



## Become a Member of the Board!

The 5p- Society was founded in 1986 by parents of children with 5p- Syndrome (Cri du Chat) with the intent of sharing information about the syndrome with other families that have been affected. The Society has actively encouraged its members to meet and share common experiences to benefit the individual with the syndrome and their family. The organization is run by a volunteer board of directors and one paid part-time staff person. It relies primarily on the donation of time and money by its members to exist. The 5p- Society is an international membership organization and maintains a database of 5p- families throughout North America. We currently have over 1000 families as members.

We are actively looking for new volunteer Board Members of the 5P- Society that can bring their action and goal orientated effort, skills and resources to help further the mission of the 5p- Society. Becoming a board member comes with a set of requirements of time and participation.

They include:

- 5p- Society Membership Required
- Mandatory participation in quarterly board meetings. There are two virtual meetings and two in-person meetings annually. Virtual meetings are held in the spring and fall. In-person meetings are held at the annual conference in the summer, and one weekend in late January. The locations of the in-person meetings can be anywhere across the country. The flexibility to travel is important.
- Board members must actively contribute to at least one subcommittee. These subcommittees include:
  - Marketing & Communications Committee
    - Creation and distribution of quarterly newsletters, social media management, content creation, website management, fundraising strategies
  - Family Engagement & Outreach Committee
    - Regional Get togethers, awareness week planning, membership engagement.
  - Internal Operation Committee
    - Budget, finance, strategic planning, recruitment of board members
  - Conference Committee
    - Recruitment of and guidance for conference host families, researching locations, logistics, organization, planning and execution
- Board members must meet an annual fundraising goal of \$1,000. This can be through 5P- Society organized fundraisers, individually planned fundraisers, solicited donation or personal donation.
- Attendance and participation at the annual 5p- Society Conference. This can include setup, breakdown, registration, selling merchandise, running breakout sessions, childcare, and any other task involved with running a successful conference.
- Minimum of 2-year commitment.
- Time commitment weekly – 2 hours

Being a member of the 5P- Society can be a challenging, rewarding and fun experience. If you are interested, please reach out to our Executive Director Laura Castillo at [director@fivepminus.org](mailto:director@fivepminus.org).