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Why I joined BCLC:

I want to help build the community my family loves alongside other young families in a similar stage of life while learning about the inner workings of The J and opportunities to volunteer with The J. My family recently moved back to Kansas City after living in small towns without a Jewish community for close to a decade. The first thing we did when we moved back to Kansas City was to join The J. I grew up at The J, and I want my kids to grow up at The J. My children participate in most of their sports and camps through The J. The J is our place. We spend most of our time here between school, activities/sports, the pool and camp.

What I hope to accomplish through BCLC:

I want to help make The J the best it can be. I love how The J has grown and also see potential to broaden its community reach. I would like help attract new members and retain current members by promoting involvement in programming and daily life at The J. As an active and involved member of The J, I hope to build a strong community with other families who want the same for The J and its community. Both of my parents have been board members and active participants of The J — it was one of my dad's favorite places to schmooze and workout. I want to continue my family's tradition of involvement and find new ways to engage.

The J value that resonates most with me:

The J value that resonates with me most is *Welcoming and Inclusive*. I have made many lifelong friends being a part of The J, and that is a lot of what makes The J so special. The programming and activities available for all ages makes it possible to connect with friends, new and old, and build friendships that last.