



Next Gen Network

Description

The *Next Gen Network* is a young professionals group dedicated to supporting and promoting The Family Tree, a non-profit organization that works to prevent child abuse and strengthen families. Created in February of 2011, the *Next Gen Network* was formed to cultivate future leaders and supporters of The Family Tree. This exclusive network is geared toward men and women ages 21-35 with an interest in philanthropy, and will include members with diverse perspectives, skills and areas of expertise. The group will elect officers, hold meetings and form their own action plan each fiscal year. The *Next Gen Network* will support The Family Tree by helping to fundraise, planning or assisting with events, promoting the organization, recruiting new members to the network, and volunteering.

The Problem & The Answer

Although Maryland is one of the wealthiest states in America, our child wellbeing 'report card' is marginal, ranking 25th in the nation. We have over 27,000 reports of child abuse and neglect each year. Research shows that for every case that is reported, there are at least two that aren't. And, if the emotional, social, and physical price that is paid by its victims is not enough; the costs to our society is staggering – toppling over \$2 billion each year in Maryland. The good news is that child abuse can be prevented.

The Family Tree is Maryland's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect in Maryland. We serve over 15,000 parents and children per year with a combination of home, school, and community-based services designed to stabilize families and build self sufficiency. Services include: parenting classes, workshops, family strengthening programs, home-based visiting programs, support groups, family guidance programs, a children's program, community education and outreach, and a statewide, toll-free helpline.

Network Projects

Upcoming projects that the Next Gen Network can be involved in:

1. Holiday Party for Families (December).
2. Adopt-A-Family program for families (December).
3. Stand for Maryland's Children (March – May)
4. Best of Baltimore party – at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center at the Hippodrome (August).

Leadership

The group will identify a President, Vice President and Secretary for the club. If you are interested in any of these positions, please speak with Tina Dudley, or email her at tdudley@familytreemd.org.

Join us for one of our upcoming orientation sessions:

- Tuesday, February 7th at 5:30pm