



## Nomination for 2022 MANNA Board

Nominee's name: Aarin Miles

Person making nomination: Ron Edgerton

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### Nominee Background and Skill Sets:

Aarin is an attorney in the City of Asheville legal department. She has lived in Asheville since 2018. Her answer to the next question shows her depth of understanding of the issues of hunger. She volunteered for her local food bank in Greensboro when she was attending college.

### How do you feel this nominee would be able to contribute by being on the MANNA board?

In her words: I am interested in giving back to the community. While in undergrad I took a keen interest in the dissolution of food deserts. Many food deserts are in black and brown communities. It makes it difficult for these families to have access to healthy food for their families as they have to travel far, often without transportation to get access. Manna's mission to end hunger in WNC has been bringing food to those that are hungry for some time. I believe my passion to assist those who are financially and/or situational unable to access food will be a benefit to Manna's board. Food deserts and access to food is a huge problem in the US and WNC and Manna appears to be on the right track in helping to alleviate that burden for WNC families.

Please comment on the candidate's current involvement with MANNA and/or their demonstrated commitment to the MANNA mission: While in undergraduate school in Greensboro, she volunteered at the local food bank. She has not volunteered at MANNA. She has experience with other non-profits. She currently is on the board of the Heart of Horse sense. It is a non-profit that focuses on equine psychotherapy for veterans and victims of trauma. Veterans and victims of trauma are often members of MANNA's targeted groups. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. this organization is dedicated to giving back to the community through community service among other means. She has been a member of AKA since 2011.

Other information that might be helpful to the Membership & Governance committee:

She is well-liked by her fellow employees in the City of Asheville legal department. She would help facilitate contacts with City agencies who could help MANNA with its mission. She is dedicated, and I expect she would show up for Board meetings and activities. As a Black woman, she understands the issues of racism, and its impact on hunger.