



October 25, 2020

### **Position Announcement**

WCI seeks qualified professionals to join our Board of Directors to guide WCI to a leading role in service provision to disadvantaged and vulnerable women in the US and internationally.

### **About WCI**

*Women worldwide continue to face challenges related to chronic poverty, lack of access to education and secure livelihoods, and mental health support. Since 2012, Women's Centers International (WCI) has been creating safe gathering places for women affected by conflict or chronic poverty, providing the integrated resources women need to heal, grow, and become vital agents of change in their communities.*

*WCI's first initiative, Baraka Women's Center in Nairobi Kenya, serves over 1000 women living in the city's slums. Programs include Adult Literacy, Health Education, Vocational, Entrepreneur and Leadership Training, Computer Training, and awareness/recovery from domestic violence and trafficking. Most recently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center pivoted into sewing PPEs.*

*WCI's first U.S.-based initiative, Oakland Women's Center, opened in May 2015 and served over 240 women, the majority African American. The Center's programs addressed housing and job searches, health and nutrition, domestic violence awareness and prevention, and individual and group counseling. The Center closed in April 2018 due to insufficient funding. The needs have only increased and reopening is planned in 2021.*

*As WCI approaches its tenth year of service as a non-profit corporation, we are intent on engaging the wisdom and experience of professionals dedicated to empowering women. We seek help strengthening our financial position as well as expanding our reach. The COVID-19 pandemic makes it critical that we build a proactive team to ensure women receive the support they need.*

### **Why Join?**

WCI provides an opportunity for those committed to women's empowerment to be a part of work that transforms individuals, families and communities. You engage with the dynamic women WCI's staff and Board to drive an innovative social model. You also have the invaluable experience of knowing the women whose lives are transformed by WCI's work.

### **Candidate Qualifications**

- Previous experience serving on a nonprofit Board preferred but not required;
- Residence in the San Francisco Bay Area preferred;
- Ability and commitment to engage productively in strategic planning, financial oversight, and fundraising campaigns;
- Excellent communication habits and skills.

**Preferred Skills/Competencies:**

- Fundraising - with a strong network of high-value contacts, major donor campaigns and crowdfunding experience. WCI currently is facing severe financial challenges. All Board members will be asked to assist in supporting our fundraising strategy and goals.
- Collaboration and teamwork;
- Marketing/Communication Management; Zoom proficiency, Social Media proficiency
- Non-profit law and financial management
- Program development and evaluation

**Other valued skills:**

International policy and/or fundraising experience (emphasis on African/Kenyan government or UN relations)

**Time Commitment:** 6-8 hours per month including monthly Zoom conference call. Proactive engagement is highly valued.

**Compensation:** This is an unpaid, volunteer position.

**Volunteer Type:** This is a remote position with potential for Board member travel to our centers in future.

**Number of Vacancies:** WCI is seeking 3-4 new Board members including a Board Chair

**Interested Candidates**

Please submit your information to the WCI Executive Search Committee via email to [recruitment@womenscentersintl.org](mailto:recruitment@womenscentersintl.org) by November 13th.

Include the following information in your submission:

- Resume clearly listing your relevant experience;
- LinkedIn profile URL (if applicable);
- Statement of interest, identifying which area you are seeking to support.