



## **Not Far From The Tree Seeking New Fundraising & Events Sub-Committee Chair**

Not Far From The Tree is an award-winning Toronto-based fruit picking project. Our mission is to harness the power of fruit trees to create healthy, resilient, sustainable and connected communities across Toronto. We empower Torontonians to pick and share fruit that would otherwise fall to waste while providing opportunities to connect more intimately with their neighbours, environment, and food system. We act as, and empower people to be stewards of the urban orchard to ensure it's benefits can be realized for many generations to come. We envision a Toronto where everyone has access to the urban harvest as part of a resilient, local food system that builds community, and is based on the value of shared abundance.

As a project of MakeWay Charitable Society, Not Far from the Tree is advised by a Steering Committee with responsibility for strategic direction, as well as overseeing fundraising, communications, operations, programming and finances. Currently we are seeking a new Chair for the newly formed Fundraising & Events Sub-Committee.

The ideal candidate for the **Chair of the Fundraising & Events Sub-Committee** has demonstrated experience in community development, fundraising, business, or philanthropy. They are committed to NFFTT's mission by providing strategic guidance, supporting fundraising activities, acting as a public champion of our work, and supporting the direction, strategy, and operations of the sub-committee. The position includes stewardship of existing supporters and proactively identifying and building new relationships with high net-worth individuals, sponsors, companies, trusts and foundations. They are open to contributing to NFFTT's culture of sharing in a variety of ways, and they have expertise and/or passion for sustainable food systems, food security, or community building.

In addition to the responsibilities shared by the Sub-Committee members, key functions of the Chair role include working with the Director to:

- Identify, cultivate, solicit and steward funding requests and help foster the financial health of the organization;
- Identify and steward potential donors and fundraising prospects by facilitating introductions and building connections for NFFTT;
- Participate in the exploration process of potential new prospects;
- Provide advice and support to the Director on matters related to fundraising and business development;

- Demonstrate leadership to the Sub-Committee including but not limited to: leading the development and execution of a two-year fundraising strategy, leading governance of the sub-committee; helping recruit sub-committee members;
- Represent the Committee or present its work and serve as the primary liaison with the Chair of the Steering Committee and the Project Director.

Term

- This is a three year term

Meeting frequency

- The Committee will meet once a month and as needed to discuss and review fundraising and communications goals, activities, deliverables and results.

If you share our mission and have the passion we are looking for, we'd love to hear from you! Please send your resume and cover letter by **September 30th** to the **Project Director, Julia Girmenia** at [julia@notfarfromthetree.org](mailto:julia@notfarfromthetree.org), with the subject line **"Steering Committee Application- Chair Role"** to tell us what makes you a good fit for the chair role.

*Not Far From The Tree is a project of MakeWay Charitable Society.  
For more information, please go to [makeway.org](http://makeway.org)*

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