

## Peak Community Services Foundation, Inc.

The Peak Community Services Foundation was established in 2007 as a separate not-for-profit organization. It was established to support the mission of Peak Community Services, Inc.

The Foundation solicits, receives, administers, invests and disburses money and property to successfully realize that mission.

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In 1954 and 1955, two communities formed organizations to support children with developmental disabilities. Families in Cass County and Pulaski County worked separately but with the same hope for the future. The founders envisioned a world in which these children could dare to dream.

The two organizations eventually merged to form one agency. Today, Peak Community Services provides opportunities for independence for persons with developmental disabilities, at home, at work and in the community.

In 2007, concerned about the large numbers of individuals with developmental disabilities on waiting lists - waiting for funding for services to reach for independence - Peak Community Services developed and implemented this Foundation to provide the necessary funding in Cass and Pulaski Counties.

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## BOARD MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS AND DUTIES

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A supporting foundation for the mission of  
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# Board Membership Expectations and Duties

## The Challenge

Peak Community Services supports individuals in their journey toward independence, but the agency can't do it for everyone.

There are thousands of men, women and children in the State of Indiana who are waiting for their chance to reach for their dreams. Hundreds of those individuals live in Cass, Pulaski and surrounding counties.

Hundreds of our neighbors – children, teenagers, men and women - are waiting for their chance to realize their dreams.

Peak Community Services Foundation has a vision. We envision a day when the agency can open its doors to every person requesting support.

While the impetus for implementing the Foundation was to fund services for individuals on the waiting list, the Foundation can have other goals as well.

Funding for services for persons with developmental disabilities is a moving target, changing with each federal and state administration and budget. In addition, if the Foundation is successful in expanding services, bricks and mortar are also needed.

## The Board of Directors...

*...believe in and are devoted to creating solutions and creating opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities.*

*...attend the majority of regular and special meetings held annually.*

*...participate in at least one special event or volunteer activity annually.*

*...contribute a major gift and/or make connections to corporations, foundations or individuals who will make a major gift.*

*...lend their time, knowledge and experience in meetings and subgroup projects.*

*...have positive, can-do attitudes.*

*...understand our communities and their needs.*

*...work well together as a group and put aside individual egos for the greater good.*

*...listen well and thoughtfully consider issues.*

*...are interested in leading and governing, not just volunteering and running day-to-day operations.*

*...individually are members of The Arc of Indiana.*

## The Arc of Indiana

The Arc of Indiana and The Arc of the United States provide advocacy services to persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

Peak Community Services is the local chapter for The Arc of Indiana. As such, it is a membership organization.

All members of the Board of Directors of Peak Community Services are members of The Arc of Indiana. The Foundation's goals are to support the mission of Peak Community Services.

For this reason, each member of the Foundation is expected to be a member of The Arc of Indiana as well, through the local chapter, Peak Community Services.

