

# New Volunteer Opportunity in Minneapolis: The Lift Garage Committee Members

The Lift Garage was founded by Cathy Heying—a social worker who observed that a recurring issue for people on the economic margins was affordable car repair. Since the need wasn't being met, Cathy went back to school to become a trained mechanic with plans to begin fixing cars in her driveway upon graduation. Her responsiveness inspired a group of committed individuals to join her in establishing, in 2012, a nonprofit garage that provides a vehicle to move people out of poverty and homelessness by offering low-cost car repair, free pre-purchase car inspections, and honest automobile advice.

The Lift has continued to grow and mature. Our vision is to continue to refine garage operations, to expand The Lift's capacity to offer quality services, and to explore establishing a training program that would prepare people to work in entry-level positions in car repair.

[www.theliftgarage.org](http://www.theliftgarage.org)

**Location:** Twin Cities Metro

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are seeking non-elected Committee members interested in working with Board members as contributors to the following Committees:

- **Development.** Development provides leadership, guidance, and support as needed for ideation, support, and general guidance on fundraising strategies and activities.
- **Finance.** Finance provides support in overseeing the financial strategy and performance.



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- **Governance.** Governance provides for the board's effectiveness and continuing development through adequate governance policy development, recruitment strategies, training and development, monitoring of board activities, and evaluation of board members' performance.

Qualified candidates will have a basic understanding of the structural issues that contribute to poverty, a deep respect for diverse people and situations, and a willingness to learn. Ideal candidates will be solid individual contributors who are open to working collaboratively with others to accomplish the mission of The Lift.

## Expectations

- Commit to playing a meaningful role in the successful execution of the organization's stated goals.
- Serve as solid individual contributor who also works collaboratively with others to accomplish responsibilities
- Enhances individual contributions to the successful execution of the organization's mission, vision and annual goals
- Attend monthly or periodic Committee meetings (varies by Committee), averaging two (2) hours per month
- Engage in an average of two (2) to four (4) hours of work each month on Committee tasks outside of meetings
- Commit to serving at least one year

## Learn More

Learn more about The Lift at <http://theliftgarage.org>.

For questions not answered here or by the website, contact Karissa at [karissa@theliftgarage.org](mailto:karissa@theliftgarage.org).



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# How To Apply

1. Go to [www.theliftgarage.org](http://www.theliftgarage.org)>ways to support>volunteer or [click here](#) and fill out the Volunteer Info Google form found there; Select Join a Board Committee for the “Please Share Your Volunteer Interest” question.
2. Participate in a preliminary phone interview to understand your interest in serving, what you can contribute, and a brief overview of your work and/or volunteer experience
3. Participate in a phone interview with the chair of the committee of choice
4. If the applicant and committee chair mutually agree it's a good fit, prospective Committee members will:
  - a. Attend the next scheduled meeting of the committee so the Community member can meet committee members and the committee members can meet the Community member
  - b. Within a week of the committee meeting, the chair and Community member will have a follow-up conversation to decide mutually on Committee membership.

