

Governance and Transparency

Welcome to the Governance page. The purpose of this page is to allow donors, volunteers, members of the community, and other stakeholders in the organization transparency to The last Ark Orphanage! We believe that open and transparent governance is vital to building trust, fostering accountability, and ensuring the success of our mission. On this page, we provide you with an overview of our governance structure, practices, and policies that guide our operations. You will also find financial and budget information available as the organization grows. It is the goal of the board to allocate as close to 100% of donations to the program(s) and to keep the overhead of the organization to a minimum. As well as to find specific doner(s) who will cover the cost of overhead.

Our Mission and Values: At The last Ark Orphanage our mission is to create a rewilding safe haven and sanctuary for animals and humans. Where horses that have endured abuse, neglect, trauma, and suffering are given the space, freedom, and love to heal and reconnect with the herd in the lap of nature herself. We are committed to our Core Values. Our governance framework is designed to align with these principles and drive our organization towards fulfilling our mission.

Board of Directors: Our organization is governed by a dedicated and diverse Board of Directors. These individuals bring a wealth of expertise, experience, and passion to guide our strategic direction. The Board meets regularly to review and make decisions on matters critical to the organization, such as financial oversight, program development, and long-term planning.

Transparency and Accountability: We are committed to open communication and transparency in all of our activities. We provide regular updates to our members through newsletters, reports, and meetings, ensuring that you stay informed about our progress, challenges, and successes.

Financial Stewardship: We take our financial responsibilities seriously. Our financial management practices adhere to the highest standards of integrity and accountability. We undergo regular audits by independent third-party firms to ensure transparency and compliance with all applicable regulations.

Policies and Bylaws: Our organization operates under a set of clearly defined bylaws and policies. These documents outline the roles and responsibilities of our Board, staff, and volunteers, ensuring that everyone understands their respective roles and can contribute effectively to our mission.

Decision-Making Process: Major decisions regarding the organization's direction, budget, and projects are made collectively, with input from various stakeholders. We value diverse perspectives and seek input from our members, volunteers, and partners before making significant choices.

Conflict of Interest: We have a rigorous conflict of interest policy in place to prevent any conflicts from affecting the integrity of our operations. Board members, staff, and volunteers are required to disclose any potential conflicts and recuse themselves from decisions where a conflict exists.

Annual Reports: We publish an annual report that provides a comprehensive overview of our activities, achievements, and financial performance. This report is accessible to all members and stakeholders, offering complete transparency into our organization's operations. We will also publish a 990 form once one has been filed with the IRS.

Engagement and Feedback: We value your input and encourage you to get involved. Your feedback is essential to our growth and improvement. We host regular member meetings and surveys to gather your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.

Contact Us: If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions related to our governance and transparency practices, please feel free to reach out to us at rewild@thelastark.com

Thank you for your trust and support as we work together to make a positive impact on our community and beyond.