

Meet Our Board



Barbara Mendel **Board Member**

Barbara Mendel has dedicated her career and volunteer life to strengthening the non-profit sector. For two decades, she successfully owned and operated a company specializing in membership, meetings, conferences, and trade show management for various non-profit organizations. Her extensive professional background includes impactful roles with prominent organizations such as The Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Foundation, The Denver Metro Chamber Foundation, National Jewish Health, and The Rose Community Foundation.

An active and dedicated community leader, Barbara has served on numerous boards and held chair positions for several key institutions, including The Auraria Foundation, the Anti-Defamation League, Cherry Creek Schools Foundation, Temple Sinai, Jewish National Fund, Jewish Community Center, and The Parkinson Association of the Rockies.

Barbara shares a deeply personal connection with the Third Way Center. Her relationship with the organization began in the 1990s when residents from the York Street facility participated in her Youth at Work summer program through the Denver Metro Chamber Foundation. Years later, that connection came full circle when her own grandson experienced life-saving care at the Center's Lowry and York Street campuses.

Today, Barbara continues her philanthropic endeavors with the Punta Mita Community Foundation. In her personal life, she enjoys playing golf, traveling, and spending time with her two children—a son in property management and a daughter who works as a hospice nurse—as well as her two teenage grandchildren. An avid adventurer, she recently completed a transformative, solo 57-day journey through Mongolia, Nepal, Bhutan, and Turkey, where she rode horses, reindeer, and camels, went hang gliding, and took a spectacular sunrise hot air balloon ride.