A light commitment. A lasting purpose.

Founding board service | Now through 2030*

Help build a planned lifelong residential nonprofit community in Paraguay for adults with developmental, intellectual, and significant support needs. The board's role is to protect the founding promise and help lay the foundation for a home that can outlast its founders.

THE COMMITMENT NOW

Generally fewer than approximately 20 hours per year for most members, absent unusual circumstances. Help establish the organization, complete required governance, review foundational decisions, and offer judgment, expertise, and useful connections. Meetings should serve real decisions; online participation may be used where permitted.

Board service is unpaid stewardship; reasonable, approved expenses may be reimbursed.

What we are planning to do

2026-March 2027 | Form the foundation. Refine the vision, recruit the founding board, obtain Paraguayan and U.S. legal guidance, and establish organizational, governance, financial, and administrative structures.

2027-2029 | Prepare the place. Search for land, complete professional due diligence before purchase, and, after acquisition, begin orchard, farm, trails, utilities, access, and other long-lead site work.

Around 2030/2031 | Make a fresh commitment. Development brings heavier oversight of fundraising, design, construction, staffing plans, and financial readiness. Members are invited to recommit; declining means completing the service originally undertaken.

The values that set this mission apart

Lifelong belonging. After full acceptance, harder care does not erase belonging. Adapt as needs change whenever medically, legally, and ethically possible.

Dignity, freedom, and joy. Residents are adults. Work, classes, programs, and religious activities are voluntary; independence does not determine human worth.

Protection without possession. Take residents' wishes seriously, use safety to support freedom, and protect privacy. Residents are never marketing props or research material.

A promise built to last. Protect the endowment and financial readiness. Enterprises serve the home; resident care and stability come before expansion.

Stewardship with accountability. Protect the founding mission, disclose conflicts, and prevent control by one family, church, donor group, or business interest.

Before joining: Review the Vision Document, Resident Bill of Rights, Board Alignment Affirmations, Financial Guardrails, and Founding Intent Statement; disclose conflicts and complete the formal approval process.

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*The vision describes the formation era as now through approximately 2030/2031. The residential opening target is March 16, 2035. Dates and implementation details may evolve. Casa de SAM remains in planning; no property has been selected or purchased, residents are not being accepted, and charitable donations are not currently being solicited.

Source: Casa de SAM Vision Document - September 2026 Revision, PDF pp. 1-3, 7-8, 61-67, 80-83. Summary for prospective board members; the full vision and governing documents provide the detail.