

SMART LOVE[®]

FAMILY SERVICES

Associate Board

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The Associate Board of Smart Love Family Services (SLFS) is a group of community minded individuals who help support Chicago-area children and families served by our programs. Associate Board members raise awareness of Smart Love's programs in the local community, also raising funds for children in need who would not otherwise be able to access high-quality mental health services or early childhood education.

Smart Love offers the following services in Oak Park and Chicago, Illinois.

- Counseling
 - Child and Adolescent Therapy
 - Adult and Family Therapy
 - Support Groups and Parenting Seminars
- Learning Services
 - Psycho-Educational Testing
 - Therapeutic Tutoring
 - Customized Parent Consultations
- Early Childhood Education Programs at the Natalie Heineman Smart Love Preschool (Chicago only)
 - Preschool (3-6 years)
 - Playschool (2-3 years)
 - Parent and Toddler Classes (1-3 years)
 - Parenting Seminars

Priorities for the Associate Board in the upcoming term will be to build partnerships with local businesses and organizations in the community and to raise funds for pediatric therapy for children who have experienced loss or trauma.

Each year the Associate Board hosts fundraisers to help support our programs throughout the year. These events have included a Revolution Brewing "Rev Up" event in June and a Kendra Scott holiday shopping event in December. The Associate Board raised \$2,823 in FY 2018 and \$3,139 in FY 2019, which directly impacted our programs.

Further, Associate Board members will build a network with others who are interested in making a difference in their community, while expanding their skills in fundraising, event planning, partnership marketing, and nonprofit management.

Associate Board Member Responsibilities:

- 2-year term; with no limit on number of terms
- Attend 4 in-person meetings per year
 - Meetings will be held at local establishments in an effort to build community awareness of the organization and its programs, and will include presentations on SLFS services, tips for raising awareness and funds, and planning sessions for upcoming events
- Meet the Associate Board member give/get goal of \$500 annually
 - You may contribute yourself or choose to raise some or all the \$500
- Promote the organization and its programs and events through your network and on social media
- Join a planning committee for one of the following events:
 - Annual Benefit Gala (March)
 - Revolution Brewing Fundraiser (June)
 - Preschool Summer Lawn Party (July)
 - Garden Harvest Party (September)
- Attend one of the following events as a hands-on volunteer:
 - Preschool Admissions Open Houses (throughout the year)
 - Preschool Summer Lawn Party (July)
 - Logan Square Farmer's Market Booth (twice yearly, Spring & Fall)
 - Square Roots Festival Booth (July)
 - Oak Park River Forest High School Options Fair (October)
 - NPN Developmental Differences Fair (March)
 - Oak Park River Forest Health and Wellness Fair (April)

If you're interested in joining the Associate Board, contact us at smartloveassociateboard@gmail.com