



Benjamin Winski

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Are you currently a member/involved with other non-profit organizations? If Yes, please list them below:

- No,

What volunteer experience do you have?

- I was an active volunteer during high school and college. Some of my experiences have included tutoring math and science to elementary, middle, and high school age students, sponsoring families at Christmas, Salvation Army bell-ringing, and organizing and planning benefit dinners and fundraising events. My most intensive volunteer experience has been with Timmy Global Health at Purdue University, where I served on the Executive Board from 2009 into 2012, serving as the President for a year. My experience with this organization led to organizing and teaching weekly science activities for about 20 grade school and middle school kids, coordinating activities leading up to the annual benefit dinner and silent auction, and recruiting medical professionals and collecting pharmaceuticals for the annual medical support trip to Ecuador. Since I moved to Chicago in 2013, I've participated in Chicago Cares volunteer activities, and have supported efforts with the Blechman Foundation for Parkinson's Research annual New Year's Eve party.

What contributions would you make as an Associate Board Member for Dreams for Kids?

- I think my biggest contribution will be my overall excitement and enthusiasm for the organization's mission. I believe that the Dreams for Kids' approach is unique and provides an exciting alternative to the standard approach to helping at-risk youth. I'm happy to contribute in any capacity needed. My previous roles in leadership positions with non-profit organizations have given me experiences with creating new programs, volunteering, and fundraising. I'm excited to use that experience to help add value to Dreams for Kids.

Why are you interested in serving as a member for the Dreams for Kids Associate Board?

- I want to be involved with the Dreams for Kids Associate board to help make a difference. Dreams for Kids offers a unique spin on how to excite and encourage at-risk youth that I haven't seen from other organizations. I want to be part of the Associate Board to help drive and deliver this unique model to youth that need it. I've been wanting to get more involved with the Chicago community. The idea that the Dreams for Kids Associate Board is just starting back up shows me that there is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm building within the organization. I'd like to become a part of that movement.