

HELP LESOTHO CALL FOR VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS 2016

Help Lesotho (www.helplesotho.org), an Ottawa-based registered charity, seeks candidates for our volunteer Board of Directors. We currently have a strong, committed board of diverse individuals with strong backgrounds in governance, management, law, and policy. Each Board member is passionate about Help Lesotho's mission and the opportunity to make a difference in Africa through this rewarding work.

Help Lesotho was founded in 2004 and has gained an international reputation for excellence. Its work focuses on the southern African country of Lesotho which is one of the world's poorest countries. Lesotho's population has the world's second highest rate of HIV/AIDS. The impact of extreme poverty and HIV/AIDS is borne especially heavily by women and girls. In light of this, Help Lesotho's vision is "Gender equity in an AIDS-free Lesotho." Our mission, integrated into every aspect of our work, is to deliver education, leadership and psychosocial programs to support vulnerable children and youth. We are empowering children, girls, youth and grandmothers to build resilience, develop self-management strategies, and ultimately to take action for the benefit of others.

Help Lesotho attained Imagine Canada accreditation status in 2014, has a 4-star rating on Charity Intelligence, and was named a Top-25 charity in Canada by the Financial Post in 2015.

Help Lesotho seeks a board that includes a mix of gender, age and cultural diversity with the experience and expertise to govern effectively. Ideally, candidates should have experience serving on at least one other board. While not a requirement, Board members are invited to travel to Lesotho to experience the impact of our work first hand. Board members are required to attend 80% of Board meetings in person (Ottawa, ON).

Help Lesotho is now accepting expressions of interest from individuals with expertise in the following three areas:

- ***Professional accounting with a recognized designation;***
- ***Fundraising and/or marketing; and/or***
- ***Networking and engaging groups and individuals.***

For more information or to apply to the Help Lesotho Board, please email your resume and questions by February 29 to the Board Chair, John Graham, at john@pattersoncreek.ca.