

Role Description: Parent Trustee

When 5-year-old Rosie was diagnosed with cancer her parents were told there was no cure. When she died, they asked what they could do to prevent such tragedies. The doctors told her parents the only answer was research. Guided by researchers and clinicians they set up Friends of Rosie, a unique charity which funds early-stage research into potential treatments and cures for childhood cancer. An international team of scientists and clinicians decide which projects are worth supporting and the Trustees fund as many as they can afford. Friends of Rosie is now recruiting a new Parent Trustee with relevant lived experience of a child going through cancer or a bereaved parent to join the rest of the Board. This is a volunteer position; Trustees are not paid and do not claim expenses. But we can guarantee the opportunity to make a real difference for children with cancer.

Over the past 30 years, we have raised £2.75 million to fund new research. We judge success by the project results being good enough to publish and then attracting more and bigger funds which will eventually result in cures and breakthroughs. 95% of the money we raise goes directly into research. We are deliberately small with only one part-time employee and no expensive overheads but, as the scientists will tell you, we make a big difference. Join us and help support life-changing and life-saving children's cancer research.

The Trustee Board

The Friends of Rosie Board of Trustees is made up of business individuals and parents of children with cancer or childhood cancer survivors. Everyone on the Board brings their own unique skills and experience and all have the same purpose – to help give children with cancer the chance of a brighter future. Following the retirement of our previous Parent Trustee, we are now recruiting a new Parent Trustee with relevant lived experience of a child going through cancer or a bereaved parent to join the Trustee Board.

The role of a Trustee

- To help ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for its beneficiaries.
- To make sure that the charity complies with its governing document and charity law requirements.
- To act in the charity's best interests and help the charity to manage its resources responsibly.
- To help ensure the charity complies with statutory reporting and accounting requirements.

As a Parent Trustee, you will:

- Give other Trustees a parent perspective on charity objectives and priorities to ensure Friends of Rosie always keeps children with cancer at the heart of its decision-making.
- Play an active role, along with other Trustees, in making research funding decisions based on advice from the Friends of Rosie Scientific Advisory Board.
- Help raise awareness of the importance of pump-priming research funding for children's cancer research.
- Play an active role in fundraising and suggesting new fundraising ideas.

Time Commitment

- You will be required to attend a minimum of four Trustee meetings annually. These are currently being held remotely via Zoom or, when possible, in central Manchester.
- We are looking for a Parent Trustee who would like to play an active role in continuing to shape and grow the charity.

For an informal chat about this role please contact:

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PLEASE NOTE: This is a voluntary role and we are unable to pay associated expenses.