

## Young Professional Advisory Council Jr. Fact Sheet

### WHAT IS YPAC?

Founded in 2006, the Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC) is made up of approximately 20 professionals under the age of 40 from diverse industries. The Chair and Co-Chair of YPAC serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors. As ambassadors of Make-A-Wish, YPAC collectively supports the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation through numerous fundraising and advocacy efforts to help fulfill the Foundation's mission—to grant wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich their lives with hope, strength and joy.

### WHAT IS YPAC Jr.?

YPAC Jr. is a philanthropy and leadership program. YPAC Jr. is comprised of students in the Greater Bay Area community who have a desire to make a commitment to the Make-A-Wish Foundation by actively fundraising, participating in leadership opportunities, and spreading awareness of the Foundation to peers. It is meant to inspire the next generation of YPAC members as they grow into young philanthropists and involved members of their community. Children are at the heart of Make-A-Wish and it is our goal to have students as advocates for a mission that supports their peers. YPAC Jr. members will creatively fundraise in a kid-friendly way, share ideas to get kids involved and provide members the opportunity to learn from a network of mentors and community leaders.

### WHO CAN JOIN YPAC Jr.?

YPAC Jr. is open to students who meet the following requirements:

- Ages 13-18
- Submit completed application
- Submit permission slip signed by legal guardian
- Obtain one letter of recommendation from an adult

### WHAT ARE THE YPAC Jr. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES?

The term of commitment for each YPAC Jr. member is twelve months starting in August with the opportunity for renewal after one term of service. During that time, YPAC Jr. members are committed to:

- Attend YPAC Jr. meetings as scheduled
- Participate in leadership training provided by Make-A-Wish
- Fundraise on behalf of Make-A-Wish through our Kids For Wish Kids program—the method and amount raised is unique to each member (no minimum required)
- Read monthly newsletters and chapter updates in order to be current on chapter news
- Be an advocate for the Foundation by spreading awareness in his/her school and community

Each YPAC Jr. member is encouraged to:

- Attend or volunteer at various special events
- Attend Speaker's Bureau training and participate in community presentations
- Attend the Make-A-Wish Annual Meeting and Fall Celebration

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF YPAC Jr.?

- Opportunity to learn about the inner workings of a successful non-profit
- Ability to count participation towards school community service hours (if approved by individual school)
- Team-building and leadership training with peers
- Mentorship opportunities with YPAC members and Make-A-Wish staff
- Completion certificate and letter of recommendation from Make-A-Wish Executive Director

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Karin Seid at the Make-A-Wish Foundation at 415-402-2763 or [kseid@sfwish.org](mailto:kseid@sfwish.org) and visit [www.sfwish.org](http://www.sfwish.org) to learn more about the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation.