MAKE A DIFFERENCE



in your community.

Serve as a Board Associate at CommonBond!

Let's Talk!

Do you believe affordable housing is a critical issue facing our communities? Are you looking for a leadership opportunity but don't know where to start? CommonBond is now accepting applications to serve as **Board Associate** on our Board of Directors.

Who we're looking for

- Committed and engaged community members with a sincere interest in our mission
- Young people (under 35), women, people of color, those from low-income families, those employed in the social and nonprofit sector, immigrants. College degree not required.

Your responsibilities

- Attend all Board meetings, review materials, offer your thoughts and perspectives in Board discussions
- Commit 4-6 hours per month for the length of the two-year term.
- Participate in a 1:1 mentoring relationship with a seasoned Board member and liason

"How does this benefit me?"

- Gain excellent leadership experience that will prepare you to serve on future boards or in other influential roles
- Expand your network with other mission-focused professionals from a variety of fields
- Contribute meaningful service to your community
- Receive a \$2,000 annual stipend to help offset costs for participating (transportation, childcare, lost wages, etc.)

"How do I apply?"

- Visit www.commonbond.org/board-associates to download the application
- Questions about the application, contact Karen Law, EVP,
 Talent, Equity and Culture: karen.law@commonbond.org
- Fill out the application and email it, along with your resume, to BoardAssociates@commonbond.org
- Deadline for application: November 30, 2021
 Service term begins in January

About CommonBond Communities

Our work comes from a simple notion: Home is the foundation for everything in life. As a developer, owner, and manager of over 120 affordable rental properties across MN, WI, and IA, we've seen what's possible with the stability of a home. From high-quality buildings to life-changing support services, we create opportunities to help each resident thrive. We believe in stable homes, strong futures, and vibrant communities.

Recruitment and selection process

- The Board Associates program is publicly announced and promoted through social media, community partners, and existing Board and staff.
- Candidates state their own case during the application process as to motivation for participation and ability to bring a unique point of view to the Board.
- Applications are reviewed by CommonBond staff and Board.
- Finalists will be interviewed and two Associates will be selected

CommonBond's Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of individuals who are leaders in their fields and are passionate about CommonBond's mission and the people we serve. Board members bring a mix of skills and expertise in housing development, finance, strategic planning, fundraising, legal, business development, social services, and information technology.



CommonBond Board Associates

Jamal was one of CommonBond Communities' inaugural Board Associates in August 2017 and is now a full board member. Jennifer became a Board Associate in 2019 and will be a full board member of the Board of Directors in 2022.



Jennifer Thao

Jennifer is the Vice President of Strategy at the Wilder Foundation. She is responsible for developing and executing strategic plan initiatives in collaboration with the executive leadership team and the board of directors. She also provides oversight for Wilder's public policy work. She holds a BA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and a MS in Management from the SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vermont.



Jamal Adam

Jamal is an Achievement
Specialist at Wayzata High
School. He is a Public Allies
AmeriCorps alum having
worked as a Community
Specialist for the CORE
program at the University of
Minnesota. He also was an
associate teacher at SUN
Academy. Jamal is a Roy
Wilkins Community Fellows
Graduate and a Dr. Josie R.
Johnson Leadership Academy
Graduate.