplish the mission of The Lift Garage. They commit to playing a meaningful role in the successful execution of the organization's stated goals by:

- Attending a monthly, two-hour Board meeting in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis, currently held on the fourth Monday of the month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Contributing actively to at least one Board Committee, task force, or other Board assignment for an average of two (2) hours per month.
- Attending Lift fundraising events.
- Engaging in an annual daylong Board planning retreat.

#### **WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO JOIN THE BOARD OF THE LIFT GARAGE?**

- Please submit the following (by August 31st):
  - A brief statement that explains your interest in serving on the board of The Lift and what you could contribute as a member.
  - A brief description of your work and/or volunteer experience.

- Learn more about The Lift Garage by:
  - Talking with a member of the Board's Governance Committee about a Lift Garage board assignment.
  - Meeting with Cathy Heying our Executive and Operations Director for a conversation and tour of the garage.
  - Attending a board meeting and observing the The Lift board in action. (optional)
- If you are interested, you will attend the October Board meeting at which Board members are selected.

### **ABOUT THE LIFT AND OUR IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY**

Since our inception in 2013, community members with less means have saved more than 2.4 million dollars on car repairs. For the 100 clients we see each month, saving on their car repair could mean the difference between keeping their job, getting safely to doctor appointments, or even from becoming homeless. We have grown every year for the past nine years and we are poised for more impact with every year that passes. In 2018 we moved to our current location (at Lake and Hiawatha) in the heart of Lake Street where we offer 5 repair bays.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LIFT AND THE BOARD**

Interested Board candidates can learn more about The Lift at <http://theliftgarage.org/>.

For questions not answered here or by the website, contact The Lift Governance Committee member Jenny Kramm at [jennifer.kramm@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.kramm@gmail.com).

### **APPLICATION DUE DATE & CONTACT**

Please submit materials by August 31st via email to Jenny Kramm at [jennifer.kramm@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.kramm@gmail.com).