

Junior Board



“In a city like New York that sometimes feels anonymous, becoming a Junior Board member has been a great opportunity to meet wonderful people who have similar interests and concerns for their community.”

-Preetha Chakrabarti, member since 2011

The Junior Board is a dynamic group of professionals in their 40s and under dedicated to volunteering their time, talents, and energy to raise critical funds for The Foundling. Members have the unique opportunity to serve as advocates for The Foundling’s important work to empower the children and families of New York City, while advancing their personal, professional, and leadership goals.

Membership Benefits

- Entrepreneurial opportunity to raise meaningful funds in support of New York’s underserved children and families
- Ability to meet, mingle, and work with like-minded peers throughout New York City
- Exclusive access to volunteer and fundraising events, as well as program tours, guest speakers and talks
- Networking and collaboration with The Foundling’s Board of Trustees and senior leadership, and hands-on and experiential training for future Board membership

FY2018 Highlights

- Hosted the Blue Party – our annual event that raised over \$140,000 and brought together 500 people this year (Most successful JB event yet!)
- Participated in multiple group volunteer events including: a career night for foster youth, a wreath decorating holiday party for our children and families & a dedicated evening at our summer camp for children in the child welfare system
- Members led the fourth annual Leadership Training seminar for Foundling program staff – guiding discussions about applying business best practices and efficiencies in a nonprofit environment
- 20 new Junior Board members instated



What are a Junior Board member's characteristics and responsibilities?

- A good candidate for The Foundling Junior Board:
 - o Has a strong network in New York and is willing to make connections for the organization
 - o Has the personal capacity and willingness to make a meaningful donation in support of our work
 - o Has an interest in fundraising and a passion for The Foundling's mission
- Raise a minimum of \$1,000 annually through any source (personal contributions, ticket sales, company matching, etc.).
- Purchase a ticket for and attend the Blue Party, the Junior Board's signature event each May
- Attend Junior Board business meetings in-person, there are four per year
- Attend Junior Board social and volunteer events whenever possible, there are many throughout the year to choose from

How do I get involved?

Those interested in Junior Board membership with The Foundling must first meet with Foundling staff, and the Outreach Chair. This generally will occur at one of our regularly scheduled info sessions throughout the year, but individual meetings can be arranged as needed. Following this meeting, the individual may be invited to join as a Provisional Member of the Junior Board. Provisional membership is rolling September-March, but new members with full voting rights are only instated at the beginning of a new fiscal year, July 1, following a minimum of four months as a provisional member.

What does Provisional Junior Board Membership entail?

- The individual will be active on the Event Host Committee for the Junior Board's annual spring event in May. Suggested minimum for participation is:
 - o \$1,000 raised for the event through:
 - individual tickets sold (aside from your own)
 - corporate sponsorship or donations garnered
 - significant in-kind donation acquired for the silent auction
 - o Attend and help as needed the evening of the event
- Attend at least two Junior Board meetings during provisional period
- Participate in Junior Board volunteer events and support smaller Junior Board hosted events when possible – i.e. First Thursday Happy Hours
- Provisional membership may not begin later than March 1 for voting membership beginning July 1 of that year

Looking to get involved? Contact development@nyfoundling.org to learn more!