



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AGAINST POVERTY

### OVERVIEW

The Young Professionals Against Poverty Network will be a sub-committee of the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Young Professionals Against Poverty Network is to plan, direct and implement activities to engage the 25-40 year old constituent group in fundraising, volunteering, and networking opportunities to develop future philanthropic leaders. Ideal membership will be roughly 15-20 members; however, a person should not be excluded simply because s/he would increase the size to over 20.

### COMPOSITION

The network would be comprised of promising young individuals in the Michiana area who have demonstrated strong leadership qualities. Each would be an enthusiastic representative of the community dedicated to the success and growth of the Center for the Homeless. This individual would be considered a “rising star” by his or her organization.

### GOVERNANCE

There is no formal link to the Board of Directors, however members of the Young Professionals Against Poverty Network are considered qualified to ultimately be considered for a Board of Directors position. The Young Professionals Against Poverty Network will have officer positions including, but not limited to: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator and Events Manager.

### MEETING FREQUENCY

The Young Professionals Against Poverty will meet and participate in eight Young Professionals Against Poverty meetings annually.

Each participant would also be a part of at least one Center for the Homeless event annually, in addition to serving as a resource on an individual basis for specific issues and challenge, lending expertise as needed.

Members would also be asked to mention involvement with the Center in any biographical material, and would receive a mini-newsletter, distributed exclusively to this group from the Director of Development, to serve as an update on the current events at the Center.



## **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AGAINST POVERTY NETWORK GUIDELINES**

I understand that as a member of the Young Professionals Against Poverty Network, I have a responsibility to represent the Center for the Homeless as a volunteer in a positive light. My responsibilities include participation in Young Professionals Against Poverty Network, fundraising, and community support; promoting the mission of the Center for the Homeless, and recruiting future Young Professionals Against Poverty members and supporters.

### **General Governance Expectations**

1. To know the mission, vision, strategic plan, and goals. To understand the strengths and needs of the organization.
2. Follow trends of the organization, including social service not-for-profits trends, and other homeless organizations.
3. To actively engage in the mission by partaking in volunteer opportunities at the Center.
4. Serve in leadership positions and undertake special assignments willingly and enthusiastically.
5. Serve on at least one special task group.
6. To act in the best interest of the Center for the Homeless by excusing oneself from discussion where I have a conflict of interest, and confirm my respect for the Center for the Homeless by maintaining confidentiality and not communicating information of a sensitive nature that may be shared with the Young Professionals Against Poverty Network.
7. Suggest possible nominees to the Network who are women and men of rising achievement and distinction and who can make significant contributions to the work of the Young Professionals Against Poverty Network and to the organization's progress.

### **Meeting Expectations**

1. Prepare for and attend regularly scheduled Network meetings and special meetings as required.
2. Attend at least 50% of all Young Professionals Against Poverty Events.

### **Resource Development Expectations**

1. Make a financial contribution annually of at least \$50.
2. Actively plan and participate in the Young Professionals Against Poverty Network events.
  - Provide 2 new contacts per year.