



Young Professionals Advisory Council

*Are you looking for a way to give back
to the community?*

Did you know that *Mujeres Latinas en Acción*?

- was founded by a group of young women in 1973 that identified a need to provide services specifically targeted for Latinas;
- is one of the oldest incorporated Latina organizations in the nation working for and on behalf of Latinas; and
- has seven core programs: Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Latina Leadership, Women in Transition, Peace, Proyecto Juventud and Parent Support to help women, girls and their families;

In a recent study, we found that Latinas make up 18% of the Chicago area's female population and 30% of Latina adults in the Chicago area have less than a high school education. At Mujeres we provide services and information to link Latinas with resources to make them successful. As a volunteer on our *Young Professional Advisory Council*, you too can help in our mission of empowering Latinas.

What is the *Young Professionals Advisory Council*?

Mujeres is recruiting enthusiastic volunteers (35 years old and under) to participate in our inaugural class of *Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC)*. Established by Mujeres' Board of Directors this dynamic YPAC will form an integral part of the future development of our organization. The YPAC will serve as ambassadors of Mujeres to increase awareness and support of Mujeres' work with Latinas and families among their peers. The YPAC members will provide Mujeres with valuable support through friend-raising and fundraising. Activities include identifying new donors, promoting special events throughout the year or hosting YPAC's own events. Funds that the YPAC helps raise will be used to maintain Mujeres' seven programs. YPAC will empower members by providing an opportunity to strengthen philanthropic and community leadership skills and creates opportunities for professional networking.

In addition, members have the opportunity to:

- Spearhead individual projects that are aligned with Mujeres' mission and will support Mujeres' clients such as securing donated items or conducting at-home fundraisers;
- Serve on additional committees including the program, resource development, benefit dinner and silent auction and Maria Mangual Latina Leadership Awards committee;

- Volunteer for Mujeres' programs and events including the Annual Family Festival in August and Holiday Party in December;
- Network with Mujeres' Board of Directors at Mujeres' events;
- Begin a track toward future opportunities to serve on Mujeres' Board of Directors.

How Can I Become Part of the Young Professionals Advisory Council?

Among the criteria for election to this group are familiarity with and a commitment to issues that affect Latinas and their families such as immigration, educational opportunities, violence against women and reproductive health. *YPAC is open to both women and men!* In addition, YPAC membership is defined as giving a donation of \$100 or more to Mujeres Latinas en Acción on an annual basis and attending at least two YPAC meetings or events per year.

Your gift is fully tax-deductible.

Members of the YPAC will be acknowledged in our Annual Benefit Dinner program book and listed on Mujeres' website and annual report.

For more information or to join YPAC, please contact Alba Gómez at alba@mujereslat.org or 773/890-7664.

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