Agenda - YPC Site:

Sign-in Sheet:

The Young Professionals Committee
November 2025 Meeting Agenda

Virtual sign-in! Please use the QR code above to sign-in for today's meeting.

I. **BBBS of NYC Update**
Chief Corporate Partnerships Officer of BBBS NYC, Priya Singh, to provide updates on the organization's new Scholar Success Program.

James Rapp is in attendance as well to lead the final preparation items for the GridIron Games (November 1st); to be discussed further below.

II. **Events**
We are beginning to look into venues for our annual Holiday party that goes towards the Adopt a Family initiative. If you have any connections to venues, please let us know!!

III. **Sponsorship**
We are excited to share more about our new sponsorship tiers at next month's meeting! Stay tuned!

IV. **Silent Auction/Raffle**
Thank you for helping us source silent auction and giftbag items for Gridiron Games! See below for email/Instagram DM outreach templates

Important Links:
- 2025 "Adopt A Family" Winter Party Outreach
- You can track your progress on the '2025 - 2026 Silent Auction' tab of the Google Sheets tracker which can be found here.
- YPC Silent Auction page has more information about how to request and secure donations - additionally, we've found Instagram DM to work amazingly well! Feel free to loop me in to any communications.

Silent Auction Preview/Examples:
- Drew Barrymore Show Tickets
- Restaurant/bar gift cards
- Workout classes (Barry's, yoga, PureBarre)
- Product donations (Robe and towels from Brooklinen, bracelet from Brooklyn Charm)
- Experiences (Acupuncture and Sauna sessions)
- Gift bag donations (chocolate bars, toys)

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V. **Big Little Champion + Recruitment**
We successfully hosted a tour and Q&A with Caffè Panna on Saturday, October 18th, bringing together 12 Big/Little matches for an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the ice cream factory. Founder Hallie Meyer joined us for a private Q&A, sharing her story and insights with the group. This was our second event with Caffè Panna, and it's exciting to see this type of experience come to life — one we hope to replicate with other local businesses in the future!

We're thrilled to announce an upcoming volunteer opportunity in partnership with CCS on Friday,

January 16th! We're calling on YPC members to join us in mentoring and connecting with 40–50 CCS Big/Little matches during this fun, community-building event.

The day will include "speed mentor" sessions, a gingerbread house competition, and plenty of time to connect with matches. We're looking for YPC members to:

- Help with sign-in and event coordination
- Lead or participate in mentor sessions
- Engage with matches throughout the event to strengthen our Big Brothers Big Sisters community

If you would like to get involved with Big/Little events, please contact Chris at 516-662-4628 or crontanini@gmail.com

VI. Gridiron Games

Gridiron Games Is on Saturday! (**November 1**)
Volunteers are welcome, and can still sign up here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSci7lZ9erYQaTlT4JO-DG1Yt6wMQij1NuM4KxoFIwsZslrakw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=105398380700359255029
Sign-ups are closing tomorrow though!

At the end of today's meeting we will have a quick Volunteer information session (all are welcome) and then we will proceed with:

- Packing giftbags for the Littles attending the event
- Painting welcome signs for the Littles.

All YPC members that can stay are welcome to help out, even if you can't make it to Gridiron on Saturday.

VII. Social

WhatsApp Groups – Join WhatsApp Groups for social happenings by finding links to each in the BBBS YPC Announcements WhatsApp group description (link located on the YPC website under Social), or indicate your interest on the sign-in sheet to be added.

VIII. Membership

- October Meeting
  - ~17 members attended
  - 11 new members!
- Recent adds to the YPC Calendar
  - Gridiron Games 11/1
  - Book Club 11/20
- YPC Site Home Page - current board members and contact info have been updated

Follow the YPC on Facebook, Instagram & LinkedIn: @bbbsnycypc

YPC Calendar of events can be found HERE

Next YPC meeting: Tuesday, December 2

Information on the BBBS mentorship programs:

- **Community-Based Program**: Bigs support Littles (ages 7-17) in setting and achieving goals that help ignite their full potential. Accepting candidates year-round.
  Required Commitment: *2 outings per month, 2 hours per outing, 1-year minimum commitment to the match*
- **College & Career Success (CCS) Program:** Bigs support Scholars (ages 17-21) in academic excellence, college persistence, and career readiness. Accepting candidates for the next cohort (August 2025 school year).
  Required Commitment: *Meet with your Scholar once a month (zoom or in person) for 1.5 hour, check in with your Program Manager, and 2-year minimum commitment to the match*

Apply here (for both programs): https://www.bigsnyc.org/volunteer-sign

Please note that you cannot be a Big in multiple programs simultaneously, so you have to choose between the Community-based program, Workplace program or the CCS program