

SAMPLE Board Credo: Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF)

We believe...

- ★ We can make a difference in the lives of people with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- ★ In working toward no new HIV infections
- ★ We should not forget the faces and stories of the people we serve.
- ★ We have the responsibility and the power to ensure the financial health of the organization so that we can continue to provide services.
- ★ We each bring valuable gifts to SAAF and we have a responsibility to use them.
- ★ That SAAF is an effective organization providing critical services to the community.

We exist to...

- ★ Support the organization, the mission, and the people we serve.
- ★ Provide oversight and governance for SAAF.

We agree to...

- ★ Engage in strategic dialogue that furthers the effectiveness and success of the organization.
- ★ Stay focused on the goals of our strategic plan.
- ★ Start each meeting with a mission moment to ground us in the true purpose of our work.
- ★ Read all material sent to us prior to the meeting so that we are prepared to make good decisions for SAAF.

Our Responsibilities to Each Other as Board Members

- ★ To educate one another.
- ★ To hold each other accountable.
- ★ To be responsive.
- ★ To respect differing opinions.
- ★ To respect who we are as individuals.
- ★ To respect one another's time.
- ★ To be good board citizens.
- ★ To engage in honest, open dialogue without taking things personally.
- ★ To focus on the mission.
- ★ To be responsible and honor our commitments.
- ★ To be honest when we cannot follow through. To ask for help.
- ★ To fulfill our board roles and responsibilities to the best of our ability.
- ★ To attend meetings, to read the material ahead of time, and to come prepared.
- ★ To participate in SAAF events and to bring others along.