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Volunteering for Charitable Organizations

Are you interested in providing a charitable organization with your information technology or management skills?

BoardMatch® Fundamentals is a non-profit program of ALTRUVEST Charitable Services, a registered charity based in Mississauga, Ontario. BoardMatch introduces registered charities of all kinds to qualified, interested and informed individuals willing to share their expertise by serving on a charitable board.

Many people are willing to volunteer their time and expertise as board members of a charity but no one has ever asked them! They are hesitant to approach an organization when they're not sure what reception they'll get. And they're reluctant to volunteer before they know

what kind of commitment they will be asked to make.

Often, potential volunteers are unaware of the size of the charitable sector, the variety of programs and services provided by charities, and the opportunities that are available. Volunteers need a source of knowledge about, and a bridge to, the charitable sector to help them get involved.

BoardMatch offers a service to enable registered charities to meet individuals who would like to volunteer their time as board members. BoardMatch candidates participate in an orientation session to learn what is required to be an effective board member, as well as the legal, financial and ethical responsibilities involved. BoardMatch provides participating charities with the applications of potential volunteers; the charities then arrange to meet the candidates who suit their requirements. If there is a 'match', the volunteer will be asked to join the charity's board. BoardMatch also works with corporations and professional associations to inform their employees and members about the charitable community and opportunities to serve on charitable boards.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact the BoardMatch office:

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