

**Lake Erie Ink: a writing space for youth** provides creative expression opportunities and academic support for youth in Greater Cleveland. Our programs reach kids of all ages both in and out of the classroom, reaching thousands of students each year.

A committed professional staff and volunteer board of directors drive our work in the community. We value:

- the transformative power of creative expression
- making youth voices the center of what we do
- openness, collaboration and accountability to the youth and communities we serve



**Board Perspectives:  
What makes Lake Erie Ink different?**

“The judgment free approach to cultivating a child’s creative voice, giving them space to be themselves and feel a freedom to say what they want.”

- Claire

“Its mission - helping youth find their voice, express themselves, foster their creativity. These are such vital skills for human empathy but also for whatever vocation they later choose to explore. This is what resonates with me.”

- Alex

Our board represents a range of industries and areas of expertise--from financial services to youth development to professional writing--and we are always seeking new community members eager to bring their own unique talents to our powerful mission.

Prospective board members can look forward to a welcoming environment and hands-on experience:

- *contributing* to monthly board and standing committee meetings
- *shaping* our strategic direction at a pivotal point in the organization’s growth
- *supporting* our fundraising goals through outreach and a personal financial commitment
- *celebrating* our mission at fun community events
- *connecting* with young writers in our community



To find out more about board service or other volunteer opportunities, email us: [info@lakeerieink.org](mailto:info@lakeerieink.org)