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Dear Prospective Board Member,

Let me start by expressing gratitude for your consideration of serving our worthy cause. It is with commitments like yours that we are able to serve such a diverse population of children and their families year after year.

Our organization is doing incredible work to inspire deserving youth to become involved in sports by providing an opportunity to train at an elite level while emphasizing a strong commitment to education. These programs are designed to help develop the skills, discipline and strong character necessary for those served to reach their highest level of personal growth, professional achievement and community leadership. This work would not be possible without the support of the community volunteers who serve on our governing board.

Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed board member application and then return it to us either by mail or email. Once we receive your completed application, it will be forwarded to our board's nominating committee and a representative will be in contact with you in the next few weeks.

Again, thank you for considering a role in our organization and the work we do for the children of this community. If you have any questions, please contact me at either 630.219.1582 or llivermore@givemeachancefoundation.org.

Thank you for your time,

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Board Application

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Occupation and employer: _____

Why are you interested in joining our organization?

What personal skill or strength of yours do you think would benefit our organization?

Do you have a committee you'd like to serve on or a particular area of interest?

What other volunteer commitments do you currently have?

Have you served on other nonprofit organization boards? If so, please list: them and any offices you held:

The GMACF board meets quarterly at minimum. Do you see any scheduling problem that might affect your attendance?

For Board Use Only

___ Nominee was referred by _____.

___ Nominee was mailed an application packet. Date _____

___ Nominee had a personal meeting with the President, Founder or other board member. Date _____

___ Nominee's application was reviewed by the nominating committee. Date _____

___ Nominee was interviewed by the board. Date _____

Action taken by the board _____



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Board Member Code of Conduct

I, _____ understand that as a member of the Board of Directors of Give Me A Chance Foundation, I have a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the purpose and the mission of the organization, and I will act responsibly and prudently as its steward.

As part of my responsibilities as a board member:

- I will interpret the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson.
- I will attend at least 75% of board meetings, committee meetings, and special events.
- Each year I will make a personal financial contribution at a level that is meaningful to me.
- I will actively participate in one or more fundraising activities.
- I will act in the best interests of the organization and excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest.
- I will stay informed about what's going on in the organization. I will ask questions and request information.
- I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies and other board matters.
- I will work in good faith with staff and other board members as partners towards achievement of our goals.
- If I don't fulfill these commitments to the organization, I will expect the board president to call me and discuss my responsibilities with me.

In turn, the organization will be responsible to me in several ways:

- I will be sent, without request, quarterly financial reports and an update of organizational activities that allow me to meet the "prudent person" standards of the law.
- Opportunities will be offered to me to discuss with the program director and the board president the organization's programs, goals, activities, and status; additionally, I can request such opportunities.
- The organization will help me perform my duties by keeping me informed about issues in the industry and field in which we are working, and by offering me opportunities for professional development as a board member.
- Board members and staff will respond in a straightforward fashion to questions that I feel are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal and moral responsibilities to this organization.
- Board members and staff will work in good faith with me towards achievement of our goals.
- If the organization does not fulfill its commitments to me, I can call on the board president and program director to discuss the organization's responsibilities to me.

Signed: _____ Member, Board of Directors

_____ Chair, Board of Directors