



Special Spaces Illinois YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD

OUR MISSION



The mission of **Special Spaces** is to create dream bedrooms for children with cancer. It is our goal to create a safe space where the child can sleep, play, heal and just be a kid!

The goal of the **Young Professionals Board** is to mobilize the Chicagoland area young professionals to aid Special Spaces' mission and to become active in a local non-profit organization.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Team Illinois' YPB brings resourceful young professionals together through coordinated fundraising, advocacy, volunteerism, community involvement, and social networking events. The hope is that this motivated group of volunteers will impact Special Spaces not only in the present, but for generations to come by cultivating lifelong supporters and developing future leaders within its ranks.

By joining this board, you will be presented with the opportunity to network, learn new skills, meet other young people, support a "hands on" mission, and give back to children who are fighting cancer. All while having FUN!

OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The YPB has quarterly meetings, an annual fundraising/awareness event, and together, creates a dream bedroom to help further our mission all the while getting to know other young professionals. Joining a committee or taking on a leadership role is a great way to share your talents, develop new skills, and build a stronger resume.

- ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS

The YPB believes that every child battling cancer deserves a safe place where they can rest, heal, play and just be a kid. The YPB team annually plans an event to advocate for and spread awareness about Special Spaces to increase support for the mission.

- FUNDRAISING

The YPB raises funds to support the mission of Special Spaces Illinois. By putting the fun in fundraising, this signature event will be a place for all young professionals to engage, network and come together for a great purpose!

WHAT IS INCLUDED WITH MY MEMBERSHIP?

- The opportunity to attend quarterly meetings with professional guest speakers.
- The ability to learn from and network with current Special Spaces donors.
Highlighting unique business skills and why they are involved in our mission.
- Share your talents or learn new skills by joining a minimum of one committee.
- Attending committee meetings planned by the chair.
- Attend a dream bedroom reveal.
- Attend social events and fundraisers scheduled by the social committee.
- Network with other like-minded young professionals in the area socially and professionally
- Receive a Special Spaces Illinois YPB t-shirt and swag.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Expand your leadership skills by joining the Executive Board or Chairing a Committee.
If interested in one of the following positions, please email Kelly Knox, kellyk@specialspaces.org

PRESIDENT Preside over meetings, work with Special Spaces Operations Director to maintain mission alignment, manage committee chairs, teams, and board activities.

PRESIDENT-ELECT Work closely with current President and take over responsibilities the following year.

SECRETARY Keep meeting minutes and attendance, manage communication for meetings.

FINANCE Handle collections of any payments and prepare needed reports for the national office.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS Oversee committee members and further the committee's responsibilities.

COMMITTEES

FUNDRAISING / SPECIAL EVENT (2 chairs, 12 committee members)

- Invite like-minded friends to raise funds and awareness for Special Spaces

Ideas include:

Outdoor Concert, Holiday Tea, Sporting event, Auction and Cocktail Event,
Social Media Challenge, Third party fundraisers

HOSPITALITY/GUEST SPEAKER RECRUITMENT (1 chair, 3 committee members)

- Plan quarterly meetings including location, food & drink. Schedule four speakers per year in varying professional industries throughout the Chicagoland area to host and share their career experiences.

SOCIAL (1 chair, 3 committee members)

- Gather YPB members outside of regularly scheduled events.

MISSION AMBASSADORS (1 chair, 7 committee members)

- Develop new ways to share the mission of Special Spaces.

MEETINGS

January
April
July
October

REQUIREMENTS

- Be an advocate for Special Spaces.
- Be a young professional between the ages of 22-40.
- Attend at least 3 of the 4 annual meetings.
- Be an active member on at least 1 committee.
- Attend a dream bedroom reveal.
- Attend and support the YPB fundraising event.
- Bring at least 1 guest to a YPB meeting.
- Share the mission of Special Spaces.
- Like and share the Special Spaces Illinois social media pages and posts.

SIGN UP TODAY

We would love to welcome you as a member! Join us and become an integral part of a diverse group of people who share resources, time, and talents to help bring dream bedroom makeovers to children fighting cancer. Scan the QR Code or fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/YPBForm>.



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Changing Children's Lives, One Bedroom at a Time