



OKIZU

Supporting Families with
Childhood Cancer

Young Professionals Council (YPC)

The Young Professionals Council (YPC) of Okizu is a membership group of young professionals who seek to advance the work and mission of Okizu: to help all members of families affected by childhood cancer to heal through peer support, respite, mentoring, and recreational programs. YPC offers Bay Area young professionals the opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on their community through leadership, philanthropy, and acts of service. Okizu's services are unique—we operate the only oncology camp of its kind in Northern California, and are one of only a handful in the entire country of week-long camps specifically for siblings of children with cancer.

WHY OKIZU?

While most California children suffering from cancer receive exceptional medical treatment, the therapeutic focus does not always satisfy their need to find respite from the rigors of treatment. Okizu works closely with medical treatment centers to complement their services in order to fill this need. Okizu offers these children a kindred community through which they feel accepted, experiment with new activities without fear, and have fun in a supportive environment. A week at Oncology Camp gives kids the opportunity to make friends, play games, sing songs, learn new activities, and simply be a kid. Okizu enables them to feel a sense of belonging that is often missing from their daily lives.



The medical supervision, professional support, and endorsements of the Oncology and SIBS (Special and Important Brothers and Sisters) Camps come from the children's oncology treatment centers in Northern California, including: Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals San Francisco, and Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center.

"There's simply no other place in the world where you can be with a group of caring friends who can actually empathize rather than just sympathize." — Family Camp Parent

OKIZU AT A GLANCE

We have served more than 57,000 Northern California family members affected by childhood cancer over the past 41 years.

- Okizu is one of the oldest and most comprehensive camps of its kind in the country.
- Our programs are always offered free of charge.
- Medical staff and counselors volunteer thousands of hours to make programs happen each year, making it a great investment.
- We are dedicated to serving every child and family in Northern California affected by childhood cancer who wishes to attend, regardless of physical condition, geographic location, ethnicity, or economic background.

Benefits of YPC Membership:

- Be a part of the Okizu family and make a difference by helping families affected by childhood cancer.
- Gain valuable experience working in the nonprofit sector and prepare for potential future board service.
- Network and socialize with aspirational and service-oriented career professionals and mentors in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Develop and showcase your leadership, planning, fundraising, and strategic abilities.

Now Recruiting!

We are in search of passionate and committed young professionals looking to make a difference in the Bay Area and become the founding members of the Young Professionals Council! To be considered, please complete the application found at okizu.org/ypc or email ypc@okizu.org for more information.

