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## Jericho Project's Young Professionals Council (YPC)

**The Young Professionals Council encourages fresh thinking and innovative millennial philanthropy and creatively raises funds and awareness to support young adults who have aged out of foster care and are struggling with homelessness.**

<p><b>Agency/ Initiative Overview:</b></p>	<p>Jericho Project is a nationally-acclaimed nonprofit working to end homelessness at its roots by enabling individuals experiencing homelessness to attain quality stable housing, employment and wellness services so they can reach their greatest potential.</p> <p>The 33-year old nonprofit serves over 2,000 individuals annually, including veterans, families and young adults. Jericho has been a key strategic partner and thought leader in New York City's current robust initiative to end homelessness.</p> <p>In our great city, homeless shelters are required to take in all individuals that need a roof over their heads. But a night in a shelter is often very unsafe and just a temporary solution to a much deeper problem. In 2016, access to affordable housing in New York City is extremely limited and finding a stable job without an address or clean belongings is next to impossible!</p> <p>That is why Jericho Project's innovate service model offers a holistic and sustainable solution to homelessness -and one that costs taxpayers one-third of what shelters cost! We provide supportive housing and comprehensive services to homeless and at-risk individuals so they can achieve long-term independence. Our expert program specialists, case managers and mental health professionals find clients private, clean, safe apartments and work with them to remain stably housed through employment services, mental and physical health care support, and legal counseling. 95% of our clients do not return to homelessness after joining us.</p> <p>Thanks to the support of generous partners in this work Jericho has grown enormously since our conception in 1983. From owning one supportive housing residence, we now own seven and are in the process of building an eighth. From serving just 40 homeless individuals, we are now reaching over 2,000 per year.</p> <p><b>In light of our recent growth, Jericho Project is currently launching a Young Professionals Council (YPC).</b> The YPC is a way for rising young professionals ages 24-35 to maximize their impact on the wellbeing of our city's most vulnerable populations. By strategizing modern and inventive ways to raise awareness and funds, collaborating and network with influential corporate and individual philanthropists and community leaders, and developing their leadership and team-building skills, the members of the YPC will contribute to the mission of ending youth homelessness in NYC in a meaningful way.</p>
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## Young Professionals Council Membership Details

<p><b>YPC Programmatic Focus:</b></p>	<p>The Young Professionals Council will focus its advocacy and fundraising efforts on Jericho Project’s newest <b>Young Adult Program</b>, which serves individuals ages 18-25 who have aged out of foster care and are struggling to find housing and employment. In particular, Jericho’s Young Adult Program targets homeless young adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT).</p> <p>A recent New York City census identified over 5,000 young adults who are at-risk or homeless; this is likely an underestimate due to young adults’ tendency to couch-surf rather than sleep on the streets or in shelters. And while those who identify as LGBT make up about 10% of the young adult population, they make up a much larger 40% of the homeless young adult population, being more likely to be kicked out of their homes than their non-LGBT peers. They are also more likely to suffer from depressive disorders, substance abuse and suicide ideation than their heterosexual counterparts. This significantly underserved population can greatly benefit from Jericho’s already established housing, employment and health care programs.</p> <p>Jericho Project’s goal is to help its young adult clients achieve independence and wellbeing. In 2015 we launched <b>Knowledge and Employment for Young Adults (KEYA)</b> to help our clients identify and prepare for their ideal careers. With construction on our eighth residence in the Bronx underway, we will soon be expanding to supportive housing for young adults.</p> <p>Still in its formative years, the Young Adult Program will need significant advocacy and input to increase its impact. All of the YPC’s work will be channeled into expanding and improving Jericho Project’s Young Adult Program.</p>
<p><b>Fundraising Commitment:</b></p> <p><b>Time Commitment:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YPC's annual fundraising event and strategic outreach efforts will support Jericho Project’s Young Adult Program.</li> <li>• 1 calendar year tenure cycle—renewable year-over-year (for 3 years)</li> <li>• 1 quarterly in-person meeting</li> <li>• 1 quarterly conference call</li> <li>• 1 annual volunteer/service engagements with the Agency *Families, friends &amp; colleagues are welcome</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Young Professionals Council (YPC) Membership Perks:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking with fellow philanthropic young professionals from NYC’s top industries</li> <li>• Career Development and leadership training</li> <li>• Mentorship opportunities with JP’s Executive Board and the Women’s Affinity group members</li> <li>• Recognition on Jericho Project website as a founding member of the Young Professionals Council</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Please visit:</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.jerichoproject.org">www.jerichoproject.org</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/jerichoproject1983">www.facebook.com/jerichoproject1983</a></p> <p>To achieve these goals, Jericho employs rigorous fiscal discipline along with innovative public-private partnerships and a base of passionate donors that has created a solid foundation. Jericho’s housing and extended services cost \$13,000 per person annually, compared to \$32,000 for a single shelter, \$50,000 for a family shelter, and \$168,000 for a jail cell annually. Thus, your investment will be utilized strategically and foster long-term, lifesaving impact!</p>