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Why I joined BCLC:

I have three young children who participate in the J's sports programs, so I know something about the tremendous services the J provides for families in our community. I am also currently pursuing a graduate degree in Recreation, with emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation. This not only gives me time over the next two years to increase my civic engagement and develop new leadership skills through BCLC, but it's also a great opportunity for me to learn more about community recreation management and leadership, and to support the mission of The J.

What I hope to accomplish through BCLC:

I want to learn more about the ways that services at the J could benefit from additional community involvement or support. From there, I hope to participate in identifying ideas and implementing action plans for strengthening these areas. I look forward to networking with members of the BCLC and other JCC stakeholders, hoping to plant the seeds of future opportunities to increase engagement within the J and the broader community.

The J value that resonates most with me:

The value that resonates most with me is *Welcoming & Inclusive*. I am grateful that the J is open to families of all faiths and backgrounds. As a non-Jewish member of the J, I can attest that it is truly an inclusive environment where everyone can find a sense of community.