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## Contact Information for Justine Lee:

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

- Yes, Dreams for Kids- Dream Leaders Program

## What volunteer experience do you have?

- Volunteering has always been a big part of my life as my parents instilled in me the desire make a meaningful contribution to the communities in which I am a part at a young age. I volunteered extensively throughout highschool and university, including through Vancouver Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council, the City of Vancouver's anti-discrimination, anti-bullying and anti-racism program, and co-founding the Metro Vancouver Youth Sustainability Network. In my final semester of University in 2014, I studied abroad in Singapore and took two weeks of my travel to volunteer as a teacher, teaching English to students aged 7-18 in a small village in Cambodia. Most recently, I was a Mentor for Dreams for Kids' Dream Leaders Program, mentoring nine freshman and sophomore students. My volunteer experiences have spanned a gamut of causes but the common threads running through each initiative was the opportunity to make a wide impact, addressing causes about which I was truly passionate, and the opportunity to work with people who inspired me; my desire to work for Dreams for Kids is for those same reasons.

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

- Dreams for Kids has had a long history. Since 1989, the organization has been affecting change through two primary events: Holiday for Hope and Extreme Recess. These events have made a very strong impact over the last 25 years and the growth of the events has been incredible. However, Dreams for Kids has the ability to affect change in an even greater way through the implementation of year-round programs, like Dream Leaders. As an Associate Board Member, I would not only contribute to improving Dreams for Kids' two longstanding events, but also work to further establish the Dream Leaders Program and other similar programs. I am a passionate, empathetic and outgoing individual who would be an active participant in group discussions and an engaged Board Member. I am also very committed and hardworking, which was demonstrated through Dream Leaders where I had one of the largest tribes and took my mentees on three outings, instead of the stipulated one outing, and made sure to contact each of them at least once every two weeks. I am a team player so am confident that I would work well with the other board members. Dreams for Kids can grow to make an even bigger impact, and I am committed to contributing to that growth.

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

- When I first moved to Chicago from Canada in September 2014, I researched many organizations in Chicago and Dreams for Kids most interested me the most. Not only did DFK address a cause about which I was passionate, the empowerment of youth, but I also felt that the individuals involved with the organization had the ability, passion and drive to affect change, all qualities I look for in an organization. It is also a particularly interesting time to be involved with the organization because of a renewed sense of excitement as the organization is poised to expand through new programs and initiatives. Therefore I am sure that Dreams for Kids is the organization to which I would like to dedicate my time and would be thrilled to have the opportunity to work with such a bright and passionate group.