

Fairbanks Youth Advocates Board Application

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To Whom It May Concern,

Below are the answers to the questions on the FYA Board Application,

Thank you for considering my service on the Board.

1: I am well versed in email usage and internet based methods of communication, including web based discussion avenues. I have access to the internet via home computer and personnel cell phone. I can commit to using these avenues to effectively communicate and conduct business. I am open to, and can learn new technologies or applications easily.

2: I have read Article 3 of the FYA bylaws that was provided to me, and agree with it fully and without reservation. Micah 6:8, (FYA Article 3.1 #8) has been a guiding verse for me for several years. I fully support FYA's mission to provide services to all in need of them, as they are, however they are. I have read the Board Member Responsibilities, Code of Ethics and Job Descriptions. I do not take lightly the potential responsibility of serving on the FYA board, and can commit to adhere to all those listed. As a citizen, a Christian, and as a Police Officer by profession, I have committed in my life to serve others with the highest level of personal and professional ethics and integrity.

3: As a longtime friend of the Bates family, I have always admired their commitment to relationships and to serve and help others. Ever since FYA began operating, I have considered numerous times how I might be involved. When Marylee approached me about the possibility of Board service as we talked at the fair this past summer, I experienced what I have learned to explain as an "impression" on my heart from God regarding the decision. I have always had a heart to help those in need and feel this is the right timing and the right opportunity to become involved in FYA. I was heavily involved for numerous years in helping at risk youth when I was in my 20's, and I look forward to the possibility of giving back to the community in that way again.

4: My professional experience in leadership has spanned several jobs. In my 13+ years working in the Roads and Grounds Department at UAF, I was given crew lead responsibilities early on, and worked for several years essentially as a supervisor of the department, with approximately 15-30 people, many of whom were college students. My current job as a Police Officer I have had for approximately the past 3 years, has put me into contact with people from many different walks of life, working as a leader in the service of the community and leading by example those around me. I have numerous past years of experience working with youth at Joel's Place in

Fairbanks when I was in my 20's, serving in numerous ways from cleaning, to leading small groups for youth and for peers, and helping facilitate events. I also served on the Joel's Place Board of Directors for several years.

5: My volunteer work has included:

I served at Joel's place from 1999-2006. I went on two mission trips to help the people of Vicente Guerrero, in Mexico. I have volunteered countless hours in music and various helps ministries at Friends Church, Door of Hope Church and Harvest Church. I have helped at numerous citywide youth ministry and community events. I spent volunteer time as part of my Police Academy as security at the 2013 Arctic Winter Games. I have volunteered time as a police officer at Operation Glow, (a Halloween safety effort).

6: I believe that my personality and life experiences will bring an educated, compassionate and positive skill set to the FYA Board. I can absolutely be trusted. I believe that my past experience with at risk youth at Joel's Place has given me a base level of understanding of many of the issues that youth face. My experience as a Police Officer has brought me into contact with many homeless and at risk youth, giving me a unique understanding from the law enforcement perspective of the challenging dynamic that can exist between homeless youth and their families, or lack thereof. I have a desire to help be a liaison with local law enforcement to better navigate the sensitive issues that arise when working with homeless youth. I have strong interpersonal skills in conflict resolution and want to help see bridges strengthened and built with other agencies and organizations in Fairbanks to better serve the mission of FYA. My personal finances are managed well and I understand what it means to operate under a budget to make sound financial decisions. I also have experience in project management, landscaping, rental management, and light construction. My service in the past, for numerous years on the Board of Directors at Joel's Place and for Polar Environmental Technologies has given me experience and a good understanding how a Board of Directors operates.

7: References:

Alan Corrick: Previous Pastor and Mentor (907-978-4188)

Darrin "Bear" Edson: Previous Supervisor at UAF (907-687-4781)

Keith Kurber: Current Pastor (907-799-9999)