

## **Katie Barrer**

### ***Why I joined BCLC:***

The J has become a big part of life for our family. We spend so much time here, between preschool, summer camps, dance and sports activities, so I am very invested in the quality of the experiences people have here. I want to see the community grow, and I want to do what I can to help make that happen. The J is a fantastic community resource, and it's important to take care of the resources that make our wider community a better place.

### ***What I hope to accomplish through BCLC:***

Joining BCLC is definitely a learning opportunity, and I entered into it not knowing exactly how I could make the greatest impact. But I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with my fellow committee members to discover the ways we can help create an even better JCC to serve and strengthen the community.

### ***The J value that resonates most with me:***

*Building Community* is my favorite core value. For our family, the J is more than simply a fitness center, it is where we gather to be with the people we care about most. At the J, bonds are made, friendships blossom, and a sense of belonging is cultivated. My wish is for others to find their sense of belonging and community at the J too!