# WHAT DOES BOARD SERVICE ENTAIL ?

How the three main roles of the board relate to the 10 basic responsibilities of nonprofit board members:

# Establish Organizational Identity

Ensure Effective Planning Determine Mission and Purposes, and Advocate for Them

#### **Ensure Resources**

Select the Chief Executive

Ensure Adequate Financial Resources **Build a Competent Board** 

Enhance the Organization's Public Standing

## **Provide Oversight**

Support and Evaluate the Chief Executive

Monitor and Strengthen Programs and Services

Protect Assets and Provide Financial Oversight

Ensure Legal and Ethical Integrity

Sources: <u>Board Fundamentals</u>, <u>Ten Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit</u> Boards, Leading with Intent, Legal Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards



The three legal duties of a nonprofit board member:

#### Care

Pay attention to the organization's activities and operations

## Loyalty

Put the interests of the organization before personal and professional interests.

#### **Obedience**

Comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws; adhere to the organization's bylaws; and remain the guardians of the mission.

### How current boards rate themselves on the ten basic responsibilities:

	Responsibility	CEO	Chair
	Mission	A-	A-
	Financial Oversight Legal/Ethical Oversight CEO Support Strategy CEO Evaluation Monitors Performance	B B- B-	B+ B+ B+ B B
X	Community Relations	C+	C+
	Board Composition	C	C+
	Fundraising	C	C