



The Society of Young Philanthropists
319 S. Robertson Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211
Contact: Jessica Kimiabakhsh
Jessica@philanthropysociety.org
(310) 420-1575

FACT SHEET

- The Society of Young Philanthropists is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, designed to create a network of distinguished professionals by promoting philanthropic causes through charitable events. The organization is not religiously or ethnically affiliated although resources will be focused on various causes that may be religiously or ethnically driven.
- President Elishia Shokrian founded SYP in November 2004 and there are currently 35 people on the steering committee. The majority of committee members are between the ages of 21 and 30 years-old and from Los Angeles.

Executive Board (through August 2006)

President – Elishia Shokrian
Executive VP - Joseph Miller
Secretary – Elizabeth Berman
Chief Financial Officer – Tatiana Beroukhim
VP of Community Relations – Sharon Neman
VP of Public Relations – Jessica Kimiabakhsh
VP of Event Planning – Raymond Hekmat

- Our goal: To offer an attractive and appealing opportunity for young professionals to contribute their resources to charitable causes and to ultimately instill the next generation of professionals with a sense of commitment to philanthropy.
- Young Philanthropists: Members, donors and sponsors are not solely targeted for financial contributions, as that may be a limiting factor for a younger demographic of philanthropists. SYP provides opportunities for these socially aware young professionals to involve themselves in charitable causes by supplying their business, social or educational resources. A conscious side effect of the gatherings is that they will be mutually beneficial to all those involved in the organization by providing an outlet for individuals to promote their respective interests while doing charitable work.
- PAST EVENTS & CAUSES
 - SYP made its society debut with its first annual charity-fundraiser on May 14, 2005. The event raised \$30,000 for three different causes related to education, rehabilitation and emergency relief in celebration of Israel's Independence Day.
 - Philanthroshop, a sample sale for charity on Sunday, September 11th, was a great success, with over 500 people shopping for denim, tops, knits, jewelry and other accessories. Vendors donated 10% of their proceeds to the OneFamily Fund, helping victims of terrorism. \$6,000 total was raised for charity, with \$2,000 supporting SYP and \$4,000 total donated to One Family.

- Network Directory: All Young Philanthropists have the opportunity to register on our Network Directory, listing their educational background, professional interest, and any resources they have available. The database will be accessible to all members in order to network their interests.
- Who is involved? During SYP's first year, members were recruited from the personal and professional networks of those on the steering committee. As the organization continues to grow within its second year, so will its membership and directory. SYP hopes to build itself and strengthen its foundation within the Los Angeles community, in order to reach its ultimate goal of becoming bi-coastal and eventually national with a number of chapters in various cities.
- SYP Teen: Eager philanthropically-inclined high school students who want to motivate their peers to become involved in charitable causes. They have taken the initiative to start their own group, with the help and advisement of SYP. SYP Teen will plan and host its own fundraisers and events, focusing on the teen demographic. Their first effort was to raise funds for underprivileged gifted students, to attend the Young Writers' conference, a one-day event (March 5, 2006), honing aspiring writers' skills and fostering a passion for writing and self-expression.
- Some of our sponsors: Catering by Field, Califco LLC, Junkfood Clothing, Hotweazel.com (web design and content), Bamko, SBE Entertainment, Smashbox, Equinox, and Public Magazine. A grant from the Forrest Foundation in 2005 helped the organization establish itself.
- SYP's sophomore year: We are concentrating on further establishing the organization and gaining momentum and exposure. SYP aims to make significant contributions that will help brand the organization and build awareness among a young demographic. SYP plans to donate to a variety of humanitarian and local charities and organizations, ranging from local mentoring programs, to disease research, to poverty.
- Visit <http://www.philanthropysociety.org> for more information on The Society of Young Philanthropists, our upcoming events, how to become involved, and sponsorship opportunities.

It isn't too early. You aren't too young. GIVE.

www.philanthropysociety.org