

BYLAWS OF CATS ALPHARETTA

(Called Alpharetta to Serve)

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be CATS Alpharetta, hereinafter referred to as “CATS.” CATS is an acronym for Called Alpharetta to Serve.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

CATS is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization organized exclusively for charitable and philanthropic purposes. The mission of CATS is to encourage young women and their mothers to engage in meaningful community service and philanthropic involvement.

ARTICLE III – GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY

CATS is an independent organization and is not governed by Alpharetta High School or its administration. The organization shall be governed by its Board of Directors (“Board”) and voting members in good standing in accordance with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership shall be open to young women in grades 9–12 who reside within the Alpharetta High School attendance zone or are registered students at Alpharetta High School, along with one parent or legal guardian.

Section 2. Members in Good Standing

A member in good standing is one whose dues have been paid and who meets participation requirements as established by the Board and outlined in the CATS Board Operations Manual.

Section 3. Voting Rights

Each member family in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote on matters presented to the general membership. Voting rights are not transferable.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Authority

The Board shall have full authority over the management and affairs of CATS, including financial oversight, policy adoption, and strategic direction.

Section 2. Officers

The officers of CATS shall consist of:

- Co-President(s)
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Honors Chair

The Board may establish additional non-voting roles or advisory positions as needed.

Section 3. Eligibility and Terms

All Board members must be members in good standing. Officers shall serve one term which consists of two consecutive years in the same role. Board members may not be elected to the same position again.

Section 4. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy, the Board shall appoint a qualified replacement to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. General Membership Meetings

There shall be at least one (1) general membership meeting each year at a time and place determined by the Board.

Section 2. Board Meetings

The Board shall meet as necessary to conduct the business of the organization.

Section 3. Quorum and Voting

A quorum for Board meetings shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of voting Board members. Actions of the Board require a majority vote of those present unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

Section 4. Parliamentary Authority

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, insofar as they are applicable and practical.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of CATS shall begin on August 1 and end on July 31.

Section 2. Dues and Fees

Membership dues shall be determined annually by the Board.

Section 3. Financial Oversight

The Board shall ensure proper financial controls, accurate recordkeeping, and appropriate review of financial activity in accordance with procedures outlined in the Board Operations Manual.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present at a duly called general membership meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment is distributed at least one (1) week in advance.

ARTICLE IX – INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CATS shall indemnify and hold harmless its officers and Board members against any claims or liabilities arising from their service to the organization, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of CATS, any remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more charitable organizations aligned with the mission of CATS, as determined by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE XI – ADOPTION

These Bylaws were adopted by a vote of the CATS Board on _____ and supersede all prior versions.

Signed:

President / Co-President

Secretary