**Board Member Roles and Responsibilities**

Roles and Responsibilities:

* Define and oversee the mission of SSG and keep it relevant to the needs of our community.
* Approve programs and services and monitor their effectiveness.
* Provide strategic guidance to SSG and the executive director.
* Select, support and evaluate the executive director.
* Ensure continuous board improvement.

As a member of this board, I commit to:

* Regularly attending board meetings.
* Participating in at least one board training event and an annual evaluation to identify ways in which our board can improve its performance.
* Serving on special committees as appropriate.
* Making an annual gift.
* Participating in fund raising campaigns.
* Holding SSG to a high standard of performance.
* Understanding my roles and responsibilities and becoming knowledgeable about SSG and it operations to make informed decisions.
* Reading the materials sent to the board and coming prepared to board and committee meetings.
* Arriving at meetings on time and staying for the full agenda unless I have otherwise notified the board or committee chair.
* Asking for clarification on any matters or material that I do not understand before making a decision.
* Listening carefully to other board members and staff with an open mind and an objective perspective.
* Actively working towards those decisions and solutions that are in the SSG’s best interests.
* Respecting the confidentiality of the board’s business.
* Maintaining knowledge of relevant legislative activity.
* Advocating for SSG and our families.

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Board Member Signature Date

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