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Why I joined BCLC:

I saw joining BCLC as one great way to join forces with other busy parents of young kids for friendship, support, and collaboration to strengthen the support our local Jewish community provides to young families. When I lived in San Diego, I was a PJ Library Parent Coordinator and built a community program from the ground up. That work solidified my passion for helping build community for young families, so I knew I wanted to continue those efforts when I recently returned to Kansas City.

What I hope to accomplish through BCLC:

As a member of BCLC, I hope to strengthen my leadership skills, make new friends, learn more about the J, and contribute to shaping a vision for the future of an organization that has touched my family so deeply since returning to Kansas City. My husband and I come from very different backgrounds, and we are working hard to raise our kids in a unique way that honors our shared values and desired lifestyle while also strengthening our personal relationships to Judaism. We have found there are many other families similarly working hard to raise their kids with intentionality, and it's an honor to represent this perspective at The J.

The J value that resonates most with me:

Building Community. Community is everything! We are social creatures and need resources, socialization, and a spiritual connection to feel grounded, supported, and purposeful. After moving away from home years ago, this reality hit hard—especially once my kids were born. I am now on a mission to do everything I can to help ensure young families get the support they need and social opportunities feel accessible!