

What is Young Professionals for Children?

YPC is a group of active people who are dedicated to stopping the cycle of child abuse in Harris County. Our goal is to raise young professionals' awareness of child abuse while meeting the needs of the abused children served by Child Advocates, Inc. We help provide everyday necessities and offer activities that will open the children's eyes to hobbies, potential careers, and the world around them.

YPC was founded in 1995 by young professionals who wanted to help abused children but whose limited time prevented them from taking on the casework required to serve as court appointed advocates. YPC provides its members the flexibility and opportunity to share their energy and talents so they can make a difference in our community. It also happens to be a great way to network, develop leadership skills and meet new friends.

How does YPC help abused children?

There are number of YPC volunteer opportunities from which members can choose, with varying degrees of time commitment and involvement. These range from enjoying our socials to heading a committee to volunteering to help with a special event.

A good way to become acquainted with YPC (and have some fun too!) is to attend the bi-monthly social held at some of Houston's most popular gathering places. Socials often have a theme for the collection of useful items for the children - everything from wrapping paper to books to candy for our annual Pumpkin Party.

As a YPC member, your time and energy can be put to good use at events such as the Houston Children's Festival, the Pull for Kids Sporting Clays Classic, and other fund-raising activities that support Child Advocates. Whether your involvement is major or modest, you will enjoy making a difference and having some fun at the same time. It's rewarding in all kinds of ways to be involved with one of the largest and most respected organizations of its kind in the country. There's also the annual Child Advocates Holiday Party—attended by nearly 1,000 children!—which is a great opportunity to meet the kids and establish a connection you will never forget.

Give the gift of yourself.

For more extensive one-on-one interaction with the children, YPC members can participate in our YPC Children's Activities. These special afternoon events allow you to spend some time bonding with the children over sports outings, museum trips, scavenger hunts, zoo visits, fieldtrips or a pumpkin party.

Whatever your involvement turns out to be, YPC is a great way for caring people, ages 21-40 to help stop the cycle of child abuse, and at the same time find a very real measure of personal fulfillment.

YPC also has four committees we encourage you to join. Although it's not required, we highly encourage you to join a committee so you can be part of the decisions for YPC. The committees are led by members of the YPC Council, 10 YPC members who make up the governing body. But don't worry- no matter what committee you pick, you can be involved in all areas of Young Professionals for Children!

- Socials and Mixers: Assist in planning at least four events a year for members-only
- Membership: Assist in growing membership of YPC through membership drives, as well as engaging current members
- Fundraising: Assist in helping YPC reach its goal of \$10,000 through at least two fundraising special events
- Special Activities: Assist in planning four children's events for the children served by Child Advocates, Inc.

About Child Advocates, Inc.

Child Advocates, Inc. mobilizes court appointed volunteers to break the vicious cycle of child abuse. We speak up for abused children who are lost in the system and guide them into safe environments where they can thrive. Child Advocates was founded in 1984 and has since become one of the largest court appointed special advocate programs in the nation.

How do I join Young Professionals for Children?

Call 713-529-1396 or fill out this form and drop it in the mail. Annual dues are \$40 for a new member, \$30 for a renewal, or \$100 for a 5-year membership. These dues help offset operating costs for YPC activities, entitles you to a YPC t-shirt (if joining, not renewing membership), and will ensure you receive all updates on Child Advocates activities and invitations to special events.

In order to ensure that each member always has a current background check, we will require one upon joining YPC, as well as a renewal every January. You can go to <http://www.childadvocates.org/volunteer.htm> for a copy of the Child Advocates Background Check as required by Children's Protective Services. (Please note we must have the original copy and it must be notarized.)

Checklist to Join YPC:

- Registration Form
- Membership Dues (\$40: New Member, \$30: Membership Renewal, \$100: 5-year Membership)
- Background Check - <http://www.childadvocates.org/volunteer.htm>
(Please note we must have the original copy and it must be notarized.)

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR CHILDREN REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

SPOUSE NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED): _____

I'D LIKE TO:

JOIN YPC (\$40) **RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP (\$30)** **5-YEAR MEMBERSHIP (\$100)**

T-SHIRT SIZE: (FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY) **S** **M** **L** **XL**

Please sign me up to be part of the: (not a requirement)

- Socials and Mixers Committee**
Assist in planning at least four events a year for members-only
- Membership Committee**
Assist in growing membership of YPC through membership drives, as well as engaging current members
- Fundraising Committee**
Assist in helping YPC reach its goal of \$10,000 through at least two fundraising special events
- Special Activities Committee**
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Enclosed is my dues check for: (made payable to Child Advocates, Inc.)
\$40 (New Member) \$30 (Member Renewal) \$100 (5-year Membership)

Please charge my dues to the credit card listed below for the amount of:
\$40 (New Member) \$30 (Member Renewal) \$100 (5-year Membership)

Visa MC Amex

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

****DON'T FORGET TO MAIL IN YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK!****

MAIL TO:

CHILD ADVOCATES, INC. / ATTN: YPC MEMBERSHIP / 2401 PORTSMOUTH, SUITE 210 / HOUSTON, TX 77098