

Associate Board

Member Expectations & Information

The Shirley Ryan AbilityLab Associate Board is a group of emerging business and civic leaders who are committed to raising funds and increasing the awareness and ongoing success of Shirley Ryan AbilityLab through beneficiary events and volunteer programs.

Founded in 1990, the board currently boasts over 60 members. The Associate Board plays an integral role in supporting the hospital's annual fundraising efforts by subsidizing the salary of a full-time Art Therapist.

Making a difference in the lives of Shirley Ryan AbilityLab's patients is a benefit Associate Board members appreciate the most. As a representative for the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab Associate Board, members are highly regarded as ambassadors who:

- **Promote fundraising initiatives** that enable Shirley Ryan AbilityLab to provide the best patient outcomes through the highest-quality clinical care, translational research, scientific discovery and education.
- **Serve as ambassadors** for Shirley Ryan AbilityLab to civic and business communities to ignite passion and commitment to the hospital's mission and vision.

Member Expectations & Responsibilities

In addition to supporting the mission of Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, members are expected to participate in the following:

1. Contribute annual dues of \$250 each fiscal year. Dues are required by August 31.
2. Attend spring and fall business meetings.
3. Attend Art in Motion.
4. Serve on Associate Board committees.
5. Volunteer at Associate Board events.
6. Actively fundraise for the hospital.

Annual Giving

Securing donations that support the annual needs of Shirley Ryan AbilityLab is vitally important and ensures ongoing development of current programs, expertise and research needed for continuous improvement of patient care. The Associate Board's focus on annual fundraising provides a solid foundation for the future of Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.



Meetings, Events & Activities

Membership meetings are held two times per year in the fall and spring. Meetings include guest speakers and presentations on the hospital's advancements and cutting-edge programs and services.

Twice a year, the Associate Board also meets socially to celebrate their accomplishments and expand their social and business networks. Summer and winter socials are when the board inducts deserving new members and celebrates our success as a board of action.

In addition to these meetings, the Associate Board hosts other fundraising events.

- Art in Motion is a premier showcase of patient art and proceeds support the hospital's Art Therapy program.
- Each November, the Associate Board forms a team for SkyRise Chicago – the planet's tallest indoor stair climb.
- Other events throughout the year to raise funds and awareness for Art in Motion and the hospital's quality of life programs.

In collaboration with the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab Therapeutic Recreation Department, the Associate Board leads three annual volunteer events.* These patient-family activities serve as an outreach opportunity for board members.

- Harvest Party
- Summer BBQ
- Mardi Gras Party

For those interested in greater involvement outside of the Associate Board, additional opportunities are available through the volunteer department.

**At this time all volunteer events have been modified to meet hospital infection prevention guidelines for COVID19.*



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